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The Centre d'études collégiales de Carleton recognized at the international level

Ottawa, November 17, 2004. The UNEVOC International Centre for Technical and Vocational Education and Training, housed under the Education Sector at UNESCO, has nominated the Centre d'études collégiales de Carleton to join its network as a UNEVOC Associate Centre.

The organization plays an important role in the planning, research, and development of TVET (technical and vocational education and training) and of education for the world of work. A total of 238 UNEVOC Centres and Associate Centres from 157 of UNESCO's Member States have established links with the objective of developing best practices and innovative approaches in the field of TVET.

At the moment, only the University of Manitoba and Laval University are members of the UNEVOC network in Canada. The Centre d'études collégiales de Carleton is therefore the only Canadian college or CEGEP to become part of this network.

Mr. David A. Walden, Secretary-General of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, is very pleased with the college's designation as a UNEVOC Associate Centre. Mr. Walden maintains that "it is essential to build skills and encourage involvement that takes into account the issues that will impact the long term future of the economy and society".

The Canadian Commission for UNESCO's role is to act as a forum for governments and civil society and to catalyze the participation of Canadian organizations and committed individuals in UNESCO's mandated areas: education, natural and social sciences, culture and communication. UNESCO is the only agency of the United Nations System to have National Commissions performing this role in each of its Member States.

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