

Canada continues to support this institution financially by making a substantial contribution to the ACCT's Multilateral Fund.

THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE AND ITS CHALLENGES

Canada is pursuing three types of objectives for the future: these are concerned with co-operation, but they are also political and institutional in nature.

A) Objectives Related to Co-operation

(1) To consolidate projects currently under way and ensure that their effects will be lasting and significant;

(2) to strive for critical mass, thereby eliminating the possibility of too many, widely dispersed microprojects;

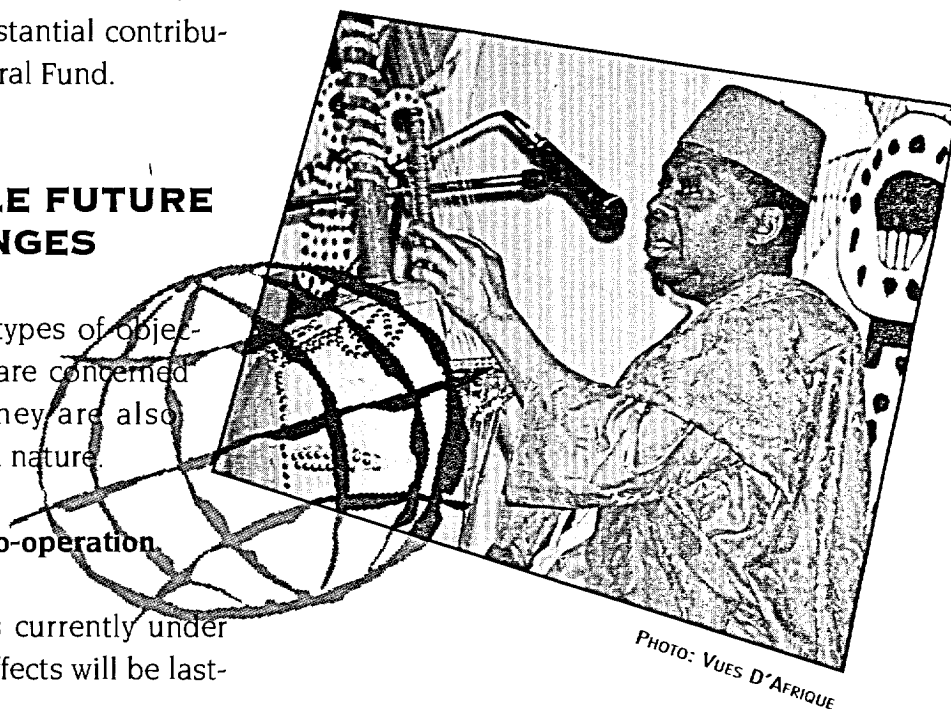
(3) to promote the practice of "collective dialogue" fostered by this type of multilateral co-operation.

B) Political Objectives

(1) To raise the political profile of the Summits;

(2) to make the follow-up structure more sensitive and responsive to sudden changes and topical developments between Summits;

(3) to place greater emphasis on human rights issues, on strengthening the state of law, and on promoting democracy.



C) Institutional Objectives

(1) To ensure the continued existence of La Francophonie by providing it with durable institutional foundations;

(2) to promote the multilateral approach in decision making, thereby enhancing the ACCT's role, while avoiding a process that is unnecessarily bureaucratic and one that may result in a demobilization on the part of the member states;

(3) to simplify the institutional mechanics of the Summits, while strengthening political follow-up through the work of the Permanent Council of La Francophonie and the ministerial conferences.