

THE AGENCE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE (ACCT)

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Over and above the regular Agency branches and the Special Development Program, the organizational structure of the ACCT also includes six regional offices, a decentralized unit and a subsidiary organ:

- the **Western Africa Regional Office (BRAO)**, in Lomé, Togo, which oversees co-ordination of the Agency's programs mainly where Western Africa is concerned;
- the **Geneva Office**, which serves a liaison function with the international agencies of the United Nations, representing states with no diplomatic mission in this city;
- the **Central Africa Regional Office (BRAC)**, in Libreville, Gabon;
- the **Asia-Pacific Regional Office (BRAP)**, in Hanoi;
- the **European Union Liaison Office**, in Brussels;

- the **United Nations Liaison Office**, in New York.
- the **International School of La Francophonie**, whose mission was strengthened, will continue to operate out of other premises, the Education and Training Branch, with the addition of a French language sector, as well as a new Distance Training Directorate. The International School also houses the Rural Reading and Cultural Development Centres and a Directorate for new information technologies;
- the **Energy Institute** in Quebec City, the only subsidiary organ (branch) of the Agency, which is responsible for implementing the energy training and information programs;

The current Secretary-General of the Agence de la Francophonie is Jean-Louis Roy, a Canadian from Quebec. Elected for a four-year term in 1989, his mandate was renewed at the Bamako Ministerial Conference in December 1993. His directors general are from Burkina Faso, Cameroon, France, Morocco, Belgium and Tunisia.

The fact that the Agency is directed by people from various regions, representing all viewpoints found in the Francophone world, ensures the balanced geographical representation required for genuine multilateralism.