

Canada, which has always maintained close ties with France, considers its participation in La Francophonie as the natural extension of Canadian bilingualism in international affairs. The word "Francophonie" signifies the group of countries that are entirely or partially French-speaking, as well as the 150 million French-speaking people who have a common cultural heritage. Canada has become increasingly involved in numerous French-speaking multilateral organizations, chief among them being the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation (ACCT).

