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ICOLD has already achieved significant work in spreading dam technology and helping the development of future generations of dams worldwide. As dams are still important structures with millions of people and jobs at stake, it is the world's best technology and know-how based source of dam safety and reliability.

We believe that there is an untapped role in improving the development of the dam sector through regulatory, operation and hydroelectricity. In many instances, there is a need for advice and assistance. Taking into account that certain advice on dam safety, operation and maintenance is the responsibility of ICOLD, one of them is the creation of new member countries in the European and Latin America ICOLD committees. It is a member state that we can support the member countries will apply the knowledge in the Executive Director Office.

Another action is related to the creation of a new and large water works in the field of dam safety through ICOLD or ICOLD.

Moreover, the members of the technical bodies are often language barriers in the official English and French. In some countries, these bodies have been organized in Spanish, Portuguese and Chinese. We are looking for new member states in Europe and Africa. Moreover, we have the technical qualified from other languages, we will be creating a new large program of the population of the world. In a meeting with representatives of other member countries on improving dam safety, that is, to get the relevant contribution of several experienced engineers. ICOLD could help the organization of "The Engineers without Borders" that could provide work the situation of high need, as for instance, related to the safety of dams.

You have not been too important to contribute to capacity building in the developing countries.

I have visited to several people and countries about creating a school in Brazil to train dam safety engineers. Brazil could be an ideal location because there is enough knowledge to be transferred and the cost of living is cheap. Many National Committees of ICOLD have been organized in parallel meetings, regular biennial. Organizations have already reached an agreement of ICOLD with the Turkish Committee (TICOLD) and the Chinese one (CICOLD) in terms of dam safety. Implementing different actions will certainly make ICOLD make a significant contribution to the well-being of the world and become an essential one in our world since it is needed.

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