
metres. The deposit is also being developed with the intention of producing electricity. Canadian aid has thus enabled Senegal to meet a larger portion of its energy needs using its own natural resources.

Scholarship Program

This program aims at promoting excellence in university studies coinciding with the national priorities of the recipient countries and with the priorities of Canadian development co-operation.

For the 1993-94 fiscal year the program, with its budget of \$7.8 million, will award some 310 scholarships to students, 270 of whom will be enrolled in Quebec schools. The remainder will be attending one of the seven universities providing courses in French outside Quebec.

In accordance with Canadian policy, the scholarships are awarded from among a pool of applicants, equal numbers of whom are male and female. The recipients may take undergraduate courses (if the country of origin does not provide training in the selected field and if the courses are essential to the country's development), or master's or doctoral courses.

The main areas of study are Forestry, Agri-food, Applied Sciences, Engineering, Administration, Education, Social Sciences and Economics. Other priority fields will also be considered. The Quebec Department of Higher Education and Science is serving as the program's administration agency and as Secretary of the Selection Committee. Administration outside Quebec is provided by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

CIDA Involvement in the Institutions of La Francophonie

Canada has played an active part in the creation and development of the numerous institutions of La Francophonie. A number of these receive direct support from CIDA's multilateral program.

Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation (ACCT)

CIDA contributes to the Special Development Program (SDP) of the ACCT, providing some 60 percent of its overall funding. The SDP, in existence since 1975, carries out small-scale, timely, short-term programs of technical assistance, training and development and technical studies.

Conference of National Ministers of Education (CONFEMEN)

Canada ascribes an essential role to education and training in multilateral co-operation through the CONFEMEN. Through CIDA funding, Canada stands second after France among donors to this body.

Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (CONFESJES)

CIDA is interested mainly in the youth aspect of CONFESJES. Sport is subsidized only indirectly, by means of advanced training for sport instructors.

Association of Partly or Wholly French-speaking Universities (AUPELF)

The AUPELF has established the International Fund for University Co-operation to finance its inter- varsity programs, along with specific projects submitted by universities.

CIDA contributes about 35 percent of the overall budget of the fund. 