**Generosity** – “There is a power, a divine movement that spreads, diffuses, throws out freely forces and things and whatever else it possesses on all the levels of nature from the most material to the most spiritual plane. If truly surrendered to the Divine, it will be utilized as an instrument for Divine work.”

Introduction

African Pavilion is a non-profit organization located in the International Zone of Auroville, Tamil Nadu, is the epicenter of African culture in Auroville. It is the role of African Pavilion to investigate and communicate the true soul of Africa through whichever means possible. Above all else, African Pavilion stands for Umoja (unity; principled and harmonious togetherness) within oneself and among all peoples. All who serve African Pavilion are responsible for upholding this ideal in all its operations, dealings and development. African Pavilion’s core objectives are as follows:

- To research the soul of Africa as one nation and her individual cultures
- To act as a bridge between Africa and Auroville
- To communicate Africa’s culture, wisdom and excellence to Auroville
- To share Auroville’s vision, knowledge and ideals with Africa
- To stand as a welcoming landing place for Africans in India
- To develop while maintaining a harmony with nature and environment
- To contribute towards building a common collective prosperity
- To provide a healthy and sustainable environment for the development of people from Auroville, the Bioregion, India and the World
- To create abundance for the growth of Auroville
- To express beauty and harmony in matter
- To build and strengthen a shared economy
- To support fair trade practices
- To support fair and lawful labor relations

Section 1. Terms & Titles

- **Registered Guest:** Person who is registered with African Pavilion and Guest Services and who is authorized to remain present on African Pavilion campus after operating hours.
  - **Long-term Guest:** Registered Guest who is authorized to stay for one (1) consecutive month at African Pavilion.
    - Authorized to have two (2) Overnight Guests maximum per night contingent on the number of available beds. It is required to inform a Director and give contribution per person per night beforehand.
  - **Short-term Guest:** Registered Guest who is authorized to stay for less than one (1) month at African Pavilion.
    - Prohibited from having Overnight Guests after operating hours.
Family Occupancy: No more than two (2) Registered Guest adults and no more than two (2) Registered Guest children cohabitating in one (1) tent or bed.

Overnight Guest: Guest that registered in the African Pavilion Ledger but not at Guest Services who is invited by a Long-term Guest and authorized by an African Pavilion Director to stay on African Pavilion campus after operating hours for one (1) night.

- The ledger must be signed and contribution must be given during operating hours before the night spent.
- After the first night, Overnight Guests must register with Guest Services and establish a date of departure thus becoming Registered Guests of African Pavilion.

- Visitor: Unregistered person authorized to be present on African Pavilion campus only during operating hours.
- Trespasser: Unauthorized and/or Unregistered person present on African Pavilion campus after operating hours.
- Operating Hours: Sunday through Saturday between 9am and 9pm

Section 2. Registration
All those intending to stay on African Pavilion campus after operating hours must be registered beforehand. To be registered at African Pavilion, one must be authorized verbally by an African Pavilion Director, give a copy of their passport and visa, and sign the ledger informing of the date of departure. Registrations should be completed during operating hours but exceptions can be made for an additional Check-in fee of ₹200. The total contribution for the duration of stay (including all rental and security fees) is due upfront for each person in order for registration to be final. Guests staying for more than one night must be registered at Guest Services within twenty-four (24) hours of signing the ledger at African Pavilion. Non-Indians without a valid visa are prohibited from staying on African Pavilion campus after operating hours.

2-A. Security & Rental Fees
A Tent Rental Fee of ₹100 per night and Refundable Security Fee of ₹500 per tent are due upfront for Guests staying in African Safari who are not providing their own tent. The Refundable Security Fee shall only be released during Check-out and if all other fees have been paid.

2-A. Contribution & Discounts
The contribution per night may change depending on the season. The contribution per night set at the date of a Guest’s registration will remain the same until the departure date which was established in the ledger is reached. Following that date, the contribution per night is subject to change regardless of extension. If a discounted price for contribution per night has been authorized by an African Pavilion Director, that amount will remain the same until the initial registered date of departure. African Pavilion is not obliged to offer discounts for any reason nor extend the length of a discount period. Registered Volunteers of Auroville are eligible to redeem a refund of 20% of their contribution from Financial Service at Town Hall.

2-B. Extension
Registered Guests may extend their stay by repeating the Registration Policy outlined above in Section 2. Registration. This must be done before the registered date of departure in order to allow time to re-register with Guest Services and ensure a space will be available. An extension of stay does not guarantee the same amount of contribution per night will be offered.
2-C. Refunds
African Pavilion is not obliged to give refunds for any payments under any circumstance. Registered Guests who shorten their stay may redeem a refund of up to 15% of the contribution per night paid.

Section 3. Residency
African Pavilion reserves the right to deny anyone including Registered Guests occupancy for any reason including but not limited to violation of any terms set forth in the Guest & Visitor Policy, breaking the law or causing unrest off-campus, complaints by African Pavilion team members or anyone (whether substantiated or not), health related issues which may endanger the person themselves or others, etc. A person is only a Registered Guest until the date of the date of departure agreed upon. After this date, they are a Visitor. African Pavilion is under no obligation to accommodate changes in a person’s living or financial situations.

3-A. Campus Access
Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the African Pavilion campus at any time on any date. Registered Guests have access to the entire African Pavilion campus unless expressly prohibited either verbally or by signs. Visitors are not authorized to enter the dormitory, campsite, showers, laundry room, or kitchen without prior verbal authorization from an African Pavilion Director. An area may be prohibited from access for any reason including preparation, sacred practices, or the potential for endangerment. African Pavilion is under no obligation to communicate the reason for prohibiting access to any area on the campus to anyone.

3-B. Visitors
Visitors are only permitted entry during African Pavilion Operating Hours. Visitors cannot remain on African Pavilion campus overnight unless they comply with the Invitation & Overnight Guests Policy. If a Visitor wishes to remain with a Long-term Guest on African Pavilion campus after operating hours, the Visitor must comply with the Registration Policy. A Long-term Guest who permits their Visitor(s) to extend their visit past operating hours and/or remain overnight without informing an African Pavilion Director is in violation of this Agreement. An additional amount may be added to the Registered Guest’s Contribution and must be paid the following day. If a Long-term Guest desires to host an Overnight Guest or Visitor that does not fall within the guidelines set forth, the Long-term Guest must contact the African Pavilion Directors in advance. The African Pavilion Directors reserve the right to refuse entry to any invited Visitor of a Registered Guest.

3-C. Invitation & Overnight Guests
Long-term Guests are authorized to invite Overnight Guests to stay on African Pavilion after operating hours. Overnight Guests must register at African Pavilion with authorization from an African Pavilion Director, but are not required to register at Guest Services unless a second overnight stay is requested. The maximum number of Overnight Guests permitted for a single overnight visitation is two (2). An Overnight Guest contribution of ₹200 per person will be charged and will be collected from the Long-term Guest who invited them, in advance or upon arrival. There will be no charge for children under thirteen (13) years of age visiting their parent(s). Short-term Guests are prohibited from having Overnight Guests. Under no circumstances shall casual lodging or “rogue” occupancy be encouraged by a Long-term Guest. All persons staying overnight on African Pavilion campus must be authorized verbally either in-person or over the phone by an African Pavilion Director, give a copy of their valid visa and be registered in the ledger. There is no African Pavilion policy that allows “Anytime Visitors” i.e. repeated unannounced visits by the same person.
3-D. Liability of Guests
Registered Guests must inform their Overnight Guest(s) of African Pavilion Guest & Visitor Policy. Registered Guests are responsible for the behavior and any damages caused by their Overnight Guest(s). Guests are expressly prohibited from bringing persons into African Pavilion to conduct unlawful activities, such as vandalism, drug dealing and prostitution. Guests are expressly prohibited from inviting persons who have been previously evicted from African Pavilion into African Pavilion without prior authorization from a Director. Such persons are aware they are not allowed on African Pavilion campus and will be reported to Auroville Security as Trespassers. Should an Overnight Guest cause damages to any person, moveable or immovable asset belonging to African Pavilion or otherwise, the Long-term Guest by whom the Overnight Guest was invited shall be responsible for paying for the damages prior to the end of their stay and/or may be asked to leave the premises immediately. Unauthorized occupancy is prohibited and deemed a subletting or assignment of African Pavilion campus. This is a violation of the occupancy and may result in immediate eviction of the Trespasser and the Registered Guest.

3-E. Cohabitation
If a Registered Guest desires to establish a Family Occupancy, all Guests must follow the Registration Policy outlined above in Section 2. Registration and sign a Cohabitation Agreement. Cohabiting Guests (including husband/wife or otherwise) who enter into a Cohabitation Agreement are jointly liable for all contributions and damages. For example, this means that if two (2) Registered Guests – related or not – occupy a tent or bed, and one of the Guests leaves or dies, the remaining Registered Guest will be solely responsible for the entire occupancy contribution. If the remaining Guest requests a replacement cohabitant, both parties must fill out another Cohabitation Agreement. Both cohabitating adult parties are liable for any damages or violations of the Guest & Visitor Policy. If one Cohabitating Guest invites an unauthorized person to stay on campus after hours, all cohabitating parties are jointly responsible for paying any damages and are liable to be removed from the African Pavilion campus.

3-F. Security & Privacy
Guests shall recognize and accept that, due to the location of African Pavilion and access to it by the public, it is the intention of the African Pavilion Directors to protect the privacy of all Guests from intrusion and trespass by the public. Thus, all Visitors who are invited by Guests must be announced to an African Pavilion Director prior to entering one of the areas outlined above as prohibited in Section 3-A Campus Access. African Pavilion has expended significant resources to provide safety and privacy for residents. Long-term Guests are expected to cooperate and comply with the African Pavilion Guest & Visitor Policy. Unannounced Visitors may be deemed Trespassers and escorted off campus either by an African Pavilion team member, Auroville Security or law enforcement.

3-G. Safety & Belongings
Safety is a priority at African Pavilion and measures shall be taken to prevent health risks and discourage unlawful behavior to ensure Visitors, Guests and their belongings are protected. All vehicles are parked on African Pavilion campus at the sole risk of the owner. African Pavilion is not responsible for anyone’s property. Visitors and Guests must park within the limits of the designated parking areas with the exception of overcrowding or for heavy moving purposes. Each Registered Guest is allotted space on campus for one (1) motorbike and one (1) bicycle. There is a 10kmph speed limit on African Pavilion campus.
3-H. Abandonment

Guests are expected to return to their bed or tent each night they are registered. A bed or tent left unoccupied for more than one (1) night will be deemed abandoned and the reservation will be cancelled. A new reservation will be required to remain on the African Pavilion campus after operating hours. Presence during the day does not constitute a nightly return. Beds and tents are for sleeping. Guests who have abandoned their beds or tents will have their belongings removed.