

*Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (CONFEJES)*

In this context, CIDA is interested mainly in the youth. Sports are subsidized only indirectly, through advanced training for sports instructors. Since its creation in 1969, the conference has supported development activities in the socio-educational fields and physical and sports activities. For example, since 1988 it has encouraged active participation by youth in the socio-economic development of their countries by promoting the entrepreneurial spirit and by creating small projects and small businesses.

*Association of Partially or Wholly French-Language Universities (AUPELF)*

CIDA subsidizes the Association's International Fund for University Co-operation (FICU), which contributes to the development of university instruction, research and management. It supports the efforts of institutions of higher education by financing symposiums and research projects. The fund also assists in cases of emergency needs of member institutions in Southeast Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, and Lebanon.

*Conference of National Education Ministers (CONFEMEN)*

The main purpose of this conference is to promote the integration of national education systems with the economic and social development processes of the member countries. It encourages co-operative effort and interchange on themes of common educational interest. In particular, it helps to develop and assess member countries' policies in this area and looks at programming in education and training, with basic education as the priority.