CMEC STRATEGIC PLAN, 2017–21

VISION
Provinces and territories benefit from cooperation on the provision of high-quality, equitable education opportunities for all Canadians throughout their lives.

MISSION
Provide provinces and territories with a forum for discussion and a vehicle for collective action in education.

POLICY
Foster high-performing, responsive, equitable, and accessible education systems.

1.1 Analyze issues affecting early-childhood and elementary-secondary education in Canada to inform policy discussions.

1.2 Analyze issues affecting postsecondary education and adult learning and skills development in Canada to inform policy discussions.

1.3 Develop pan-Canadian Indigenous education initiatives to respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s Call to Action No. 63.

PROGRAMS
Coordinate value-added and cost-effective programs and services.

2.1 Coordinate pan-Canadian and international student and adult assessment programs.

2.2 Support the development and analysis of pan-Canadian education data and indicators, and coordinate Canadian participation in UNESCO and OECD education indicators work.

2.3 Coordinate pan-Canadian minority-language and second-language instruction programs and initiatives across the country.

2.4 Support the assessment and recognition of qualifications and Canada’s obligations under the Lisbon Recognition Convention.

INTERNATIONAL
Facilitate strategic international dialogue and partnerships in education.

3.1 Represent provinces and territories in international education-related meetings and on the world stage and contribute to international strategic discussions on education.

3.2 Work collaboratively, as needed, with the federal government to promote Canada as a top-tier destination for international students; encourage Canadians to study abroad.

GOVERNANCE
Provide provinces and territories with an effective and relevant intergovernmental education forum.

4.1 Communicate the collective views of provincial and territorial ministers of education to interested parties, decision-makers, and the general public.

4.2 Provide ministers of education with a variety of venues for the discussion of issues in education.

4.3 Practise good stewardship of public monies to ensure CMEC is a financially sound, transparent organization.