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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, sanitation, 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 Nile, the Congo River, the Niger, the Volta, and the Ethiopian. This situation continues with less than 7% of the hydroelectric potential is exploited in the continent. Available in such a context, water is not a commodity for the poor people.

During the world water and electricity problems in a globalized context, and it is necessary to make the benefits of the Integrated Water Resources and Energy Management. All kinds of projects are being carried out for regional, national, and international. In order to promote water sector reform, the regional, national, and international agencies are working together. The main goal is to ensure that the dam and water supply systems are safe and reliable and that they are used in a sustainable way. The main goal is to ensure that the dam and water supply systems are safe and reliable and that they are used in a sustainable way.

It is therefore the aim and mission of ICOLD to promote and develop dam and hydropower in the developing world. Africa being the priority. ICOLD and its 88 National Committees represent more than 100 countries, with more than 1000 professionals and experts in the field of dams. There are also 12 Technical Commissions, in which approximately 100 experts participate, supported by the knowledge base of the 400 centers or technical centers, local and international centers or programs in the field. Through ICOLD, we have a global network of professionals, governments and other stakeholders 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 projects in Africa, and we are looking for cooperation with local and national organizations. On the global level, there are some activities in study and we hope to see you in our next ICOLD activities.

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