



3.3 Goals of the ACCT

The goal of the Agency, which now includes 31 member states (including Canada), seven associate states and the two participating governments of Quebec and New Brunswick, is to develop ties of mutual co-operation in education, culture, science and technology to encourage closer relationships among its members with the use of the French language. Thus, while maintaining the existing forms of co-operation, the Agency also seeks a new solidarity among industrialized and developing countries. It supports member countries by helping them develop and expand their respective cultures, by fostering mutual understanding among the peoples involved and by promoting an enlightened outlook of the different Francophone cultures.

3.4 Operation of the ACCT

The ACCT is composed of the **General Conference** that directs its activities and approves the work program, and meets every two years at the ministerial level; the **Board of Directors** that approves and monitors the development of proposals submitted to it by the members, and meets every year; the **Consultative Council** that is responsible for encouraging co-operation between the Agency and the many non-governmental Francophone agencies; and the **Secretariat** that prepares and implements the program and produces budgetary and financial reports.

The Agency also promotes co-ordination and co-operation among Francophone communities by holding sectoral ministerial conferences. For example, the ACCT assembled the Ministers of **Culture** (Cotonou, 1981), the Ministers of **Scientific Research** (Yamoussoukro, 1984), the Ministers of **Communications** (Cairo, 1985) and the Ministers of **Justice** (Paris, 1989). More recently, as the principal instrument for implementing Summit decisions, the ACCT mandated to organize the Conference of Ministers of **Culture** in Liège in November 1990. It is also responsible for the substantive and logistical details of the Ministers of the **Environment** Conference in Tunis in April 1991.

While Canada has participated in each of the conferences, its greatest effort has been directed to achieving tangible results. For Canadians as a whole, TV-5 is the most visible example of this role.