

## **Achievements following the Mauritius Summit**

### **Agriculture**

#### ***Support for Development of Small and Medium-sized Businesses in Agri-Food***

This initiative, which is supported by Agriculture and Agri-food Canada, aims to make available to small and medium-sized businesses in the South the technical services of the Food Research and Development Centre of Saint-Hyacinthe, for production and marketing of local food supplies.

#### ***Agri-Food Product Quality Control***

With co-operation from the Quebec Food Processors Association, this project is designed to support the efforts of businesses in the South to set up effective quality control systems. Improving the quality of agri-food products supplied by these businesses will make them more acceptable to domestic and foreign markets.

### **Communications**

#### ***TV5***

TV5 is the international French language television network operating with the joint participation of the governments of Canada, Quebec, France, Switzerland, Belgium and a number of African countries. TV5 beams its programs practically worldwide, allowing 47 million households in Europe, Africa, North America, Latin America and the Caribbean access to French programming based essentially on information, culture and entertainment. The possibility of telecasting TV5 in Asia and the United States is currently under consideration.

Canadian programs make up about 20 per cent of TV5 programs reaching Europe, Africa and Latin America. European and African programs make up 85 per cent of the programs reaching the six million people who watch TV5 Quebec-Canada. TV5 is therefore a vital tool for multilateral co-operation and a preferred means of communications between nations with the French language in common.

#### ***Marketplace for African Performing Acts (MASA)***

Canada, through Canadian Heritage, participates in several projects focusing on culture and communications in the Francophonie. These activities aim to support major programs of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation (ACCT). For example, Canadian Heritage encouraged Canadian buyers of theatrical performances to participate in the Marketplace for African