

## PURPOSE AND ACTIVITIES OF ICC

The purpose of a Rotary Inter-country Committee is to connect people of two or more different countries to increase international understanding and goodwill

-  by focusing on long-term relationships between countries
-  by encouraging Rotarians and Rotaractors to visit each other's countries and homes
-  by developing a sister or twin club network between the participating countries
-  by conducting Friendship Exchanges between the two countries
-  by collaborating on or carrying out cross-cultural projects
-  by initiating or carrying out International Service projects
-  by initiating or carrying out Vocational Service projects
-  by exchanging the best practices for sponsoring new clubs



## OUR MISSION

To promote peace and international understanding while improving cross-cultural awareness, engaging diversities, and bridging communities.

International service is a high priority for Rotary. It supports all of our strategic priorities and is an Avenue of Service that promotes international understanding, goodwill, and peace.



Rotary Inter-country Committees (ICCs) promote relationships between two or more international districts or countries to increase the fellowship and intercultural understanding among the people of the various nations; foster stronger ties between the members, clubs, and districts from different countries; and establish networks across borders, continents, and oceans.



Today, more than 400 ICC sections from all over the world provide significant support to all programs of Rotary and its Foundation. They help increase the effectiveness of the international service in our seven areas of focus.



## HISTORY

After World War II, Rotarians from France and Germany decided to create the first ICC between their two countries.

**The idea was to launch an association of clubs to re-establish the bonds of international friendship and promote Peace.**

Based on this example, a whole network of ICCs were developed in Europe and throughout the world that later laid the foundation for multidistrict activities across boundaries and borders.



With their simple structure and flexibility, ICCs have created very strong ties between partnering countries and built a network of contacts that are extremely valuable assets for clubs and districts. With local expertise in each country, ICCs can implement peace and humanitarian projects and check their long-term sustainability.

By working together on common hands-on projects, ICCs can help create a climate for mutual understanding and peace between countries of the same region and far beyond.

By including Rotaractors in their activities, ICCs can take action to address the desire for peace among new generations.

ICC's provide significant support for the programs and activities of Rotary International. Their actions are mainly in line with the "Promoting Peace" area of focus.

## ESTABLISHING AN INTERCOUNTRY COMMITTEE

Intercountry committees can be national or sub-national relationships between two or more countries.

In each country, a national section is organized with the approval of district governors.

Two or more sections form the ICC. While we are certainly all working toward goodwill among peoples in each corner of the world, it is when two (or more) teams (one in each country) come together to achieve this goal that it becomes a genuine mission. Both sections are autonomous and are encouraged to maintain close relations.

The name of an intercountry committee shall be taken from the names of the participating countries and or participating districts.

While only districts may form and join intercountry committees, individual Rotarians, their partners, Rotaractors, and Rotary and Rotaract clubs may participate in their activities. By representing their country, members of an individual ICC are individual ambassadors of peace.

## ICC LEADERSHIP

The ICC Executive Council is a resource for districts and countries wishing to participate in the activities of intercountry committees.

The executive council is led by a chairperson who acts as the liaison between intercountry committees and Rotary International.



In order to promote communication, coordination, and development of the intercountry committees in the participating countries, governors shall designate ICC national coordinators who would serve as their representatives to the ICC Executive Council.

As our world becomes increasingly interconnected and as our members' international interests grow, new needs and opportunities arise to increase our understanding and appreciation of other cultures.

Intercountry committees provide an additional means for Rotary clubs and Rotarians to fulfill the responsibilities of the Fourth Avenue of Service: international understanding, goodwill, and peace.

Although the work of an intercountry committee may vary over time, it is always the same idea that guides it: the desire to build direct, personal relations between Rotarians and Rotaractors from two different countries.

