



## 6. Management Structure

### 6.1 Office of the Federal Co-ordinator for La Francophonie

As a key element in Canada's foreign policy, La Francophonie is managed by the Office of the Secretary of State for External Affairs and International Trade (EAITC). Specifically, the **Office of the Federal Co-ordinator for La Francophonie**, within the international and multilateral policy sector of the Department, is directly responsible.

As its name indicates, the Federal Co-ordinator's Office has a mandate to co-ordinate all departmental and interdepartmental activities related to La Francophonie. The Office also manages, as part of its own budget, most of the funds earmarked for **Francophone associations, institutions, the ACCT and projects arising from the Summits**. Other funds managed by the **Multilateral Branch of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)** are used to finance the co-operation programs of several Francophone institutions, such as the AUPELF-FICU, ACCT-PSD, CONFEJES and CONFEMEN.

Similarly, the Professional Services Branch of CIDA manages an important Francophone bursaries program, under which approximately 350 students per year from Francophone Third World countries attend university.

As to Summit preparation and follow-up, the Office of the Federal Co-ordinator works in close co-operation with the Personal Representative appointed by the Prime Minister, who represents Canada officially on the CIS. These "sherpa" duties on the Committee are carried out from the Canadian Embassy in Paris, since most of the Committee's monthly meetings are held in the French capital, for practical reasons.

The Personal Representative is assisted by an ACCT **national liaison representative** who is the intermediary between ACCT and EAITC.

With respect to **ministerial responsibility**, the Office of the Co-ordinator is answerable to the Right Honourable Joe Clark, **Secretary of State for External Affairs**, for general policy issues and budgetary commitments. However, specific responsibilities have been assigned to two other ministers: the Prime Minister has given the Honourable Marcel Masse, **Minister of Communications**, responsibility for the ACCT and the Summits, and has given the Honourable Monique Landry, **Minister for External**