



**MOVING
TOWARDS A
SOUTH ASIAN
CONFEDERATION**

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WHY DO WE NEED A CONFEDERATION ?

- **For a Peaceful, Powerful & Prosperous South Asia**
- **Unity & Harmony pre-exists in the psyche of the subcontinent**
- **Benefits the world at large**



OBSTACLES TO UNITY

- **Deep-rooted communal divide and mistrust – Such factor was not faced during unification of European Union, Germany & Vietnam**
- **Militancy**



SRI AUROBINDO'S RECOMMENDATIONS (15.8.1947)

- Recognition of peace & concord not enough
- Stress on '*common action, practice of common action & creation of means for that purpose*'
- Exact form of Unity may have a pragmatic but not a fundamental importance



SRI AUROBINDO'S WARNINGS (15.8.1947)

IF REGIONAL UNITY IS NOT ACHIEVED :

- **Civil strife may remain always possible**
- **A new invasion & foreign conquest can even be possible**
- **Internal development and prosperity impaired**
- **Weakening of India's position among nations, impairment and frustration of Her destiny**



PROGRAM FOR COMMON ACTION

PRINCIPLE :

- Build up on a program for common action that would be acceptable to all and not perceived as imposition by force
- Avoid controversial issues like religious conflicts
- Address political systems without politicizing issues



STAGE 1 – PROGRAM FOR COMMON ACTION

- **AWARENESS GENERATION**

Media, Website, Opinion Polls

- **DIALOGUE**

- **Initiation of multileveled dialogue –**

People to people interaction, Academic dialogue, Dialogue among NGOs, Governmental dialogues

TIME-FRAME : Start now and intensely for 5 years



STAGE 2 – PROGRAM FOR COMMON ACTION

MOVE TO PRACTICAL EXCHANGE—AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST:

- Trade, commerce, business
- Hospitality industry
- Educational, Research & Technological exchange
- Communication – Transit, Wireless, Wire line & internet
- Health
- Sports
- Culture
- Environmental Protection
- Poverty Alleviation program like microfinancing

TIME-FRAME : Start now and consolidate by 2015



STAGE 3 – PROGRAM FOR COMMON ACTION

SHIFT FROM EXCHANGE PROGRAMS TO PRO-ACTIVE INTERVENTION:

- Formation of Regional Supervisory Bodies for target areas chosen in Stage 2 viz. Federation of Industries, Regional Health Regulatory Body, Regional Sports Council etc.
- Setting up of a Regional university with affiliated institutions spread out. Designing of Special Courses on South Asia in various fields – Economics, History, Education, Psychosocial Studies, International Relations, Cultural–Anthropological Studies, Religious studies

TIME-FRAME : Consolidate by 2020



STAGE 4 – PROGRAM FOR COMMON ACTION

- **Consolidate the formation of South Asian Confederation**
- **Multiple Citizenship**
- **Regional Apex Bank and Common currency**
- **Common Defence Program, Regional military**
- **Central Confederation Headquarters and Regional branches**
- **Regional apex court**
- **Regional supervisory body that respects diversified, multiple unity**

TIME-FRAME : Consolidate by 2025



***“...there may be a greater unknown something
concealed and in preparation, not yet formulated in
the experimental laboratory of Time, not yet
disclosed in the design of Nature.***

***And...some greater unexpected birth from the stress of
evolution may be the justifying result ...amid the
formidable agony and tension of this great imperfect
body and soul of mankind in creative labour.”***

SRI AUROBINDO