



At the Quebec Summit, the AUPELF was assigned the task of establishing a university of French-language networks (UREF), a French-language open university whose purpose is to consolidate into a network the research and operational capacities of Francophone universities.

The Canadian government reaffirmed its support for the UREF at the last Summit in Dakar. This program can and must help Francophones develop a response to current scientific challenges.

C. Examples of the Diversity of the Associations Involved

As seen in the examples below, the Francophone associations were based first on the corporate model and then streamlined to coincide with professional interests:

- the Institute of Freedom of Expression in French (**IDEF**);
- the International Union of French-language Journalism (**UIJPLF**);
- the International Association of French-speaking Physicians (**AMMF**);
- Richelieu International;
- the International Council of French Expression in Radio and Television (**CIRTEF**);
- the International Association of French-speaking Mayors (**AIMF**);
- the International Federation of Professors of French (**FIPF**).

These networks (conferences, organizations, associations) are part of La Francophonie worldwide and together form an important vehicle of co-operation within the **Consultative Council** of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation.