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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.) have been working to improve water in drinking water and food security, but there are no sufficient resources, and there are significant risks, mainly in Sub-Saharan Africa, where all types of water have to be better managed.

The case of Africa is well known. Twenty years ago the population lives in famine, with extreme consequences. The Nile, the Congo River, the Nile's Nile, and the Nile in Africa. This situation continues until now. 70% of the population is in a situation of extreme poverty. It is a situation that is not sustainable.

Today the world water and electricity problems is a multidimensional one, and it requires a multi-faceted approach. It is required that the water and energy management, all types of projects (water and energy), and the management of the water and energy resources (large, medium and small) are more efficient and effective. It is necessary to ensure that the water and energy resources are managed in an integrated manner, and that they are managed in an integrated manner. It is necessary to ensure that the water and energy resources are managed in an integrated manner, and that they are managed in an integrated manner.

It is therefore the aim and mission of ICOLD to promote and develop water and hydro-power in the developing world. Africa being the priority. ICOLD and its 80 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 500 experts participate, supported by the knowledge base of the five centers for technical, scientific, social and environmental studies in permanent use. Through ICOLD, we develop public, environmental, organizational, governmental and other staff activities, to help achieve the sustainable development vision.

ICOLD should be able to assist member countries in accomplishing their vision. This is why we are working together to improve ICOLD's activities and policies, holding the cooperation with United Nations organizations. On the public relations front, our main activities in 2007 will be to help to improve ICOLD's activities.

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