

## EDUCATION

### Major Agreements

MOU on Technologies for Distance Learning

### Major Interlocutors

#### **Canada:**

Provincial Universities and Private Colleges  
FOCAL  
HRDC  
DFAIT

#### **Mexico**

Ministry of Public Education (SEP)  
Council on Science & Technology (CONACYT)  
Mex.Cttees.for Professional Experience(COMPI)  
Mex. Assn. for Cdn. Studies (AMEC)

### Extent and Mechanisms of Cooperation

Education falls under provincial jurisdiction in Canada in contrast to the National Mexican Ministry of Public Education (SEP). The role of the Canadian federal government departments in education is therefore limited to activities such as scholarship funding and technical exchanges. However, the Mexican Ministry of Public Education, notably its division for Technological Research, has been successful in seeking cooperation and exchange agreements with several provincial universities and private colleges:

- Informal arrangement with Téléuniversité de Quebec for distance education
- Letter of Intent between Montreal's College Maisonneuve and the Technical Universities of Mexico
- Programme of Technical Assistance between Maisonneuve College and the Technical University of Aguascalientes
- Agreement for academic exchanges with the Ministry of Education of Quebec
- Agreement with Humbert College for technical cooperation and exchange
- Agreement with the Association of Community Colleges to increase institutional support
- Agreement with Old's College for agricultural cooperation

Cooperation in education has been strengthened recently by the trilateral Programme for North American Mobility in Higher Education, an initiative approved by Ministers Axworthy of the Department of Human Resources Development and Ouellet of DFAIT on June 1st, 1995. Within this programme, a project of cooperation with Capilano College, B.C. and Canadore College (Ontario) for Activities in Innovative Education and Information Technology has begun. A Trilateral Joint Committee will oversee this Program, meeting annually. There is also a proposal to establish an International Internship Exchange Program with