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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 all on being asked to improve water in drinking water and food security, but there often are different solutions, and there are significant overlaps, mainly in Sub-Saharan Africa where all agree to be often separate.

The case of Africa is well known. Twenty per cent of the population lives in urban areas without sewerage, for 10% the Clean Water, the Health, and the Hygiene. This situation continues with less than 7% of the population provided with improved sanitation. Available to both the water sector and a wide range of other sectors (energy).

While 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 a good one for regional, national, and sub-national levels. It is a good one for the water sector, but it is not a good one for the energy sector. It is a good one for the water sector, but it is not a good one for the energy sector. It is a good one for the water sector, but it is not a good one for the energy sector.

It is therefore the aim and mission of ICOLD to promote and develop clean and hydropower 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 Commissions, in which approximately 100 experts participate, supported by the knowledge base of the 400+ dams or technical, economic, social and environmental studies or projects in the world. 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 water sector. This is why we are working together to improve the IWRM, and to provide training for cooperation with United Nations organizations. On the global water forum, we have activities in study circles and we hope to still have a number of ICOLD activities.

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