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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 lives 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 industry through education, research and hydroelectricity. In many circumstances, there cannot be sufficient water in the dams. Taking into account that water is a scarce resource, we are focusing our attention on the management of ICOLD's use of dams in the situation of new member countries in the European and Latin America ICOLD's responsibility is to coordinate with the use of dam safety and dam safety committee will apply the knowledge in the Dam Safety Education Working.

As dam safety is a global problem, it is important to have a global dam safety committee, either through ICOLD or through.

Moreover, the members of the technical bodies have often language barriers in the official English and French. It is important to have technical bodies that speak Spanish, Portuguese and Chinese. We are working to have committees that speak and listen. Moreover, we have the technical committee that also speaks, we will be working to have large programs 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 contributions of several experienced engineers. ICOLD could help the organization of "The Dam Safety Education Working" that would provide work the situation of high level, as for instance, related to the safety of dams.

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

I have visited to several people and countries about creating a school in Brazil to have research, dam safety. 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 approved in previous meetings, especially from Africa. Representatives have already visited in agreement of ICOLD with the Turkish Committee (TICOLD) and the Chinese Committee (CICOLD) in the City of Madrid. Implementing education 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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