



## MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

### **OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL CO-ORDINATOR FOR LA FRANCOPHONIE**

As a key element in Canada's foreign policy, La Francophonie has been managed from the beginning by the Department of External Affairs (now Foreign Affairs) and International Trade. This department has been directly responsible for it within Cabinet since November 1993.

Immediate responsibility for management of Canada's participation in La Francophonie has been assigned for some years to the Office of the Federal Co-ordinator for La Francophonie, within FAITC. As its name indicates, this Office has a mandate to co-ordinate all departmental and interdepartmental activities related to La Francophonie. In this connection, it also manages, as part of its own budget, most of the funds earmarked for Francophone associations, institutions, the ACCT, and projects arising from the Summits. Other funds managed by CIDA's Multilateral Programs Branch are used to finance the co-operation programs of several Francophone institutions, such as the AUPELF, ACCT, CONFEJES and CONFEMEN.

Similarly, the Professional Services Branch of CIDA manages an important Francophone bursaries program, under which approximately 350 students per year from Francophone Third World countries attend university.

As to summit preparation and follow-up, the Office of the Federal Co-ordinator works in close co-operation with the Personal Representative appointed by the Prime Minister, who represents Canada officially on the Permanent Council of La Francophonie.

The Personal Representative is assisted by an ACCT national correspondent based in the Canadian Embassy in Paris, who acts as an accredited intermediary between the ACCT and the Office of the Federal Co-ordinator for La Francophonie.

### **INTERDEPARTMENTAL CO-OPERATION**

La Francophonie is becoming increasingly specialized and multidisciplinary in the projects it generates. The Office of the Federal Co-ordinator has therefore acquired a