

As a matter of fact, during the Paris Summit, the heads of state and governments divided the projects that had been submitted into five main networks, selected as a function of the major axes for development and enhancement of the international Francophone community. Canada was thus assigned responsibility for the Culture and Communications network, where our expertise could be put to good use. Some projects are already well under way, for example the extension to North America of TV-5, the international French-language television network, which should begin broadcasting in the fall. Imagine the role that TV Ontario could play in this regard, and the benefits it could draw.

Quebec, for its part, will be responsible for the Energy network. The federal government is making an important contribution in this regard too; for example, I recently announced the conclusion of an agreement with the Ecole des hautes études commerciales for the training of petroleum industry managers from Third World countries, a project that had been put forth by the participants at the Paris Summit. We have also taken on a number of initiatives from the three other networks - agriculture, scientific and technical information, and language industries.