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Orbicom is a specialized trilingual (English- French-Spanish) UNESCO network with advisory status to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). It consists of 30 chairs in communication and 250 associate members in 73 countries with specialists in communication, ICTs for international development, journalism, public relations, communication law, etc.

Objective

The network was launched in 1994 through an agreement between UNESCO and the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) to promote the development of communication using a multidisciplinary approach. It is a tool to help knowledge exchange among international communication specialists. It undertakes major research projects through its secretariat. Its headquarters and secretariat are housed at UQAM.

Mission

Orbicom's mission stems from UNESCO's mandate to promote the wellbeing of populations through strategic communication and responsible cultural development.

Orbicom's vision is to develop a worldwide network dedicated to academics in the field of communication and specialists who are constantly improving their use of communications for local, regional and global human development.

Orbicom's members are characterized by their commitment to the following values:

- Excellence;
- Professionalism;
- Commitment to the principles of fairness, justice and impartiality.

Current projects

Digital Transformation: Seeking Applied Frameworks and Indicators

Statistical Compilation of the ICT Sector and Policy Analysis

The Open Crowd-Sourced Online Digital Review of Asia Pacific

Communication for Development

Communication and Governance