

## Hospitality policy for international organizations

Some 72 international organizations have chosen Montréal, Québec City, Sherbrooke, Trois-Rivières or la Gaspésie either to set up representation offices or their head office. Fields of activity vary widely, from high technology and sport to transport and the environment.

Funding of these international organizations is mainly from foreign sources and the economic spin-off from their presence in Québec is highly significant. Spending carried out by these organizations is in the order of approximately \$300 million per year, and they directly create and maintain a total of almost 1,7000 jobs. These international organizations also have a highly significant effect on the number of international activities that take place in Québec.

### International governmental organizations

An international governmental organization (IGO) is defined as an association of States constituted by means of a treaty and having a constitution and common organs, being also equipped with a distinct legal identity from that of its member States. When the Government of Québec is host to an international governmental organization (IGO), it grants, **by agreement**, tax benefits and jurisdictional immunities to said organization and its employees, and also agrees to a whole set of courtesy measures in accordance with international practices.

For an international governmental organization, eligibility requirements to be accepted under the hospitality policy are as follows:

- It must have an international legal identity;
- It must intend setting up its head office or one of its offices in Québec;
- It must carry out its activities in a field that is in line with the interests of Québec.

### International and non-governmental organizations (NGOs)

International non-governmental organizations (NGOs) refers to an institution that has been created by a mixed private interest, free from any intergovernmental agreement, made up of private or public institutions or individuals of various nationalities. **By agreement**, the Government of Québec grants **international non-governmental organizations (NGOs)** tax exemptions and certain other benefits when they meet strict criteria and operate in areas that form part of Québec's priorities. These benefits, which are offered to organizations and their non-Canadian employees, can include areas such as health (health insurance and hospital provisions), immigration, education and driving permits.

In order to benefit from the various advantages of Québec's hospitality policy, international and non-governmental organizations must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- They must already or plan in future to exercise their activity in areas that are in line with the priorities of Québec society;
- Their objectives and regulations must be compatible with Québec's Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms;
- They must be representative in nature and their basic purpose must be recognized internationally;
- They must have a recognized head office with a chief administrator. Their constitutions must have been adopted according to democratic principles;
- They must be in a position to speak on behalf of their members through means of authorized representatives;
- They must have an international structure and their members must have the right to take part in decisions that affect policy and action;

- Their main resources must come from contributions from their national sections or from individual members.

**Priority areas**

The Government of Québec particularly encourages international organizations from the following fields to set up in the province:

- Priority areas:
  - Economic activity, especially financial services;
  - Science and technology, including aerospace and aeronautics;
  - Telecommunications;
  - Computing;
  - Information technologies;
  - High technology.
- La Francophonie and its priority areas of activity:
  - Agriculture and the environment;
  - Energy;
  - Culture and communications;
  - Scientific information and technology;
  - Language industries.
- International development
- Humanitarian aid
- Human rights

## Full list of international organizations present in Québec

Classification by area

- \* Date from the agreements or agreements
- ▶ Governmental international organizations

### Montréal

Agence mondiale antidopage – AMA ( \* 3 juin 2002)  
[www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org)

Agence universitaire de la Francophonie – AUF ( \* 28 mai 1991)  
[www.auf.org](http://www.auf.org)

Association des centres de recherche sur l'utilisation urbaine du sous-sol – ACUUS ( \* 28 mai 2001)  
[www.acuus.qc.ca](http://www.acuus.qc.ca)

Association du transport aérien international – IATA ( \* 27 octobre 1988)  
[www.iata.org](http://www.iata.org)

Association francophone internationale des directeurs d'établissements scolaires – AFIDES ( \* 1<sup>er</sup> nov. 1999)  
[www.afides.org](http://www.afides.org)

Association internationale du chrysotile – AIC  
[www.chrysotile.com](http://www.chrysotile.com)

Association internationale de science politique – AISP  
[www.ipsa.ca](http://www.ipsa.ca)

Association internationale des Avocats de la Défense – AIAD ( \* 28 novembre 2003)  
[www.hri.ca/partners/aiad-icdaa/](http://www.hri.ca/partners/aiad-icdaa/)

Association internationale des loteries d'État – AILE  
[http://onlae.terra.es/lae/internacional/frances\\_mundial.htm](http://onlae.terra.es/lae/internacional/frances_mundial.htm)

Association internationale des professions de la santé – AIPS ( \* 14 août 1997)  
[www.amlfc.com/Articles/1998\\_03\\_03.html](http://www.amlfc.com/Articles/1998_03_03.html)

Association mondiale des airlines clubs – WACA  
[www.waca.org](http://www.waca.org)

Association mondiale des radiodiffuseurs communautaires – AMARC ( \* 6 mars 1995)  
[www.amarc.org](http://www.amarc.org)

Bureau international des droits des enfants – BIDE ( \* 12 août 1999)  
[www.ibcr.org](http://www.ibcr.org)

Bureau international pour le tourisme social Secrétariat pour les Amériques – BITS-AMÉRIQUES ( \* 1<sup>er</sup> novembre 1999)  
[www.bits-int.org](http://www.bits-int.org)

Carrefour mondial de l'Internet citoyen – CMIC  
<http://lecarrefour.org>

Centre international d'accessibilité au transport – CIAT  
[www.icat-ciat.org](http://www.icat-ciat.org)

Centre international de formation et de recherche en gestion de l'aviation – ICAMER  
<http://johnmolson.concordia.ca/icamer/>

Centre international du Film pour l'Enfance et la Jeunesse – CIFEJ  
[www.cifej.com](http://www.cifej.com)

Centre international pour la prévention de la criminalité – CIPC ( \* 6 mars 1995)  
[www.crime-prevention-intl.org](http://www.crime-prevention-intl.org)

Collège des Amériques — COLAM  
[www.copa.qc.ca](http://www.copa.qc.ca)

Comité syndical francophone de l'éducation et de la formation – CSFEF  
[www.csfef.org](http://www.csfef.org)

► Commission de coopération environnementale – CCE ( \* 10 décembre 2001)  
[www.cec.org](http://www.cec.org)

Commission UGI sur la durabilité des systèmes ruraux  
[www.geog.umontreal.ca/igu-rural-systems/default.htm](http://www.geog.umontreal.ca/igu-rural-systems/default.htm)

Confédération mondiale sur la science de la productivité – CMSP ( \* 6 mars 1995)  
[www.wcps.info/](http://www.wcps.info/)

Conseil des festivals jumelés – CFJ  
[www.vuesdafrique.org](http://www.vuesdafrique.org)

Conseil francophone de la chanson – CFC ( \* 6 mars 1995)  
[www.chanson.ca](http://www.chanson.ca)

Conseil international de formation aérospatiale – CIFA ( \* 28 novembre 2003)  
[www.cifa.net](http://www.cifa.net)

Conseil international de l'aviation d'affaires – IBAC ( \* 7 août 1991)  
[www.ibac.org/](http://www.ibac.org/)

Conseil international des Associations de design graphique –ICOGRADA  
[www.icograda.org](http://www.icograda.org)

Conseil international des organisations de festivals de folklore et arts traditionnels – CIOFF  
[www.cioff.org](http://www.cioff.org)

Conseil international des Sociétés de design industriel – ICSID  
[www.icsid.org](http://www.icsid.org)

► COSPAS-SARSAT ( \* 17 mai 2005)  
[www.cospas-sarsat.org](http://www.cospas-sarsat.org)

Fédération internationale des associations de contrôleurs de circulation aérienne – IFATCA ( \* 28 mai 2001)  
[www.ifatca.org](http://www.ifatca.org)

Fédération internationale des associations de multimédia – FIAM ( \* 28 novembre 2003)  
[www.fiam.org/](http://www.fiam.org/)

Fédération internationale des culturistes – IFBB  
[www.ifbb.com](http://www.ifbb.com)

Fédération internationale des traducteurs – FIT  
[www.fit-ift.org](http://www.fit-ift.org)

Fédération internationale du vieillissement – FIV ( \* 12 février 1996)  
[www.ifa-fiv.org](http://www.ifa-fiv.org)

Fédération mondiale de l'hémophilie – WFH  
[www.wfh.org](http://www.wfh.org)

Forum international de Montréal – FIM ( \* 28 mai 2001)  
[www.fimcivilsociety.org](http://www.fimcivilsociety.org)

Forum sur l'Intégration Nord-Américaine – FINA  
[www.fina-nafi.org](http://www.fina-nafi.org)

Human Proteome Organization – HUPO  
[www.hupo.org](http://www.hupo.org)

► Institut de statistique de l'UNESCO – ISU ( \* 5 juillet 2001)  
[www.uis.unesco.org](http://www.uis.unesco.org)

Institut international de gestion des grandes métropoles – IIGGM-MÉTROPOLIS ( \* 1<sup>er</sup> novembre 1999)  
[www.metropolis.org](http://www.metropolis.org)

Institut international des sciences humaines intégrales  
[www.iihs.org](http://www.iihs.org)

ORBICOM - Réseau international des Chaires de l'UNESCO en communication ( \* 1<sup>er</sup> novembre 1999)  
[www.orbicom.uqam.ca](http://www.orbicom.uqam.ca)

► Organisation de l'aviation civile internationale et ses représentations – OACI ( \* 20 mai 1994)  
[www.icao.int](http://www.icao.int)

Organisation mondiale pour les familles – FAMILIS – OMF ( \* 1<sup>er</sup> novembre 1999)  
[www.familis.org](http://www.familis.org)

Réseau d'expertise E7 pour l'environnement global  
[www.e7.org](http://www.e7.org)

Réseau mère-enfant de la Francophonie – RMEF  
[www.rme-francophonie.org](http://www.rme-francophonie.org)

► Secrétariat de la Convention de la diversité biologique – SCDB ( \* 12 mars 2001)  
[www.biodiv.org](http://www.biodiv.org)

► Secrétariat du Fonds multilatéral aux fins d'application du Protocole de Montréal – SFPM ( \* 22 fév. 2002)  
[www.unmfs.org](http://www.unmfs.org)

Secrétariat international de la Marche mondiale des femmes  
[www.marchemondiale.org](http://www.marchemondiale.org)

Secrétariat international francophone pour l'évaluation environnementale – SIFÉE ( \* 1<sup>er</sup> novembre 1999)  
[www.sifee.org](http://www.sifee.org)

Secrétariat international de l'eau – SIE ( \* 22 mars 1996)  
[www.i-s-w.org](http://www.i-s-w.org)

Secrétariat international des infirmières et infirmiers de l'espace francophone – SIDIIEF ( \* 28 mai 2001)  
[www.sidiief.org](http://www.sidiief.org)

Société internationale de télécommunications aéronautiques – SITA ( \* 16 décembre 1991)  
[www.sita.aero](http://www.sita.aero)

Société internationale d'urologie – SIU  
[www.siu-urology.org](http://www.siu-urology.org)

Union francophone des aveugles – UFA  
[www.unionfrancophonedesaveugles.org](http://www.unionfrancophonedesaveugles.org)

Union internationale de psychologie scientifique – UIPsyS ( \* 26 août 1993)  
[www.iupsys.org](http://www.iupsys.org)

Union mondiale pour la nature – UICN ( \* 22 juillet 1994 )  
[www.iucn.org/places/canada](http://www.iucn.org/places/canada)

### **Québec**

Association internationale pour la sécurité du transport des jeunes – AIST ( \* 12 mars 1996)  
[www.anateep.asso.fr/aist/aist.htm](http://www.anateep.asso.fr/aist/aist.htm)

Centre international de documentation et d'échanges de la Francophonie – CIDEF ( \* 26 novembre 2002)  
[www.ulaval.ca/afi](http://www.ulaval.ca/afi)

Fédération internationale de Kin-Ball – FIKB  
[www.kin-ball.com](http://www.kin-ball.com)

Forum international des partenariats d'entreprise – FUTURALLIA  
[www.futurallia.com](http://www.futurallia.com)

► Institut de l'énergie et de l'environnement de la Francophonie – IEPF  
( \* 30 novembre 1989 et à Beyrouth le 16 octobre 2002)  
[www.iepf.org](http://www.iepf.org)

Organisation des villes du patrimoine mondial – OVPM ( \* 8 septembre 1995)  
[www.ovpm.org](http://www.ovpm.org)

Organisation universitaire interaméricaine – OUI ( \* 12 mars 1996)  
[www.oui-iohe.qc.ca](http://www.oui-iohe.qc.ca)

Secrétariat continental sur l'éducation – SCE  
[www.secretaria.ca](http://www.secretaria.ca)

### **Gaspésie**

Organisation mondiale pour l'éducation préscolaire – OMEP ( \* 12 mars 1996)  
[www.petitmonde.com/omep/](http://www.petitmonde.com/omep/)

### **Sherbrooke**

Association mondiale des sciences de l'éducation – AMSE  
<http://amseamcewaer.educ.usherbrooke.ca>

Secrétariat francophone international de nomenclature médicale  
[www.sfinm.org/sfinm/pagetitre.html](http://www.sfinm.org/sfinm/pagetitre.html)

### **Trois-Rivières**

Fédération des festivals internationaux de poésie – FFIP  
[www.fjptr.com](http://www.fjptr.com)