

- Canadian athletes have participated in all Games and Canada will host the 4th such games in the Ottawa-Hull region in 2001.

Culture and Communications

La Francophonie

- Taken an interest in new technologies and held an international conference on the subject of the information highway
- Created an information highway fund for the benefit of developing member countries
- Invested in major computer training, hardware and content development programs

Canada's Role

- One of the major supporters of TV5, the international French-language network which is currently beaming its programs worldwide
- Equipped 10 countries of *la Francophonie* with servers to provide them access to the Internet

Economic Development

La Francophonie

- Removal of trade barriers between member nations
- Developing a plan to help integrate developing countries into the global economy
- Invested in major computer training, hardware and content development programs

Canada's Role

- Canada's exports to *la Francophonie* member countries (representing about 400 million people across 5 continents) are valued at approximately \$4 billion annually.
- Many Canadian companies have been awarded contracts to implement programs on a cooperative basis, funded by *la Francophonie*
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada has made technical services available to small and medium companies in member countries for the production and marketing of local food supplies
- Environment Canada has provided information and experience to help reduce the shortage of drinking water in member countries.