

LANGUAGE TIES LA FRANCOPHONIE TOGETHER

La Francophonie is the worldwide community of peoples who speak French, or use French to some extent. It's a common bond linking more than 120 million people around the world. This international community includes more than one quarter of the world's nations.

The international organizations of La Francophonie bring people together so they can discuss issues of common interest. They support co-operation between governments and between non-governmental associations. Because the majority of members of La Francophonie

are developing nations, many activities are designed to encourage economic development.

At the highest government level, prime ministers of governments and presidents of countries which share the French language hold summit meetings every two years. They

