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The founders had many objectives:

True global representation, through membership of the greatest number of countries in which Catholic education was organized.

Recognition from other I.C.O. (International Catholic Organizations) and active participation in their meetings.

Recognition from the United Nations and their specialized services: UNESCO, ECOSOC, UNICEF, FAO, Conseil de l'Europe, etc.

Reinforcing the internal structure of the Office itself.

FOUNDED IN 1952



OIEC is an international Catholic organization with the following aims:

- To participate in the Church's mission to promote a worldwide Catholic-inspired educational project.
- To promote research on the specific contribution of Catholic school to the field of education and on the school's adaptation to the needs, realities and aspirations of the environment in which it is integrated.
- To promote the creation, alongside schools and educational institutions, of "Educational Communities" in which all partners work together responsibly, for educational and cultural progress, as well as on developing the evangelical spirit, by bringing special attention to the deprived and welcoming, with respect to conscience, all those who put their trust in this school.
- To create and develop links of mutual assistance and active, responsible solidarity amongst members.
- To serve as a network of exchange amongst members for their own information and that of educators, by means of developing communication.
- To collaborate with the bodies of the universal Church, with the Episcopal conferences and other international Catholic education organizations.
- To ensure the representation of Catholic Education in international bodies, particularly those concerned with education.
- To defend and promote the active exercise of freedom of education in accordance with distributive justice, and to foster relations of mutual recognition and association between Catholic education and the countries in which it exists.

HOW WE OPERATE

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Composed of all the associated constituent members, it is the Office's most important body. It meets every four years.

THE COUNCIL

Formed by 24 voting members, representing all regions, it is elected by the General Assembly. The Council elects its President and Vice-Presidents. A body for reflection and deliberation, it oversees the General Assembly's decisions. It meets once a year.

THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Elected by the General Assembly, he organizes and directs the General Secretariat, the Office's executive body. He coordinates and motivates the activity of the Regional Secretariats and Permanent Representations. He represents the Office in its external relations.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARIES

Motivate the Office's activities at a regional level. The regions are Africa, with headquarters in Yaoundé (Cameroon); Americas, with headquarters in Bogotá (Colombia); Asia and Oceania, with headquarters in New Delhi (India); Europe, with headquarters in Brussels (Belgium) and the Near and Middle East, with headquarters in Beirut (Lebanon).



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A WORLWIDE NETWORK OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

- About 210 000 Schools in the World, in 107 countries
- About 50 millions of Students
- A Network represented before the UN (ECOSOC) in Geneva and New York, before the UNESCO (Paris) and before the Council of Europe (Strasbourg).





Facilitation of regional and sub regional meetings between members

Support of regional secretariats

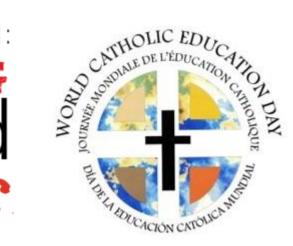
Support and representation of members data exchange

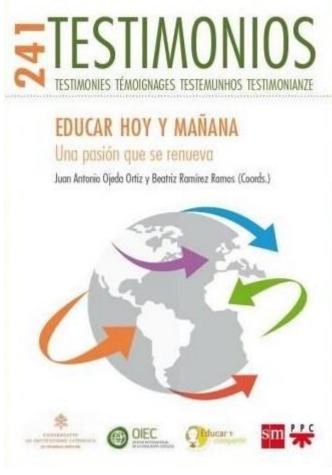
Definition and animation of projects for members

Organization of a World Congress every four years

CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

walking forward together









CHRIST'S CALL: to love, to be, to do KO TĀ TE KARAITI KARANGA: kia aroha, kia tūturu, kia ora.

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