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Outcomes of the 48th Ministerial Conference of La Francophonie
Phnom Penh, 14 November 2026

On 14 November 2026, the Kingdom of Cambodia hosted the 48th Ministerial Conference of La Francophonie (48th CMF) in Phnom Penh, with the participation of delegations from 83 members of the International Organisation of La Francophonie (OIF). The Conference was chaired by His Excellency **PRAK Sokhonn**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

The 48th CMF reviewed the OIF's work since the last meeting, exchanged views on several issues of common interest within the OIF community, prepared key documents and recommendations for consideration by the 20th Francophonie Summit, scheduled to take place in Phnom Penh on 15–16 November 2026, under the theme "**Reinvesting in Peace for Shared Prosperity and Lasting Stability**". The Conference finalized three documents for adoption by the Summit, namely:

- **The Phnom Penh Declaration,** which sets out the shared vision of the Francophone community and the direction for stronger cooperation, solidarity, peace and sustainable development among member states and governments.
- **The Phnom Penh Appeal on the Protection of Cultural Heritage and the Promotion of Cultural Diversity,** which underlines the value of safeguarding cultural heritage and promoting diversity as the foundation for mutual understanding and peaceful coexistence.

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- **Resolution on Crisis Situations, Crisis Recovery and Peacebuilding**, which reaffirms the role of La Francophonie in conflict prevention, the peaceful settlement of disputes and crisis management. It emphasizes respect for the Charter of the United Nations, international law, and the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States. The Resolution highlighted concern over Cambodia-Thailand border situation and called for the full implementation of the Joint Declaration of 27 December 2025, including the early resumption of survey and demarcation work by the Joint Boundary Commission (JBC), and the enabling conditions for internally displaced people to return to their homes.

The Conference also considered favourably the applications of Saint Kitts and Nevis and the Canadian province of Manitoba for Observer status, for decision by the Summit. It reviewed the institutional, administrative, financial and operational affairs of the OIF, and stressed transparency, accountability and efficiency. It also supported the candidature of the Republic of Benin to host the next ordinary session of the Ministerial Conference in 2027.

Hosting the 48th Ministerial Conference of La Francophonie (CMF) and the 20th Francophonie Summit marks an important milestone in Cambodia's engagement with the Francophone community. Cambodia's presidency reflects the Royal Government's strong commitment to multilateral diplomacy and dialogue, the peaceful settlement of disputes, and the promotion of peace, mutual respect, equality, and win-win cooperation. It also underscores Cambodia's commitment to strengthening ties with Francophone countries across five continents, preserving cultural heritage, promoting cultural diversity and linguistic cooperation, and building a stronger, more united, and more responsive Francophonie.

Phnom Penh, 15 November 2026