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September 29 to October 1. The themes are Childhood Development and Women's Health.

AMERICAS BUSINESS FORUM

From November 1 to 3, business leaders from all parts of the hemisphere will gather in Toronto to discuss hemispheric free trade.

FTAA TRADE MINISTERIAL MEETING

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The **first** Secretary-General of the Agence de coopération culturelle et technique (ACCT) was a Canadian. **Jean-Marc Léger** served from 1970 to 1973.

The period from March 20, 1999, to March 20, 2000, has been declared the **Year of Canadian Francophonie**.

Another Canadian, **Jean-Louis Roy**, served as ACCT Secretary-General from 1990 to 1997.

Besides its Paris headquarters, La Francophonie has **regional offices** in Lomé (Togo), Libreville (Gabon) and Hanoi (Vietnam). It has **liaison offices** to the UN Organizations in Geneva (Switzerland) and to the European Union in Brussels (Belgium), as well as a **Permanent Observer Office** at UN headquarters in New York.

The Francophonie Summit is expected to bring an economic windfall of some **\$40 million** to the Moncton area, the province of New Brunswick and the country.



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