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ICOLD ON THE FRONT LINE FOR DEVELOPMENT

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As the beginning of 2007 ends, high water marks in the growth challenges that **ICOLD** has met in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) will be achieved by 2015. Different international agencies (UNEP, UNEP, UNEP, UNEP) are being asked to improve water in drinking water and food security, but there are no sufficient resources, and there are significant water security in Sub-Saharan Africa where all types of water have to be often scarce.

The use of dams is well known. Twenty years ago the population lives in isolation, with almost no connectivity. The High, The Great Wall, The World's Cup, and The Olympic. This situation continues with less than 7% of the hydroelectric potential is exploited in the region. Available in both the water sector and a wide range of other sectors (energy, irrigation, flood control, etc.).

Today the world water and electricity problems is a multifaceted one, and it requires a multi-faceted approach. The Integrated Water Resources and Energy Management (IWRM) approach is the most effective way to manage water and energy. It is based on the principle that water is a common good, and it should be managed in a way that is equitable and efficient. It is based on the principle that water is a common good, and it should be managed in a way that is equitable and efficient. It is based on the principle that water is a common good, and it should be managed in a way that is equitable and efficient.

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It is through the use and extension of ICOLD to promote and develop water and hydroelectric in the developing world. Africa being the priority. ICOLD and its 88 National Committees represent more than 100 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, responsible for the development, design of the structures or technical, economic, social and environmental impact or performance. Through ICOLD, we have a global network of professionals, 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 together to improve ICOLD, and to be a global leader in cooperation with United Nations organizations. On the global water forum, we have a unique role and we hope to be able to support ICOLD activities.

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