

QUÉBEC UNESCO

10
YEARS

OF SHARING



ON MAY 5, 2006, AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF QUÉBEC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA CONCERNING UNESCO PAVED THE WAY FOR QUÉBEC TO OFFICIALLY AND PERMANENTLY PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF A UNITED NATIONS AGENCY.



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QUÉBEC AT UNESCO

THIS AGREEMENT RECOGNIZES THE SPECIFICITY OF QUÉBEC ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE, NOTABLY ITS USE OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE AND ITS UNIQUE CULTURE. SINCE THEN, QUÉBEC HAS HAD A REPRESENTATIVE WITHIN THE PERMANENT DELEGATION OF CANADA TO UNESCO.

QUÉBEC IS PROUD TO TAKE PART IN UNESCO'S MISSION AND, AS SUCH, TO BE INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS ON ISSUES RELATED TO EDUCATION, SCIENCE, CULTURE AND COMMUNICATIONS.

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QUÉBEC AT UNESCO

A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION

- › Participation in the drafting of new standard-setting instruments, recommendations and decisions.
 - ⇒ Contribution to the formulation of new international standards, especially in the areas of culture and education.



- › Québec is one of the key actors in the adoption of the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions in 2005.
- › The issue of the diversity of cultural expressions is very important for Québec, especially because of its linguistic and cultural particularities.
 - ⇒ November 16, 2005: Québec becomes the first government in the world to adopt the Convention.
 - ⇒ Participation in the Conference of Parties and the Intergovernmental Committee of the Convention.



- › Québec has distinguished itself in many UNESCO projects through its experts and representatives of civil society.
 - ⇒ Areas of interest: ethics, diversity of cultural expressions, intercultural dialogue and social transformations, prevention of radicalization leading to violence, etc.



- › Québec youth shine at UNESCO through an intern program aimed at showcasing the talents of young professionals in international organizations.
 - ⇒ Target sectors: education, diversity of cultural expressions, oceanography and maritime affairs, gender equality, prevention of radicalization of youth via the Internet, etc.

A STRONG VOICE

- › Québec is represented, when it so wishes, as a full member of all Canadian delegations to UNESCO proceedings, meetings and conferences.
 - ⇒ Ongoing participation in the General Conference, UNESCO's supreme governing body.
 - ⇒ Special importance given to education, a constitutional jurisdiction of the Government of Québec.
- › An opportunity to showcase Québec's identity and major priorities: new avenues of collaboration with UNESCO.
 - ⇒ The Conference entitled "Internet and the radicalization of youth: preventing, acting and living together" is a good illustration of this fertile relationship.

RÉSERVE DE
BIOSPHERE

VIEUX-QUÉBEC



UNESCO IN QUÉBEC

UNESCO WAS ESTABLISHED IN QUÉBEC'S CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL, ARTISTIC AND SCIENTIFIC CIRCLES LONG BEFORE THE QUÉBEC-CANADA AGREEMENT.

WORLD BIOSPHERE RESERVES

- › Terrestrial, marine and coastal ecosystems where communities demonstrate their willingness to apply the principles of sustainable development to environmental management.
- › Four zones in Québec have this recognition from UNESCO:
 - ⇒ Mont Saint-Hilaire (1978);
 - ⇒ Charlevoix (1988);
 - ⇒ Lac-Saint-Pierre (2000);
 - ⇒ Manicouagan-Uapishka (2007).

WORLD HERITAGE LIST

- › Old Québec (1985)
 - ⇒ An exceptional and well preserved fortified colonial city (the only one north of Mexico).
 - ⇒ As the capital of New France, Old Québec embodies a milestone in the colonization of the Americas.
- › Miguasha National Park (1999)
 - ⇒ A scientific jewel composed of exceptionally preserved fish and plant fossils.
 - ⇒ A snapshot of life on Earth some 380 million years ago.

UNESCO CHAIRS

- › 12 UNESCO chairs are located in Québec out of 18 in Canada.
 - ⇒ A variety of sectors: curriculum development, philosophy, landscape and environmental design, communications, research on education in prison, energy, sustainable development, diversity of cultural expressions, early childhood development, etc.
- › The expertise and dynamism of these chairs contribute to Québec's international profile and the reputation for excellence of its higher education institutions.

UNESCO IN QUÉBEC

UNESCO INSTITUTE FOR STATISTICS (UIS)



- › Present in Montréal since 2001.



- › United Nations depository for global statistics in the fields of education, science and technology, culture and communication.



- › One hundred employees in Montréal and experts seconded to all five continents.

UNESCO CITY OF DESIGN



- › Montréal was the first city in North America to receive this title (2006).



- › UNESCO recognizes Montréal's creative design potential.



- › Official recognition of the commitment and determination of the city, governments and civil society to capitalize on its design strengths to improve the quality of life of citizens.

MONTREAL VILLE DESIGN





UNESCO IN QUÉBEC

UNESCO ASSOCIATED SCHOOLS PROJECT NETWORK (ASPnet)

- › Network created in 1953 and composed of schools that undertake to pursue UNESCO ideals.
 - ⇒ 10,000 schools in 181 countries.
- › Québec counts on the vitality and commitment of 22 schools that are part of this vast network.

INTERNATIONAL COALITION OF INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES

- › UNESCO coalition established in 2004 that brings together municipal authorities wishing to exchange views on their policies for combating racism, discrimination, xenophobia and exclusion.
- › In Québec, nine cities have joined the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination.
 - » Brossard
 - » Gatineau
 - » Longueuil
 - » Montréal
 - » Québec
 - » Saguenay
 - » Saint-Justin
 - » Sherbrooke
 - » Terrebonne

MONUMENT DE L'UNESCO

MEMORY OF THE WORLD REGISTER

- › The Musée de la civilisation du Québec was the first Québec organization to register a major part of its archives with this UNESCO register (2007).
- › The archives of the Séminaire de Québec (1623-1800) are recognized as a founding heritage that testifies to France's presence and the implantation of Catholicism in North America.

UNESCO-UNEVOC* NETWORK

- › An international centre that assists UNESCO member states to improve their technical and vocational education and training.
 - ⇒ Global network encompassing 282 UNEVOC centres spread across 167 UNESCO member States.
- › The Carleton-sur-Mer campus of Cégep de la Gaspésie et des Îles was awarded the title of UNEVOC centre in September 2004.
 - ⇒ This campus has earned a reputation for its innovative technical and vocational teaching methods that contribute to the success of its students and the vitality of the region.

* International Centre for Technical and Vocational Education and Training



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