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ICOLD ON THE FRONT LINE FOR DEVELOPMENT

At the beginning of 2007, with high water levels in the Pacific, the challenges are multiplied. It has resulted in the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) to be achieved by 2015. Different international agencies (UNEP, FAO, etc.) are still on being asked to improve water in drinking water and food security, but there are no sufficient resources, and there are significant needs, mainly in Sub-Saharan Africa, where all types of actions have to be taken rapidly.

The case of Africa is well known. Twenty per cent of the population lives in urban areas without water supply, the high, the Great Rift, the Nile, the Congo, and the Niger. This situation continues with less than 7% of the hydroelectric potential is exploited in the continent. Available in water resources are not a real challenge for the continent.

Today the world water and electricity problems is a multidimensional one, and it requires a multi-faceted approach. It is important to have a strong and strong management of the dam and water resources (large, medium and small) are very different and require specific management on the understanding that they must be considered as a part of a multi-faceted approach, and not only as a single entity. This is the only way to ensure the sustainability of the dam and the people.

It is therefore the aim and mission of ICOLD to promote and develop ideas and techniques in the developing world. Africa being the priority. ICOLD and its 88 National Committees represent more than 1000 years of experience, with more than 1000 professionals and experts in the field of dams. There are also 12 Technical Committees, in which approximately 100 experts participate, regardless of the knowledge base of the countries or technical, economic, social and environmental nature or purposes of the dams. Through ICOLD, we have a global, international organization, government and other staff participants, to help achieve the sustainable development vision.

ICOLD should be able to assist in the development of the dam. This is why we are working on a program to improve the dam, and we are looking for cooperation with local and national organizations. On the other hand, there are some activities in the field of water and we hope to see you in our next ICOLD activities.

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