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Launch of Francopol



The official launch of Francopol, an international francophone police training network, was held on September 8 at the Musée de la civilisation in Québec City.

Created at the initiative of the Sûreté du Québec, the Police nationale française and the École nationale de police du Québec, Francopol is made up of about a dozen police forces and institutes in Belgium, Canada, France, Luxembourg, Switzerland and Québec. The mission of the new network is to promote the sharing of best practices, research and thought about police training and expertise in the francophone world. Ultimately, Francopol should thus be open to the member countries of the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie (OIF).

The Francopol launch was held in the presence of Hugo Sada, the OIF's delegate for peace, democracy and human rights. According to him, "By rising to the numerous challenges faced by countries in the francophone world, the Francopol network will contribute to the deployment of OIF programs in the areas of international development, conflict prevention and peace consolidation." Thanks to the OIF's support, Francopol is one of La Francophonie's international networks working to consolidate the rule of law and respect for human rights.

Singled out as a priority in the 2006-2009 Action Plan accompanying Québec's International Policy, this initiative is further proof of the willingness of Québec institutions to share the values and commitments set forth by La Francophonie in the Bamako declaration on democracy, rights and freedoms.

Organized by the École nationale de police du Québec, Francopol's first activity is being held in Nicolet, Québec, on September 9 and 10. Some 200 representatives of about 15 states and governments that belong to La Francophonie are attending Francopol 2008, a congress held under the theme of discernment in police work and integrating this notion into police training.

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