

Mission

To hold the spirit of the International Zone of Auroville as expressed by the Mother and Sri Aurobindo and coordinate simultaneously its physical development, activities and events.

Vision

“...the unity of the human race can be achieved neither through uniformity nor through domination and subjection. A synthetic organization of all nations, each one occupying its own place and the role it has to play in the whole can alone effect a comprehensive and progressive unification which may have some chance of enduring...”

Each pavilion represents the soul of a nation or continent and will be accessible to all through expressions of intellectual and artistic genius and its spiritual tendencies as well as all its life and vitality and its movement towards the future.

The International Zone will take a ‘*practical and concrete interest in the cultural synthesis*’ through active projects and collaborations.

“If the synthesis is to be a real thing, the grouping should be done around a central idea as high and as wide as possible in which all tendencies even the most contradictory would find their respective places.”

A *“collaboration of countries to create something...based on the Truth...to do something which is the beginning of a harmony.”*

Objectives

To explore and commit to the raison d’être of the International Zone and to develop a better understanding of the purpose of the International Zone amongst the Residents of Auroville and amongst the group,

To promote researches, educational programs and events related to the realisation of the International Zone and its pavilions.

To provide support for all activities and developments in the International Zone and create a road map for this purpose.

To be an interface between the project holder and L’avenird’Auroville for all building projects to be developed in the International Zone and to advise and facilitate its work on all aspects of development in the zone.

To communicate the purpose of the International Zone in and outside Auroville.

To network with governmental and non- governmental agencies outside Auroville.

To collaborate with the other three Zone Groups (Cultural, Industrial and Residential Zone) towards an integral development of Auroville.

To interact with Auroville working groups related to land, infrastructure, security and other areas of work.

To collaborate with Auroville International in the realisation of the International Zone.

To update on a regular basis Aurovilians, Auroville’s working groups, Auroville International and

well-wishers about the progress of the development of the International Zone.

To set up and maintain a permanent office in the Unity Pavilion

Organisation

Members of the International Zone Team

The International Zone Team is composed of the Pavilion Group members, the participants of activities located in the International Zone, members of Auroville International and Residents of Auroville who participate actively in the International Zone development.

Creation of Sub-Groups

Sub-Groups are created by the International Zone Team according to the work requirements. The forming of a subgroup takes place at an International Zone Coordination Team meeting or at a General meeting of the International Zone Team. They will interact with the relating working groups and report at regular intervals to the International Zone Team for feedback and approval.

Working areas where Sub-groups may be required:

- Protection and security management
- Infrastructure and Energy
- Landscaping
- Planning, Physical Development & Urban Design
- Activities and events
- Media
- Administration
- Networking and Fund Raising
- Communication

Creation of a Coordination Team

It is composed by one or two representatives of each sub group and of those who wish to volunteer their regular work towards the realisation of International Zone.

The minimum *Quorum* for a meeting is of five persons. As for all meetings, draft minutes will be distributed to all members of the Coordination Team for feedback and final approval within a one week.

Meetings normally take place once a week to maintain clarity and interaction between the sub groups. A focalizer will be nominated for each meeting.

Decisions will be sought by consensus. In case of some objection to the decision, consent will be encouraged and noted in the minutes. Exceptionally, where no consensus can be arrived at, then decisions will be taken by a 2/3 majority of the members present. They will report at regular intervals to the International Zone Team for feedback and approval.

Management of meetings

Meetings of the International Zone Team will normally take place once a month.

A focalizer and a note-taker, will be nominated for each meeting.

In advance, an agreed upon agenda will be provided for all International Zone team meetings and circulated amongst members. The focalizer will be responsible to ensure that the agenda is followed and clear outcomes are arrived at, including actions to be taken, and an agreement of responsibilities for those actions.

Meeting notes will, if possible, contain a summary of all discussions, along with a record of all actions agreed upon, with a note of the person(s) responsible and a time frame if appropriate. These actions will be reviewed at the beginning of the following meeting.

The note-taker will promptly distribute the draft-minutes to the participants of the meeting for feedback and to reach the final version before larger distribution.

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Reports

Minutes will be kept of all International Zone Team meetings, and these will be written up and circulated promptly amongst the members. A summary report will be produced as appropriate, but at least every three months and circulated amongst all members of the International Zone Team and published on AV Net and in News and Notes. Minutes will contain a summary of all discussions, along with a record of all actions agreed upon, with a note of the person(s) responsible and a time frame if appropriate. These actions will be reviewed at the beginning of the following meeting.