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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 security, 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 high, the Great Rift, the Nile, the Congo, and the Niger. This situation continues with less than 7% of the hydroelectric potential is exploited in the continent. Available in water resources are not a real challenge for the continent.**

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**ICOLD** is a member of the ICOLD network of ICOLD in general and develops ideas and programmes in the developing world. Africa being the priority ICOLD and its 33 National Committees support great human projects, with more than 1000 professionals and experts in the field of dams. There are also 12 Technical Committees, in which approximately 100 experts participate, especially in the development, from the design to the technical, economic, social and environmental impact or performance. 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 continent. This is why we are looking for partners to support ICOLD, and we are looking for cooperation with United Nations organizations. On the global relations level, we have activities in study and we hope to still work in support of ICOLD activities.

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