

**Relations and International Development**, responsibility for the association and institution aspects of La Francophonie. Other government ministers may also be called upon to lead delegations to specific ministerial conferences. This frequently happens in the case of the annual Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers.

## **6.2 Interdepartmental Co-operation**

La Francophonie is becoming increasingly specialized and multidisciplined in the projects it generates. The Office of the Federal Co-ordinator must therefore rely upon a network of accredited **sectoral correspondents** in various federal departments, representing **the nine priority sectors** of Summit activities.

The following departments serve as referees for the sectors indicated:

<b>A. Agriculture network</b>	CIDA and the Department of Agriculture
<b>B. Energy</b>	CIDA
<b>C. Environment</b>	Department of the Environment
<b>D. Culture</b>	Department of Communications
<b>E. Communications</b>	Department of Communications
<b>F. Language industries</b>	Department of the Secretary of State
<b>G. Legal co-operation</b>	Department of Justice
<b>H. Scientific information</b>	Department of the Secretary of State
<b>I. Education and training</b>	CIDA

The role of the sectoral correspondents is to translate the general directions announced by the heads of state at the Summits into specific projects, within the mandates and budgets allocated to them by the Office of the Federal Co-ordinator. To this end, they are members of the International **Committee of Experts** established by the ACCT for each Summit sector.

## **6.3 Public Consultation**

The Government of Canada, in its desire to ensure that the positions it adopts are appropriate and will have a significant impact, consults representatives of associations and independent sectoral experts on a regular basis, while continuing to co-operate systematically with the provincial governments, but, primarily with Quebec.