



19th FRANCOPHONIE SUMMIT

Villers-Cotterêts - 2024



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Foreword



This year has been full of events of which France can be proud. We hosted the Olympic and Paralympic Games, marked the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings and are now preparing to breathe new life into Notre-Dame Cathedral. This Francophonie Summit, which has not been held in France for thirty-three years, will celebrate the strong universality of our language. I would like this Summit to enable people from France and all our Francophone partners to celebrate our wonderful fortune to have French as our shared language.

I believed it was vital that it be held at a fitting venue: the Cité Internationale de la Langue Française at the Château de Villers-Cotterêts. This location, imbued with the aura of Molière and Dumas, where in 1539 King François I declared “French” as the language of all official documents, will be the setting for this 19th Summit.

Five centuries after the founding edict, French has become a world language. Geopolitically, the broad Francophonie family, with 321 million speakers across the globe plays a key role in the concert of nations to promote its values of democracy, respect for human rights and diversity. In the digital arena, recognizing cultural and linguistic diversity is one of the civilizational challenges of our century: major platforms must be able to uphold their citizens’ rights in their language, while artificial intelligence can become a fantastic asset for French, and indeed all languages, by facilitating translations. Economically, French-speaking countries, united through their shared language and values, have an invaluable asset in order to increase exchanges, whether they be trade, educational or cultural.

At this Summit, we can explore new avenues for cooperation, as we will have to face these challenges in the coming decades. They will require us to pool our efforts. The International Organisation of La Francophonie, with the support of its Member States, is fully aware of this: under the leadership of the Secretary General, Louise Mushikiwabo, it has made changes to embrace these new challenges with determination, and to work tirelessly for populations, particularly young people and women, who embody the future of our community. It has made innovation the core of its project.

This 19th Summit will have an ambitious theme: “Create, innovate and do business in French” and all-new initiatives. The Heads of State and Government will talk to young creators and entrepreneurs. The Francophonie Village, with its national pavilions, is expanding to stage a Francophonie Festival, which will celebrate the ingenuity of the French language. FrancoTech, the trade fair for innovation in French, will be one of the key events on the sidelines of the Summit, at STATION F, where 150 exhibitors from 100 countries will share their talents, hopes and visions.

Together, we will make Senghor’s words our own: “Francophonie is a complete humanism, weaving its way around the world”. More than an ambition, it is a path towards the future.

Emmanuel Macron

President of the French Republic

Foreword



This year, the 19th Francophonie Summit returns to France for the first time in 33 years. At the Cité Internationale de la Langue Française in Villers-Cotterêts and in Paris, the 88 OIF Heads of State and Government and their delegations will fully recognize the vitality and vibrancy of the world’s fifth most-spoken language and third most-common business language, which is spoken across the globe and promotes our shared values of diversity, solidarity and democracy: in other words, our beautiful French language.

Following the same proactive approach and ambitions of previous Summits, this Summit is also the culmination of a project, which began in 2019, to modernize, refocus and provide operational excellence in order to better serve our people, and women and children in particular.

Aware of the geopolitical and social challenges affecting the world and the La Francophonie, cognizant of the digital transition, concerned by educational issues, conscious of economic attractiveness and employability, taking account of environmental challenges, committed to cultural diversity, sensitive to gender equality and attentive to the views of our young people, I wanted our Organisation to move faster, higher and stronger. We are providing the citizens of the Francophone world with strong momentum, a flexible rhythm and a steady pace which matches their expectations.

By adjusting and adapting our models for management, political and diplomatic action and international cooperation, with the support of the Francophone world which should be enriched with new members this year, we are proposing appropriate tools, impactful initiatives and projects tailored to the aspirations of the recipients whom we have consulted, heard and understood.

This 19th Francophonie Summit, with the promising theme of “Create, innovate and do business in French”, firmly seeks to provide a response for our young people. By harnessing their strong talent and our solid maturity, we are supporting the driving forces of La Francophonie: the inventive and original creators, the curious and visionary innovators and the perceptive and ingenious entrepreneurs. Together, we look forward to a future which contributes to their legitimate desire for success, an international career, professional success, social mobility and a decent life.

United by the French language and the host country’s kind hospitality, we will meet to reflect on and create an open, welcoming world which can generously embrace the diversity and richness of La Francophonie.

Louise Mushikiwabo

Secretary General of La Francophonie

What is a Francophonie Summit?



- **The Francophonie Summit is the highest authority of the OIF and gathers together 88 OIF Member States and Governments to set out strategic guidelines for La Francophonie.**
- **The Summit is also an opportunity to examine membership requests from new States and Governments and to elect the Secretary General of La Francophonie (four-year term). There will be no election at the 2024 Summit, as the last election was held in Djerba, Tunisia in 2022.**

In 2022, the Summit adopted a new format with reorganized events, which was introduced at the Djerba Summit. This approach aims to reduce the linear, institutional nature of discussions and encourage greater involvement from Heads of State and Government on the central theme of the Summit. This new format enables the OIF to directly benefit from leaders' recommendations on the themes and areas of action it promotes, thus enriching its initiatives and strategic guidelines.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF THE 19th FRANCOPHONIE SUMMIT

FRIDAY, 4 OCTOBER 2024
VILLERS-COTTERÊTS (afternoon)

Opening session of the Summit

- Official welcome for Heads of State and Government by the President of the French Republic and the Secretary General of La Francophonie
- Tour of the Cité Internationale de la Langue Française
- Official addresses
 - Host country of the Summit (France)
 - Host country of the previous Summit (Tunisia)
 - Secretary General of La Francophonie
- Transfer of the Summit Presidency from Tunisia to France
- Event on “The challenges of Francophone citizens in the digital age”
- Artistic event

SATURDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2024,
PARIS – GRAND PALAIS (9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.)

Morning:

- Report by the President of the Ministerial Conference of La Francophonie (CMF) on the work of the 45th session (plenary session)
- Activity report by the Secretary General of La Francophonie (plenary session)
- Report by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie (APF) on the theme of the Summit (plenary session)
- Thematic round-table plenary session (plenary session with, for the first time, involvement from young creators, innovators and entrepreneurs from civil society)
Theme: “Create, innovate and do business in French for youth employment”

Afternoon:

- Private meetings between Heads of State and Government and Heads of Delegations of full OIF members
Theme: “Renewed multilateralism”
- Plenary session: various issues
- Public plenary session:
 - Feedback on the thematic session – Summaries presented by round table moderators (Heads of State and Government)
 - Close of Summit
- Press conference

The Summit in France

Create, innovate and do business in French

France is proud to host the 19th Francophonie Summit, for the first time in 33 years. France has always striven to make French, which is the world's 5th most spoken language, one of the global languages of today and tomorrow, promoting a vision of humanity, aspirations and shared values.

In 2018, after consulting the French public and gathering over 5,000 ideas, the President of the French Republic set out an innovative and ambitious strategy for the French language and multilingualism, focused on apprenticeships, communication and creation.

Building on this very concrete plan for the French language and multilingualism launched 6 years ago, the Villers-Cotterêts Summit will have the theme of "Create, innovate and do business in French", and we will do our utmost to demonstrate all the opportunities provided by the Francophone world, particularly for young people.



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This 19th Summit of Francophone Heads of State and Government will address key issues for the future of young people in the Francophone world:

- **Linguistic:** We must support the vibrancy of the French-speaking population, which is predicted to grow from 321 million today to 715 million by 2050. This will require significant support for the teaching of French, and teaching in French;
- **Geopolitical:** In an increasingly fragmented world, La Francophonie is a unique forum for dialogue, with a global presence, based on a shared language and values: it must be further promoted;
- **Digital:** With the growing influence of artificial intelligence in our societies, we must ensure that the digital space reflects our linguistic and cultural diversity, that the algorithms allow it to be seen and explored;
- **Economic:** Francophone countries trade more and provide better employment opportunities in countries which share a language, and even a common legal culture.

Several strong initiatives will be taken at the Villers-Cotterêts Summit to address these various issues

In terms of method, on the occasion of the Villers-Cotterêts Summit, the Heads of State and Government will for the first time be able to interact with young creators, innovators and entrepreneurs who will discuss their achievements but also the challenges they face.

Civil society will also have a say via three major parallel events



The Francophone Village, set up at each Summit, transports visitors to the heart of Francophonie by bringing together over 28 national pavilions, including a pavilion by the OIF and its agencies at the Centquatre.



"The Francophonie Festival: Making a Better World" is France's innovative proposal as the Summit's host country. Lancé le 20 Mars to mark International Francophonie Day with 500 partners in 40 countries, the festival showcases the best of French-language creativity, ingenuity and inventiveness. Du 2 au 6 Octobre, the Gaité Lyrique Theatre will be the hub of the festival and a selection of associated venues will celebrate La Francophonie in Paris and across France.



STATION F accueillera les 3 et 4 Octobre, STATION F will host FrancoTech, the leading trade fair for innovation in French. Bringing together 1,500 professionals, delegations and entrepreneurs and 150 exhibitors from about 100 countries, it will be another

The Villers-Cotterêts Summit will be an opportunity to make concrete commitments on various issues and demonstrate the strength and attractiveness of the French language and La Francophonie.

Francophonie in brief

First and foremost, La Francophonie is about men and women who share a language: French. The most recent report by the Observatoire de la Langue Française, published in 2022, estimated that there were 321 million French speakers worldwide.

Next, it is an institutional mechanism dedicated to promoting the French language and implementing political, educational, economic and cultural cooperation within the 88 States and Governments of the International Organisation of the Francophonie (OIF). This mechanism is governed by the Charter of La Francophonie, which was adopted in 1997: its highest authority is the Francophonie Summit; its keystone is the Secretary General of La Francophonie, a position held by Louise Mushikiwabo.

The OIF is engaged in multilateral Francophone cooperation alongside the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie (APF) and four agencies: the Francophone University Agency (AUF), TV5Monde television channel, the International Association of Francophone Mayors (AIMF) and Senghor University in Alexandria.

La Francophonie's missions are to:

- Promote the French language and cultural and linguistic diversity
- Promote peace, democracy and human rights
- Support education, training, higher education and research
- Develop economic cooperation to ensure sustainable development



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On 4 and 5 November 2023, the 44th session of the Ministerial Conference of La Francophonie (CMF) in Yaoundé, Cameroon, adopted the 2024-2027 programming, which was the first programming put forward by Louise Mushikiwabo since she took up office. It highlights the role of the French language in culture, education, democracy, governance and sustainable development and encompasses 20 projects based on concrete results to meet the needs of Francophone populations.

Cadre stratégique de la Francophonie 2023-2030

À l'horizon 2030, la Francophonie a pour ambition de devenir un espace solidaire mieux gouverné, inclusif, numérique, innovant, durable et prospère, au profit du mieux-être des populations, au premier rang desquelles les jeunes et les femmes.

| AMBITION 1 | AMBITION 2 | AMBITION 3 | AMBITION 4 | AMBITION 5 |
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| <p>Renforcer l'influence des francophones dans le monde</p> | <p>Renforcer l'usage et l'enseignement de la langue française dans le monde</p> | <p>Promouvoir la diversité culturelle et linguistique dans le monde</p> | <p>Contribuer à faire de la Francophonie un espace de paix et de stabilité</p> | <p>Faire de la Francophonie un laboratoire de coopération stratégique et innovant</p> |

CONTRIBUTION DE L'OIF

Faire vivre, en français, l'aspiration à un monde plus solidaire, plus pacifique et plus respectueux de la diversité culturelle et linguistique, conditions d'un développement économique, inclusif et durable au service des populations.

3 STRATEGIC PROGRAMMES 20 ACTION PROJECTS

| THE FRENCH LANGUAGE SERVING CULTURE AND EDUCATION | | THE FRENCH LANGUAGE SERVING DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE | | THE FRENCH LANGUAGE, A DRIVER OF SUSTAINABLE | |
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| P1 La langue française, langue internationale | P2 La langue française, langue d'enseignement et d'apprentissage | P9 État civil | P10 Renforcement de l'État de droit, des droits de l'Homme et de la justice | P14 La Francophonie avec Elles | P15 Innovations et plaidoyers francophones |
| P3 Initiative francophone pour la formation à distance des maîtres (IFADEM) | P4 École et langues nationales (ELAN) | P11 Prévention et lutte contre les désordres de l'information | P12 Accompagnement des processus démocratiques | P16 D-CLIC : formez-vous au numérique | P17 Promotion des échanges économiques et commerciaux francophones |
| P5 Acquérir des savoirs, découvrir le monde | P6 Industries culturelles et découvrabilité | P13 Soutien à la paix et à la stabilité | | P18 Accompagnement des transformations structurelles en matière d'environnement et de climat | P19 Soutien aux initiatives environnementales dans le Bassin du Congo |
| P7 Jeux de la Francophonie | P8 Radio Jeunesse Sahel | | | | P20 Promotion du tourisme durable |

Map of Summit venues

In Paris and Villers-Cotterêts, iconic locations reflect the theme of “Create, innovate and do business in French”

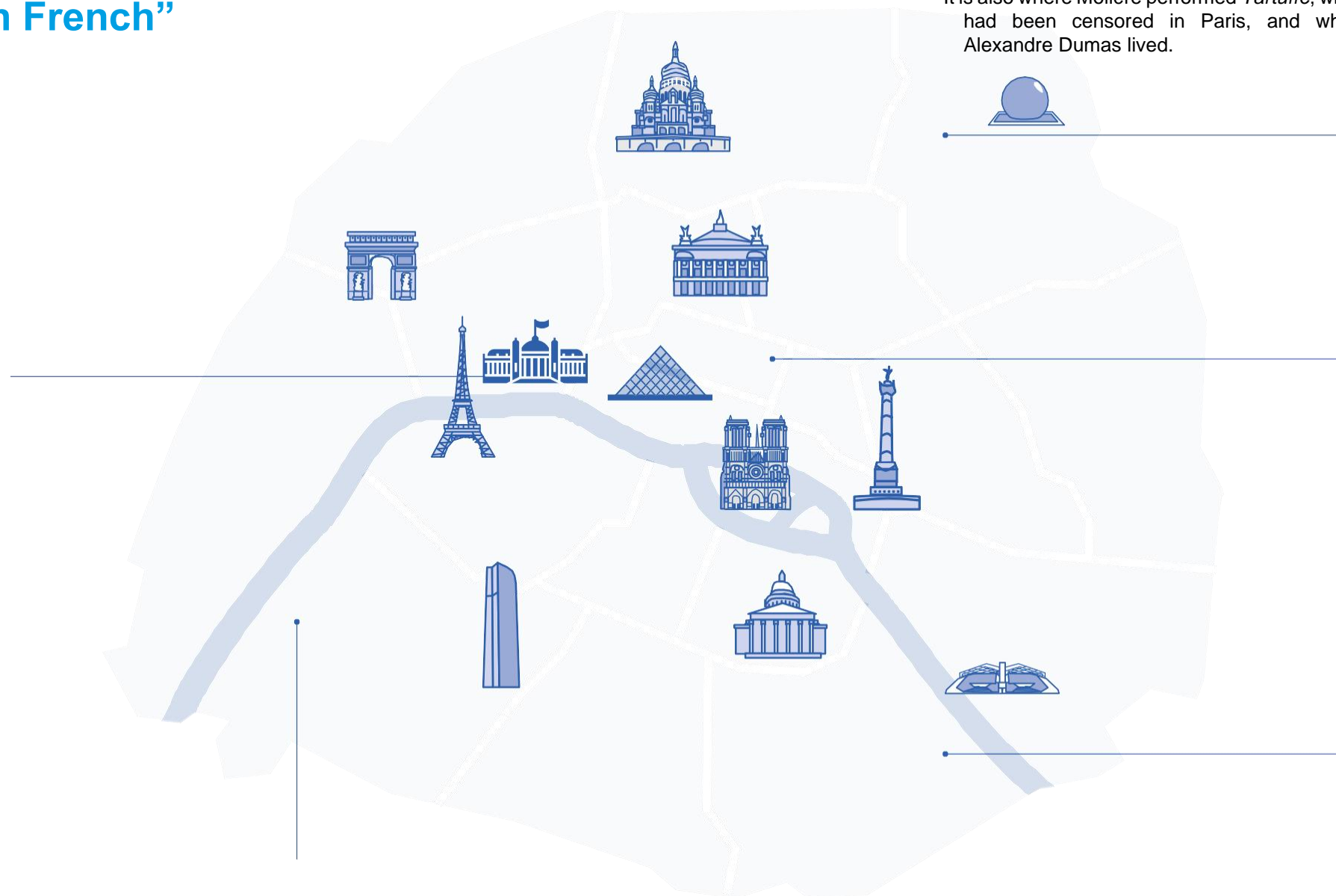


The Grand Palais

A symbol of progress and innovation, the Grand Palais was built for the Exposition Universelle (world's fair) of 1900 in Paris. After hosting major exhibitions and events for over a century, extensive renovations commenced in 2021 to return it to its former glory in time for the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games. In this setting, under the nave, the Heads of State and Governments' plenary sessions will be fully transparent.

The Ministerial Conference Centre (CCM)

will host the 45th session of the Ministerial Conference of La Francophonie (CMF) on 3 October 2024.



The Cité Internationale de la Langue Française

The Cité Internationale de la Langue Française recently opened in the heart of the fully-restored Château de Villers-Cotterêts in France's Aisne department.

It is the very château where King Francis I signed one of his most famous documents: the Ordinance of Villers-Cotterêts, making French the official language of justice and administration.

It is also where Molière performed *Tartuffe*, which had been censored in Paris, and where Alexandre Dumas lived.



The Centquatre

will host the Francophonie Festival from 2 to 6 October 2024.

The Gaîté Lyrique Theatre

will host the Francophonie Festival from 2 to 6 October 2024.

STATION F

will host FrancoTech, the trade fair for innovation in French, on 3 and 4 October 2024. It will bring together the community of Francophone entrepreneurs.

The influence of French around the world

A strategic issue

A global influence network

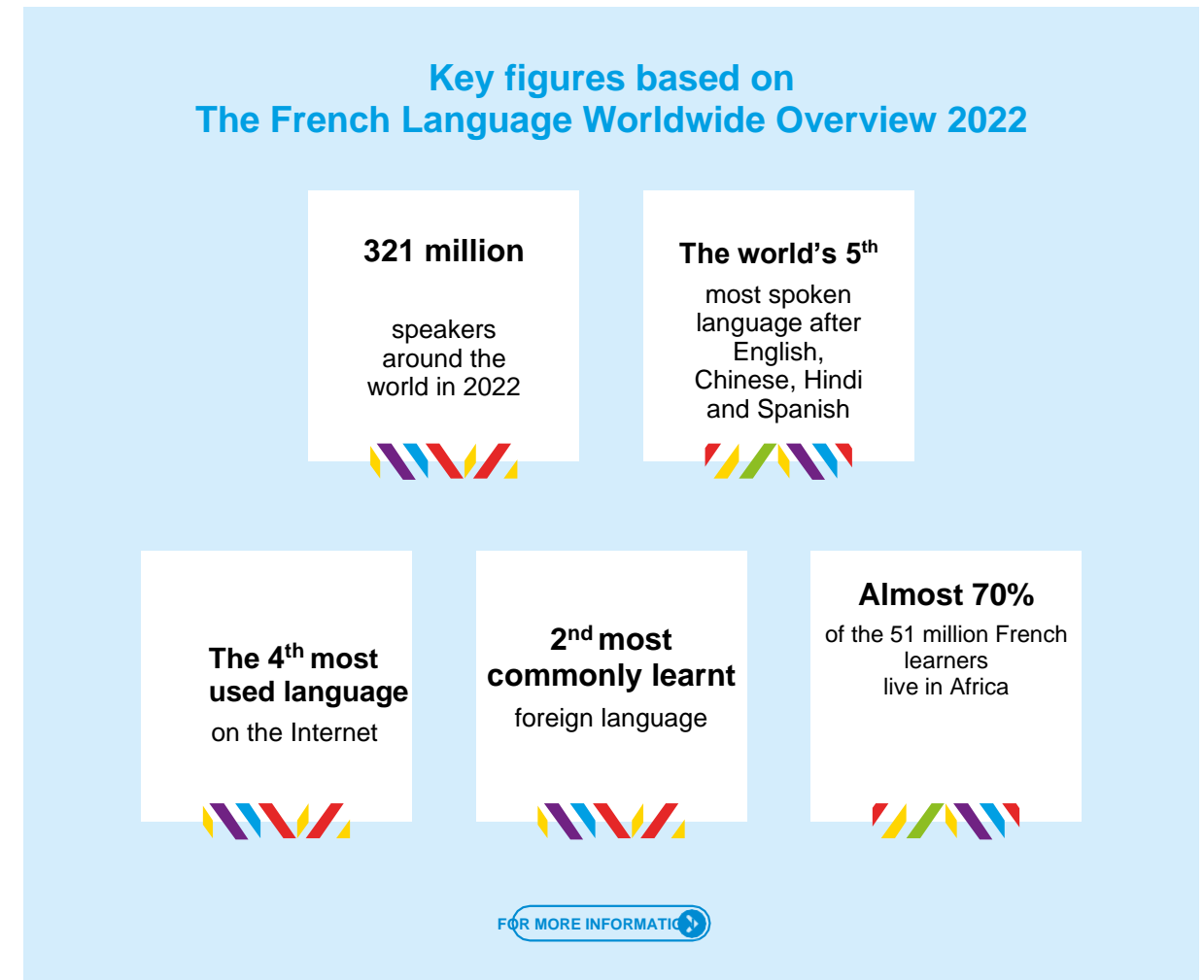
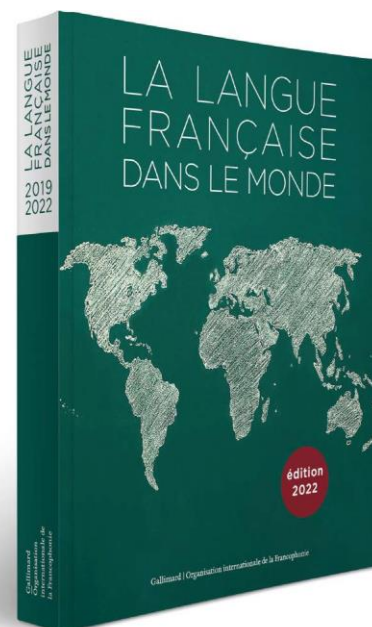
French is spoken by 321 million people around the world, a figure set to reach 750 million by 2070, with a high concentration of people in Africa, where currently 60% of French-speakers live. French is currently the world's fifth most spoken language, and the fourth most used online.

Key action

- **Cultural economy:** The OIF supports creators, particularly young people and women, in promoting cultural diversity and boosting local economies in the Francophone world.
- **International influence:** The OIF promotes the use of French in international institutions, strengthening its presence in key areas such as education, politics and digital technology.

The Observatoire de la Langue Française

The Observatoire de la Langue Française plays a key role in providing strategic strategies and analyses on the use of French around the world, enabling the OIF to adapt its work to increase the use of French in the educational, diplomatic and economic sectors.



A new strategy to strengthen the position of French internationally

Following the adoption of the Declaration on the French language and the linguistic diversity of French-speaking countries by the Heads of State and Government at the Djerba Summit (2022), the OIF has adapted its organizational mechanisms to better respond to these issues.

In a now decentralized approach, the OIF is working to further the French language by covering all aspects of the Francophone world in order to take account of all linguistic realities.

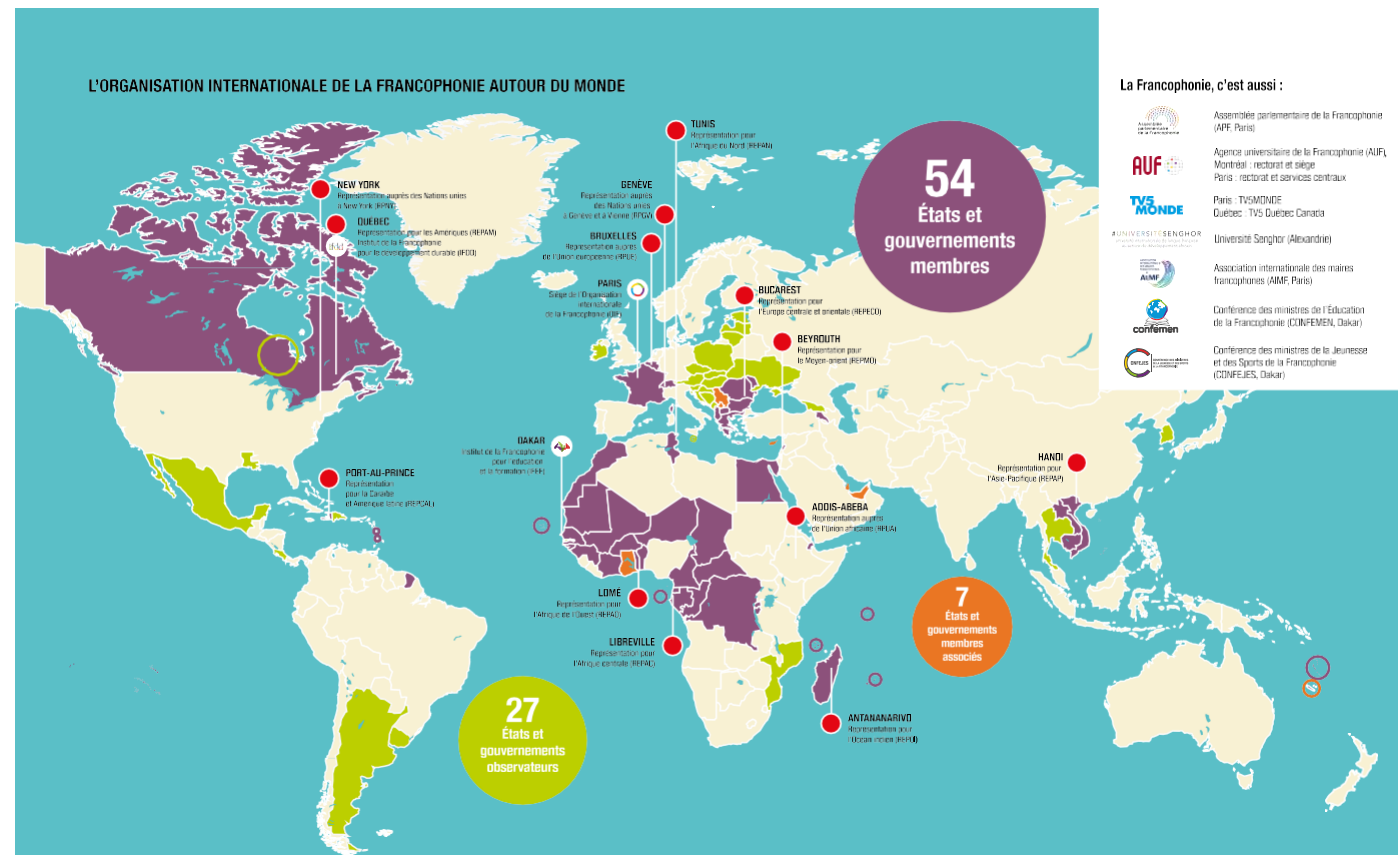
With a network of thirteen external representations across Francophonie's regions and diplomatic capitals, the OIF is constantly politically advocating for the French language and multilingualism within international and regional bodies.

In Quebec, the OIF representation houses the Observatoire de la Langue Française, a go-to forum for collaborating with multiple academic partners to undertake studies and provide statistics and projections regarding the French language, as well as periodically carrying out voluntary reviews of members in these areas.

And since high-quality French-language education is a prerequisite for increasing the number of French speakers, the OIF has a Francophonie Institute for Education and Training (IFEFF) in Dakar for countries where French is the main language, as well as a Decentralized Directorate for French-Language Teaching and Learning (DEAF) in Djibouti and three regional centres (Sofia, Ho Chi Minh City, Djibouti) for countries where French is a foreign language.

At its headquarters in Paris, the OIF has thematic directorates for supporting the vibrancy of the French language in the areas of culture, democratic governance, the economy and digital technology.

The Internationale Organisation of La Francophonie around the world



The International Organisation of La Francophonie (OIF) has set up a network of external representations which play a crucial role in supporting its political, diplomatic and cooperation work on the ground.

This network, which has grown as the OIF has developed, is an essential strategic lever for Francophonie against a changing international context backdrop.

The OIF has overhauled its external representations, which was approved in 2019 at the Ministerial Conference of La Francophonie (CMF) in Monaco, at the initiative of the Secretary General of La Francophonie. The Secretary General made a point of appointing high-profile officials to head external representations, while ensuring genuine parity and balance in terms of geographical background, thus reflecting the diversity of the Francophone world. Since then, the regional offices have been converted into diplomatic representations across the world, covering key areas like Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas.

These representations play a key role in political advocacy by promoting the French language and multilingualism to major international institutions, while hosting decentralized cooperation projects in areas such as sustainable tourism and digital governance.

OIF representations are located at key diplomatic crossroads like Geneva, Brussels, New York and Addis Ababa, where they promote the French language among major multilateral organizations (the UN, the European Union, the African Union, etc.). This strategic position enables the OIF to have greater influence in global discussions on issues like democracy, human rights and sustainable development.

Key missions of external representations

1. Diplomatic representation

Representations act as the diplomatic arms of the Secretary General of La Francophonie, Louise Mushikiwabo, facilitating relations with local, state and institutional stakeholders. They play a major role in terms of communication and the influence of OIF positions in the international arena.

2. Global influence and Francophone networks

Representations manage and coordinate a network of over 80 groups of Francophone ambassadors around the world, enabling the OIF to defend its priorities in international forums and assess democratic practices, human rights and the state of the French language.

3. Implementing local programmes

In close collaboration with local governments and partners, these representations run concrete projects to meet the needs of Francophone populations, whether they be educational, cultural or economic programmes.

The OIF's global presence

The representations cover key Francophone regions:

Africa: Lomé, Togo (West Africa), Libreville, Gabon (Central Africa), Tunis, Tunisia (North Africa)

Americas and Caribbean: Quebec, Canada (Americas), Port-au-Prince, Haiti (Caribbean)

Asia-Pacific: Hanoi, Vietnam

Middle East: Beirut, Lebanon (Middle East)

Europe: Bucharest, Romania (Central Europe)

These representations are supported by specialized bodies such as:

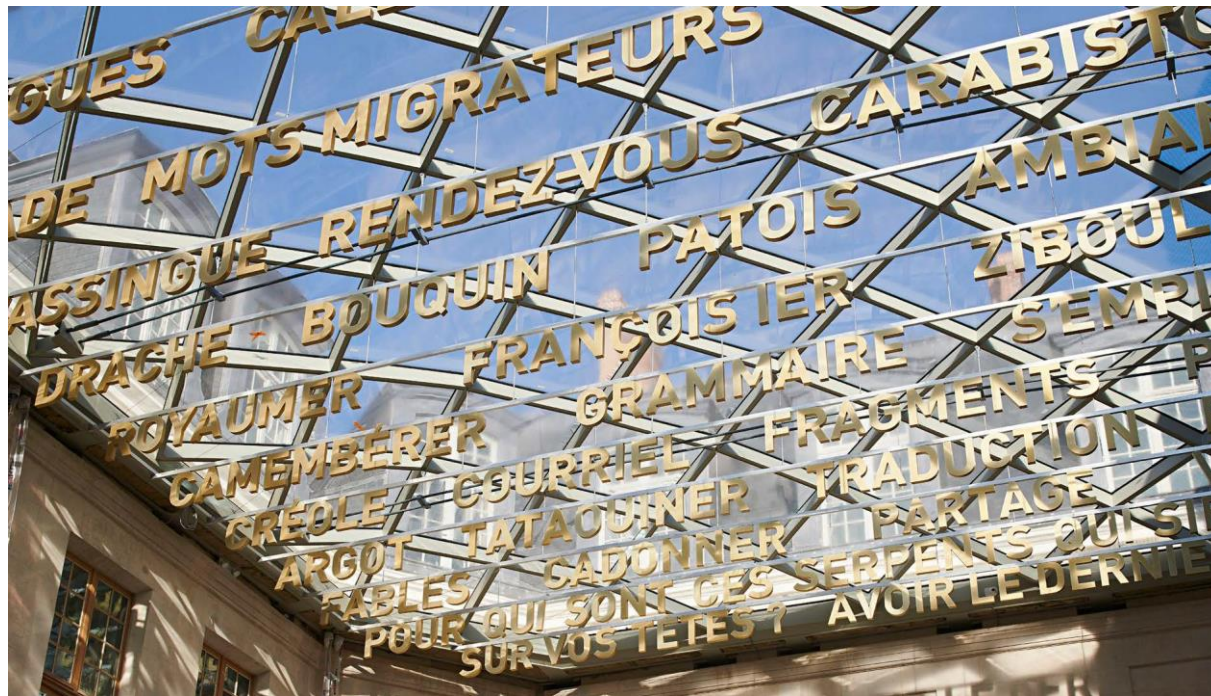
Regional centres for French-language learning: in Asia (Vietnam), Central Europe (Bulgaria) and Africa (Djibouti).

Specialized institutes: the Francophonie Institute for Sustainable Development (IFDD) in Quebec and the Francophonie Institute for Education and Training (IFEFE) in Dakar

Stakeholders of the Charter of La Francophonie



The Cité Internationale de la Langue Française



Opened on 30 October 2023 by the President of the French Republic, the Cité Internationale de la Langue Française, at the heart of the restored Château de Villers-Cotterêts, is a cultural and living space entirely dedicated to the French language in all its diversity, to the languages of France and the cultures of the Francophone world. It encourages visitors to question, interpret, enrich and expand the language to share it in all its plurality: French is a language of hospitality, diversity and innovation.

In 1539, King Francis I signed the Ordinance of Villers-Cotterêts, granting the French language official status. The Cité is the world's first permanent structure entirely dedicated to the French language and Francophone culture. The permanent visit was designed under the scientific coordination of Xavier North, Delegate General for the French Language and the Languages of France of the Ministry of Culture from 2004 to 2014, with the participation of Barbara Cassin, chief curator, philologist and member of the Académie Française, Zeev Gourarier, former scientific director and director of collections at the Museum of Civilizations of Europe and the Mediterranean in Marseille and Hassane Kassi Kouyaté, director of the *Les Francophonies: des écritures à la scène* festival in Limoges.

Throughout the year, the Cité provides an extensive cultural programme focusing on discovering the French language in all its forms (e.g. music, theatre, cinema). Today, it is a museum, a residence, a place of artistic outreach, but also of training, dissemination, social and community support and a space to spend time exploring the French language.



The Château de Villers-Cotterêts in the Aisne department, northern France

It was in 2018 that the President of the French Republic asked the National Monuments Centre to restore it in order to house the Cité Internationale de la Langue Française.

A jewel of the Renaissance and one of the few royal residences in Picardy, the château of King Francis I of France in Villers-Cotterêts has had a variety of uses: it became state property at the time of the Revolution, it was converted into a workhouse by Napoleon, both a prison and a hospice.

The birthplace of Alexandre Dumas, Villers-Cotterêts is located 10km from La Ferté-Milon where Racine was born, 40km from Château-Thierry, birthplace of La Fontaine, 35km from Villeneuve-sur-Fère, the home town of Paul and Camille Claudel and 40km from Ermenonville, where Jean-Jacques Rousseau died.

Converted into a retirement home in 1889, it subsequently deteriorated, gradually falling into disrepair and was ultimately entirely abandoned in 2014.

www.cite-langue-francaise.fr/en

The Francophonie Village

A space for sharing and diversity

At the upcoming Francophonie Summit from 2 to 6 October, the Francophonie Village will be set up in the heart of the Centquatre, an iconic cultural space in Paris. This Village will showcase the Member States and stakeholders of the Charter of La Francophonie, which will have pavilions there, and will offer a free, interactive platform open to the public in celebration of the linguistic, cultural and artistic diversity of the Francophone world.



The Francophonie Pavilion

The Francophonie Pavilion, located in the heart of the Village facing the French Pavilion, will have an extensive programme reflecting the vibrancy of the Francophone world. On the agenda:

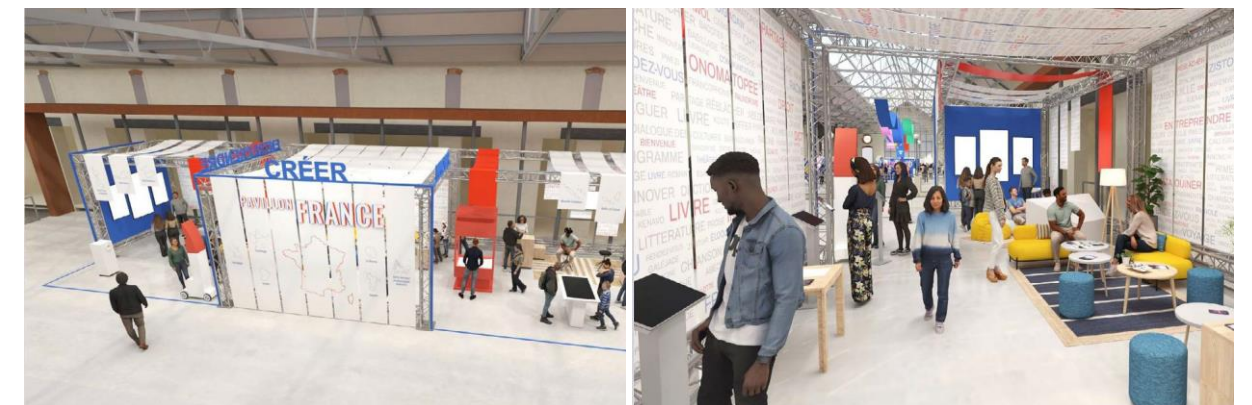
- **“The Assembly”**: conferences, panels and round tables to discuss major global issues such as education, culture, entrepreneurship and digital technology.
- **“Francophone inspirations”**: interactive chats with creators, thinkers and innovators sharing their thoughts on modern-day challenges.
- **Artistic performances**: concerts, film screenings and shows will demonstrate the creativity of Francophone artists.

🕒 The detailed programme of all activities at the Francophonie Pavilion will soon be published on the OIF website and social media.



The French Pavilion

Designed in partnership with the Institut Français, the French Pavilion will honour innovation and creativity. Visitors will be able to touch, see, hear and interact with exhibits to discover comics with soundtracks and augmented reality books in the reading room, games, innovative applications, virtual reality experiences developed by French studios at the VR hub, original Creole-based sound tracks by Simone Lagrand, as well as further works at the Cité Internationale de la Langue Française, while enjoying Serge Bloch’s laughing boxes and regional and overseas-territory languages by climbing aboard the mobile language lab.



Pavilions for countries and provinces

With a fictitious passport which they can stamp each time, visitors can explore the national pavilions, immersing themselves in a variety of cultures and exploring the geographic, cultural and culinary delights of the countries and provinces on show.

Over 29 countries and provinces from 5 continents

Andorra, Armenia, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, France, Greece, Kosovo, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Morocco, New Brunswick, Ontario,

Qatar, Quebec, Romania, Rwanda, Serbia, Switzerland, Tunisia, Vietnam, Wallonia-Brussels...

A central stage for daily shows and performances

A dedicated performance hall will offer a multidisciplinary programme, including a multi-country dance show, plays, comedy and films.

Under the great nave and in the former stables at the Centquatre, two public spaces will host meetings, conferences and performances with inspiring artists and celebrities invited by the countries themselves. Exhibitions by contemporary Francophone artists and featuring ancient arts combining photos, sculptures and costumes will be on display for visitors.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Wednesday, 2 October from 3 to 7 p.m.
From Thursday 3 to Sunday 6 October, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Access to the Centquatre:
5 Rue Palatine – 75019 Paris

ON THE SIDELINES OF THE SUMMIT

The Francophonie Festival: Making a Better World



From 2 to 6 October 2024, Making a Better World, the Francophonie Festival is an invitation to discover Francophone cultures and societies and meet the people who are creating and constructing the Francophonie of today and the future.

The Gaité Lyrique Theatre (Paris, 3rd arrondissement) will be at the heart of the Festival. There will be a programme of associated events at the Cité Internationale de la Langue Française in Villiers-Cotterêts, the Conciergerie, the Institut de France, the National Library of France (BnF), the Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie, the Alliance Française in Paris and at 30 monuments managed by the National Monuments Centre all over France.

La Francophonie: a force for change in the world

Making a Better World, the Francophonie Festival celebrates Francophonie as a force for change in the world: a vibrant Francophonie, embodied by women and men from all over the world, inspired by and driving forward innovations and projects, a forward-looking Francophonie open to multilingual world, permanently interacting with other languages.

A multidisciplinary programme which is as inclusive as possible, to discover Francophone creativity in all its richness and diversity

This festival is for everyone, with particular focus on younger generations. Exhibitions, concerts, debates, performances, live shows, comedy, conversations, film screenings, gastronomy, cultural workshops and meetings with many Francophone celebrities from all over the world will make up a very exciting programme.



Families, students, schoolchildren and professionals will be invited to experience the dynamism, the artistic and cultural vibrancy and diversity of Francophonie, to view societal issues through the French language and to look at the opportunities it can offer, both personally and professionally, to people all over the world, regardless of their age or profession.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

From Wednesday, 2 October to Sunday, 6 October, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., excluding late-night events

Late-night events in the auditorium and grande salle every evening, upon reservation.

Access to the Gaité Lyrique Theatre:
3 bis, rue Papin – 75003 Paris

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FrancoTech: the trade fair for innovation in French



**FrancoTech et espace francophone :
créer, innover, entreprendre en français !**

Paris, 3 et 4 octobre à Station F

FrancoTech will be held in Paris on 3 and 4 October at STATION F, at the initiative of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs and in partnership with Business France and the Alliance of Francophone Employers. It aims to promote innovation in French, strengthen the Francophone economic space and foster business contacts.

1,500 professionals, delegations and entrepreneurs from almost 100 countries will meet to stimulate innovation, partnerships and success in French.

Five themes will be explored in panels, thematic workshops, business meetings and an exhibition space:

- **Artificial intelligence:** Explore opportunities and challenges linked to the development of digital technologies, data security and AI integration in the businesses and medical sectors of the Francophone world.
- **Energy transition:** Encourage discussion of solutions and initiatives to speed up the energy transition in Francophone countries, with a focus on developing green hydrogen and the countries' decarbonization goals.
- **Human capital:** Highlight education and training initiatives aimed at developing Francophone talent in strategic sectors, focusing on young people and gender equality.
- **Development:** Explore the challenges and opportunities of food security, logistics, transport and infrastructure in the Francophone economic environment.
- **Financing innovation:** Put forward financing solutions for businesses and measures aimed at supporting investors in Francophone countries.



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