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INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION  
ON LARGE DAMS



CSIRO LAND AND WATER  
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## The role of infrastructures meeting needs in the Basins

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“Role of dams in the development of River Basins”

- Today the International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD-CIGB) remains the world's **leading non-governmental international organisation** that provides a forum for the exchange of knowledge and experience in dam engineering.

- ICOLD is now focused on the **dissemination** of dam technology for the betterment of the developing countries.

- ICOLD leads the profession in setting standards and guidelines to ensure that dams are built and operated **safely, efficiently, economically, and are environmentally sustainable and socially equitable**



**ICOLD was established in Paris on 6th July 1928.**

88 member countries

>10,000 individual members

over 500 international experts in 24 Technical Committees

>140 publications

<80-90's



Structural measures

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Non structural measures  
Just management

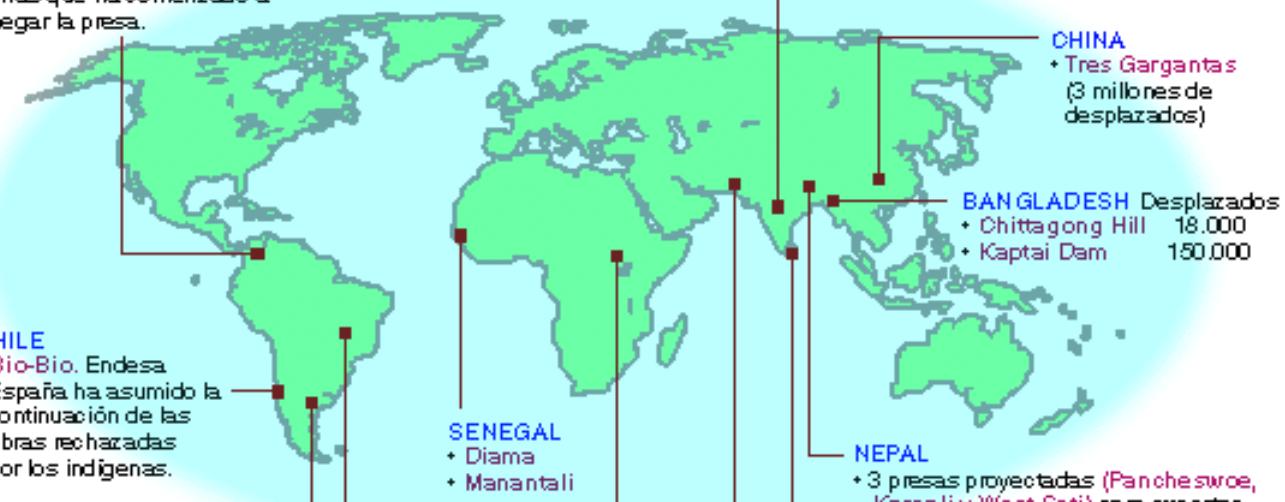
## Las presas más conflictivas del mundo

### Presas en el mundo

+ Existentes	800.000	Cada año se ven desplazadas cuatro millones de personas
De grandes dimensiones	45.000	
+ En construcción	1.600	

### COLOMBIA

- + **Emberá-Katio** Los indígenas no aceptan las indemnizaciones. Consideran sagradas las tierras que ha comenzado a anegar la presa.

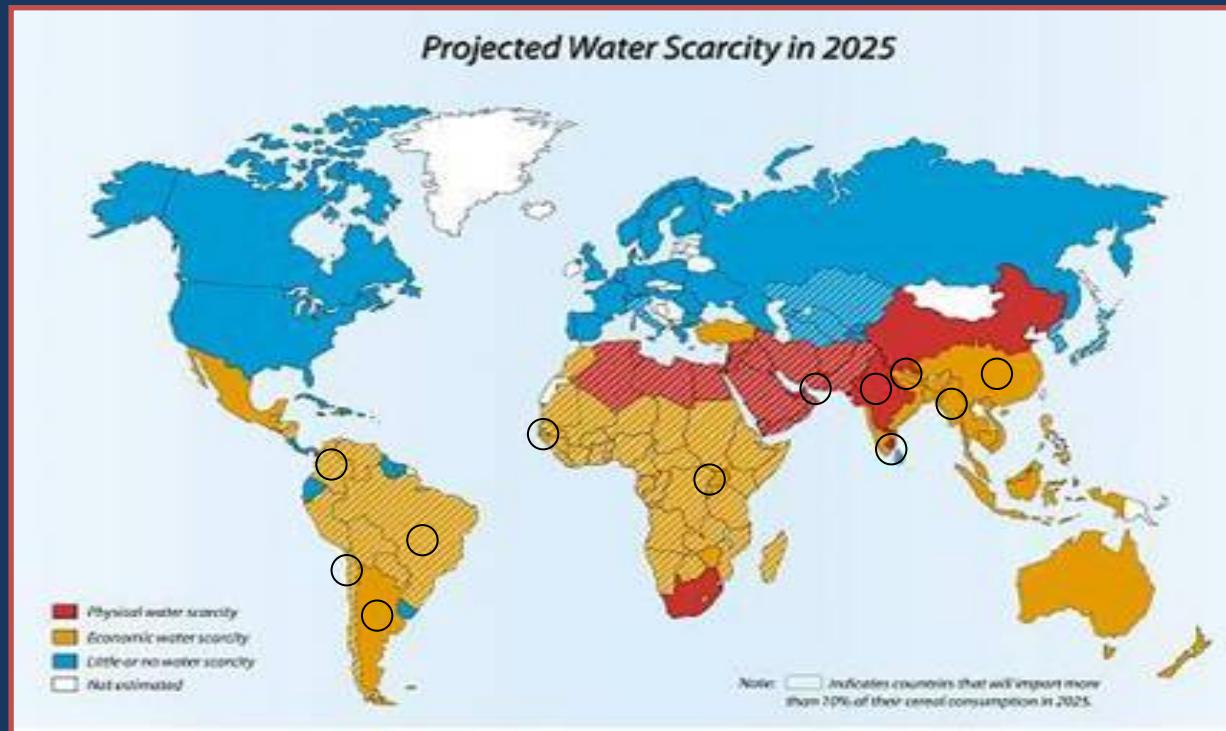


Fuente: Comisión Mundial de Presas.

EL PAÍS



## Year 2000: WCD MDG



## Year 2003: II-WWF Kyoto

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Non structural measures  
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Late 90's and XXIst cent

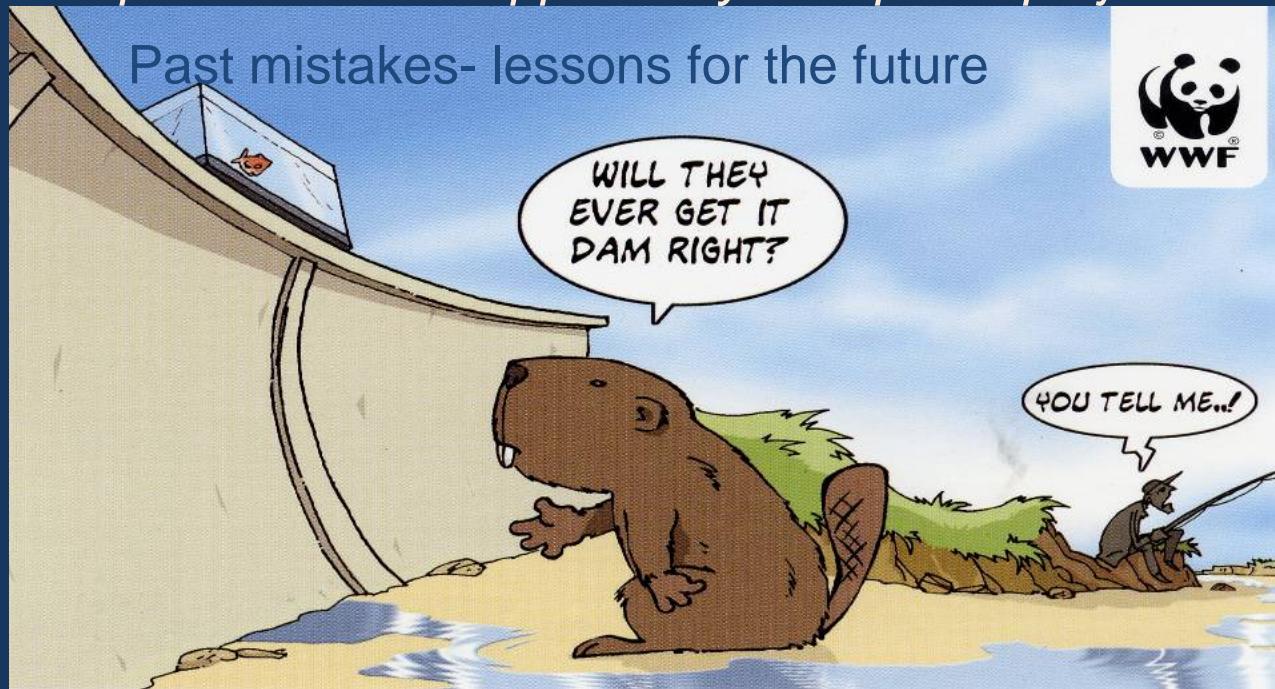


Both plus proactive strategies

## Duality between developed and developing countries' context.

*Dams can play a decisive role on the development of the yet unlucky communities which are hoping to reach better living standards in developing countries.*

*Perhaps this role could be similar to that that dams played in the past in already developed countries. Opportunity to improve projects.*



## Developed context



- Lot of dams
- Few more sites for reliable new dams
- Progress no longer depends on dams
- Population and water demand are stable
- Ability to un-couple economic growth from water resource utilization.
- National interest has been replaced by individual comfort.
- Constitute wealthy communities that can afford to pay more for food.
- Many of their major cities are settled by lakes or to the sea, or at least enjoy wetter conditions and less severe droughts.
- Furthermore the cost of desalination of sea waters is now competitive with fresh water resources.

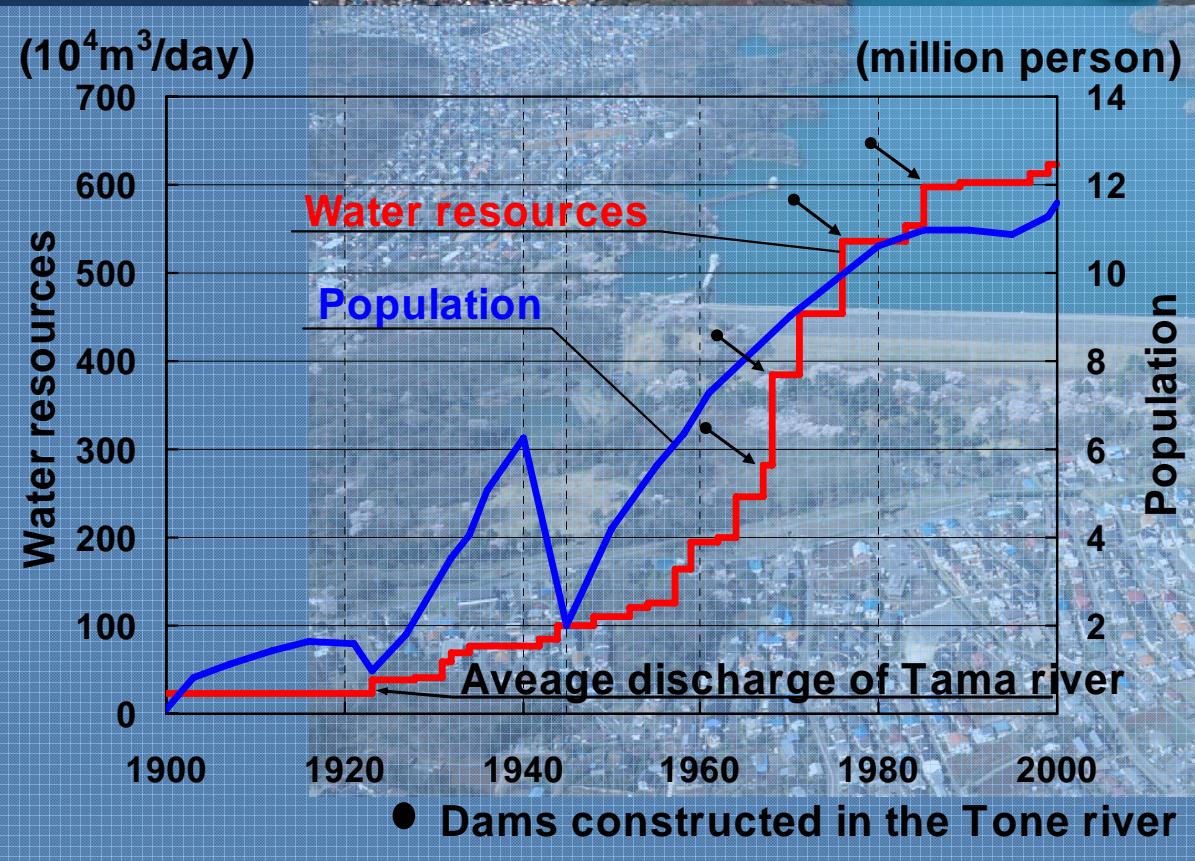
## Underdeveloped context

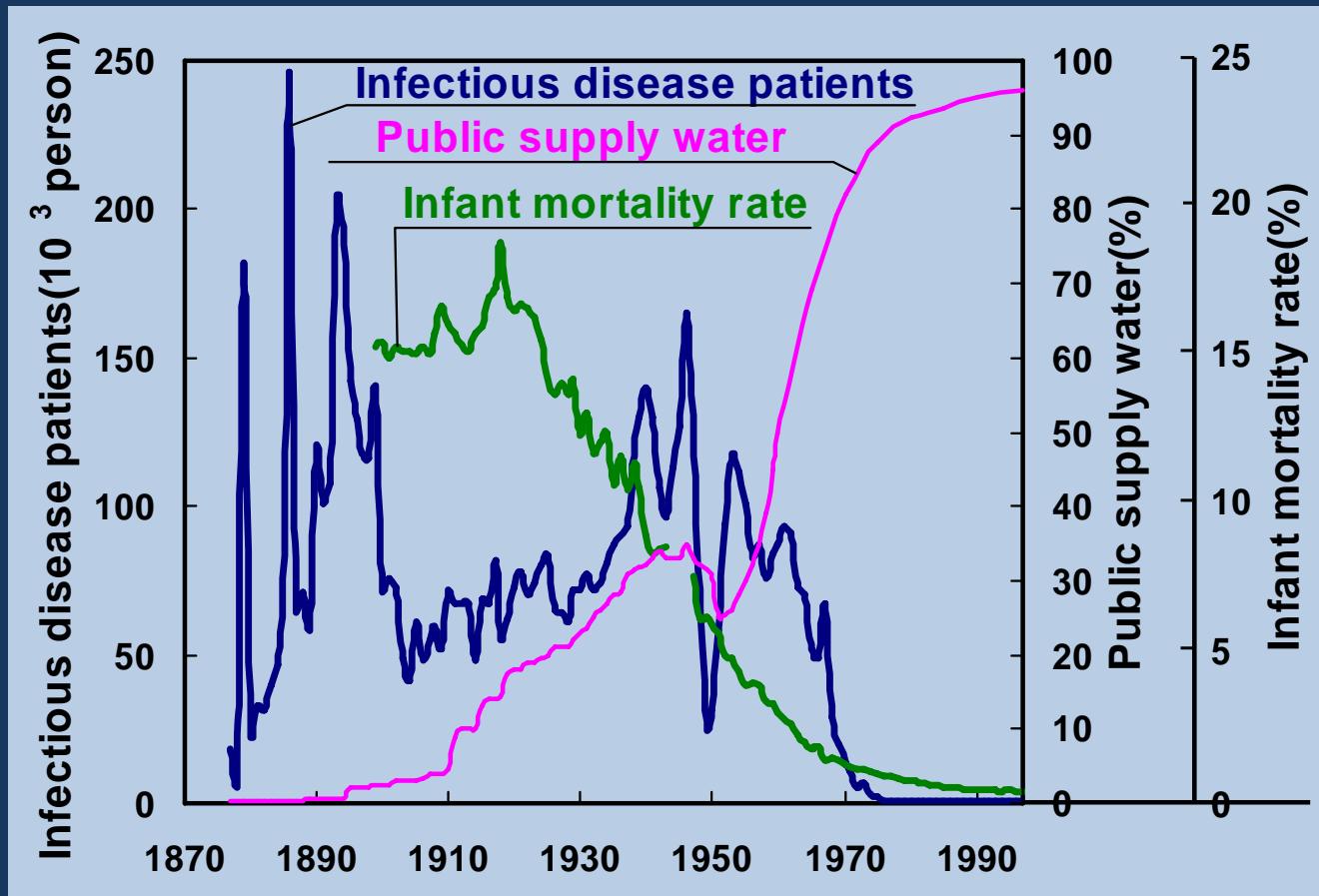


- Lack of infrastructures
- Population and increased demand growth .
- Water demand would increase even quicker.
- The access to clean water and sanitation services, adequate health care and education and other fundamental requirements for a satisfactory quality of life are already lacking.



## Water for Tokyo

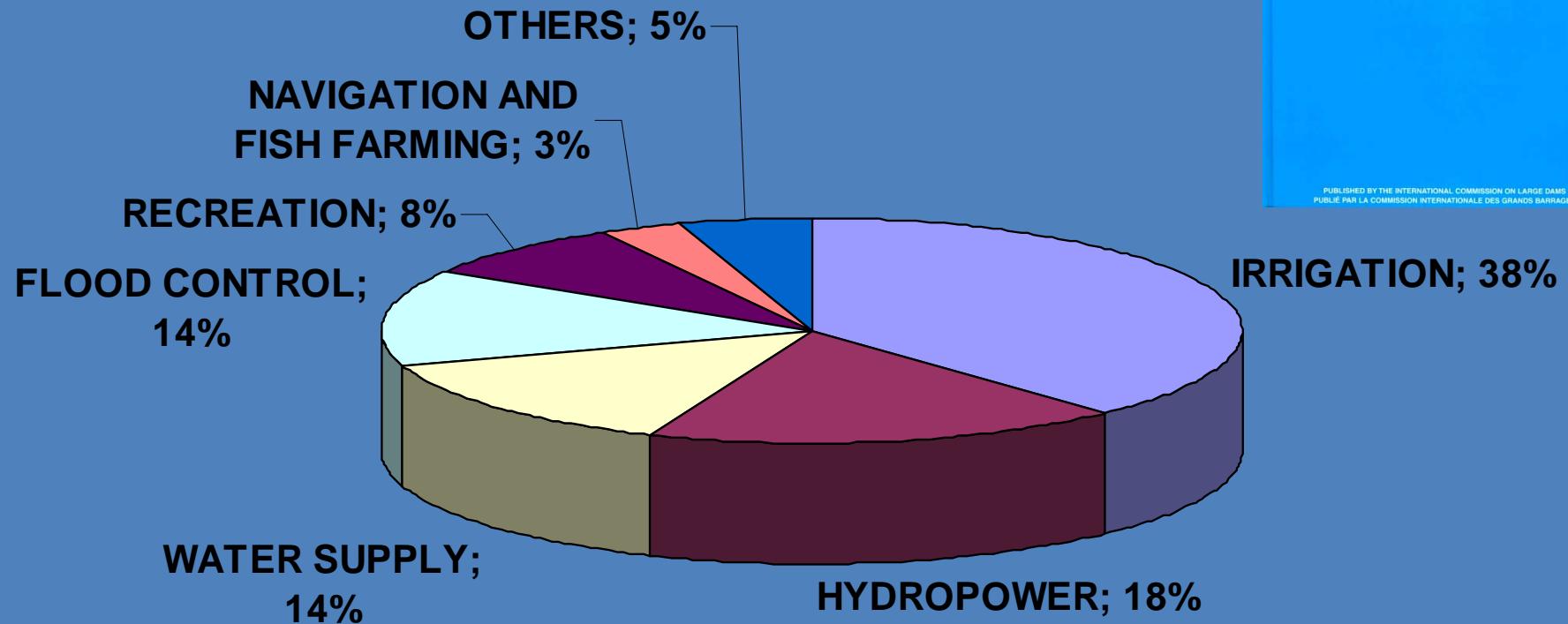




Organización  
Mundial de la Salud

:1,8 millones de niños de todo el mundo (900.000 en el África subsahariana) mueren a consecuencia directa de diarreas y otras enfermedades ocasionadas por aguas contaminadas y por un saneamiento insuficiente.

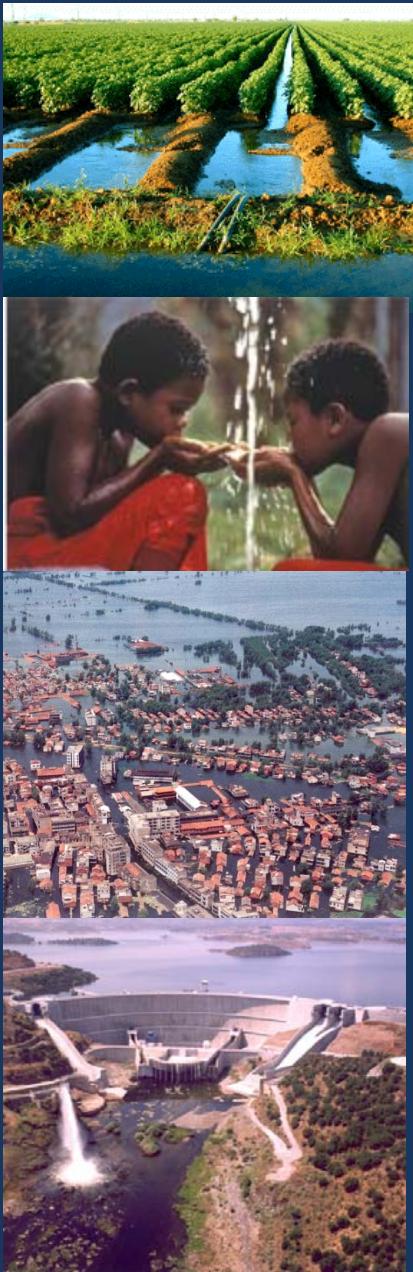
# DAMS'S PURPOSE



50.000 LARGE DAMS IN OPERATION

SMALL DAMS : 1 MILLION

THE TOTAL RESERVOIR CAPACITY: 8,300 KM<sup>3</sup>

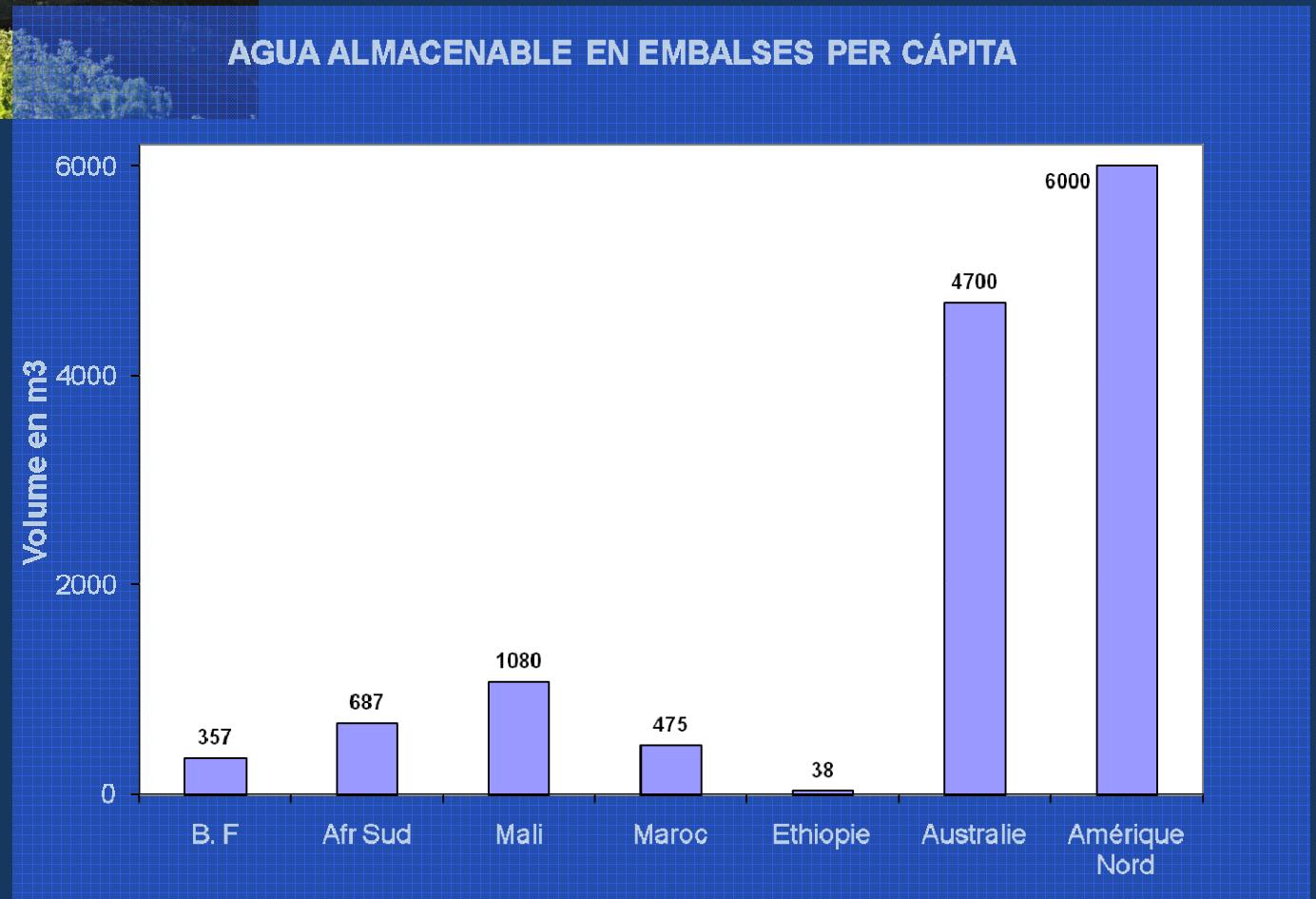


## ROLE OF DAMS

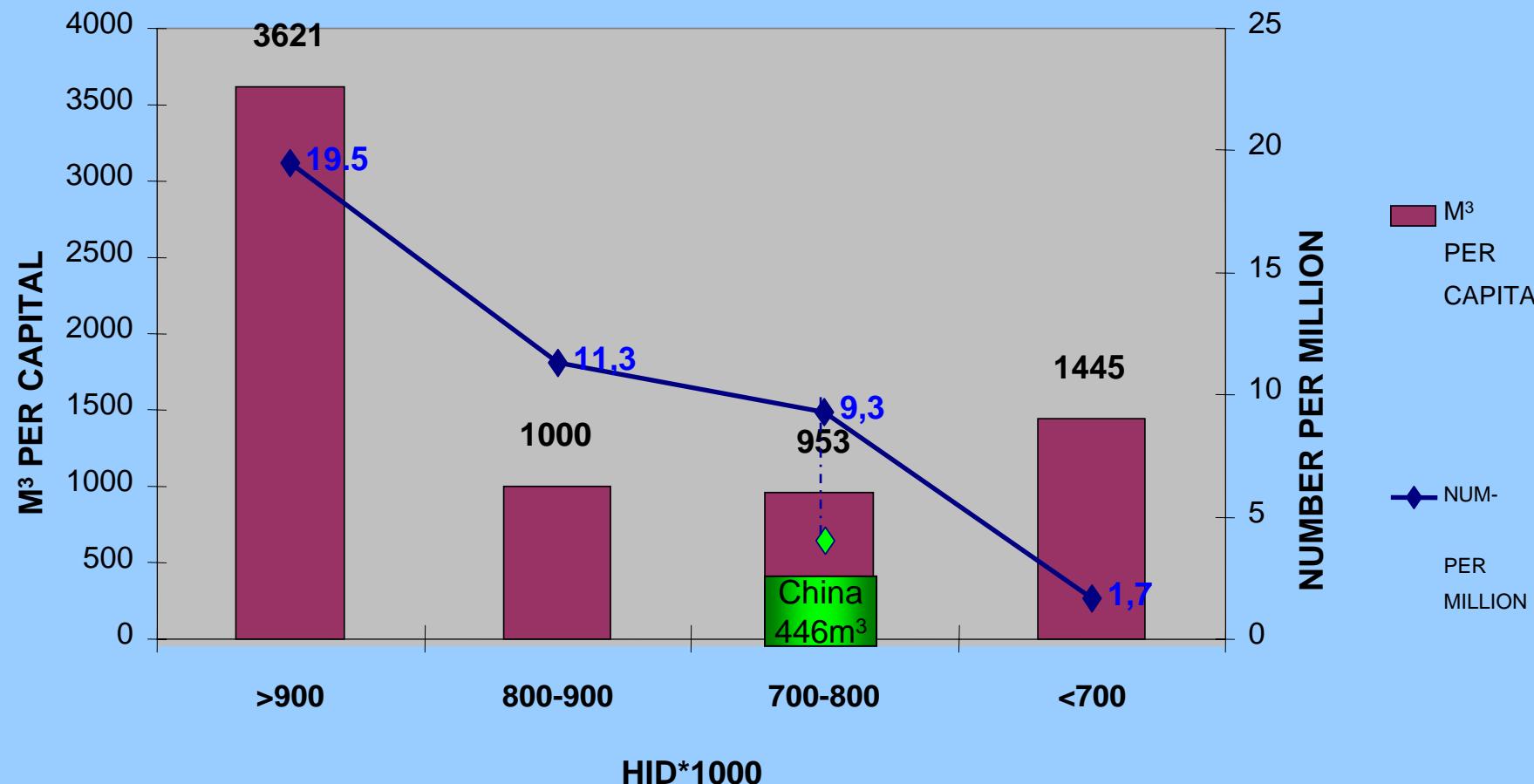
- IRRIGATION: 17 % ARABLE LAND  
→ 40% OF TOTAL WORLD CROPS.
- DRINKING WATER SUPPLY
- FLOOD MITIGATION.
- HYDROPOWER: 20% ELECTRICITY



## Storage per capita



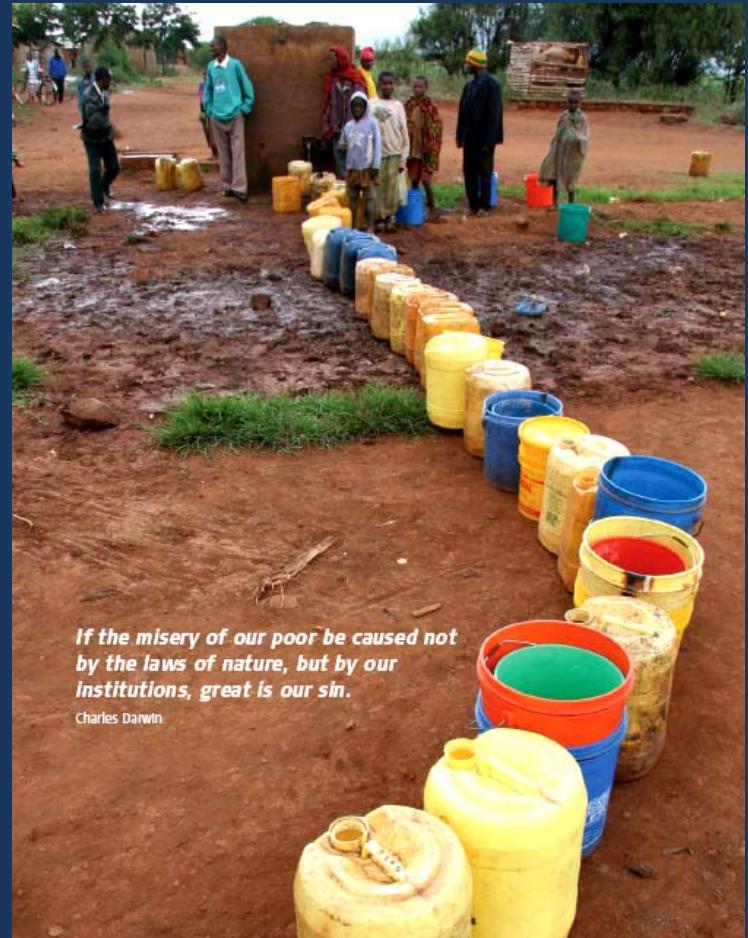
## DAMS'S INDICATORS- HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX (HDI)



# WATER AND ELECTRICITY POVERTY

Lack of sufficient renewable water and hydropower resources is not the crucial factor in water and electricity accessibility

- In many cases, **storage is a viable option**, and given the current circumstances (a need for responsible development in the context of changing world, etc), increasing storage capacities is a major imperative.
- Storage should be utilized **as a tool to drive development**, taking into account the socio-economic and environmental impacts.



## PAPEL DE LAS PRESAS EN LA REGULACIÓN DE LOS RECURSOS HIDRAÚLICOS: KM<sup>3</sup> / AÑO

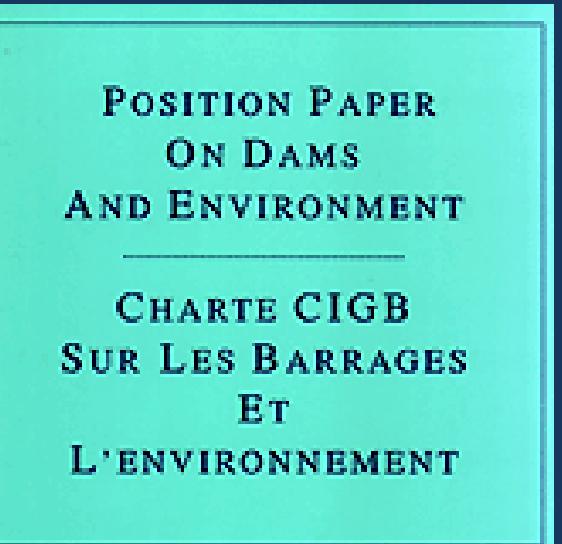
- Nuevos embalses
- Embalses
- Reg.Natural



# ICOLD ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

ICOLD recommends the management of the existing dams and the construction of new dams to remain within the context of Integrated Water Resources Management, taking into account their implementation within a framework of sustainable development, and adhering to the following basic criteria:

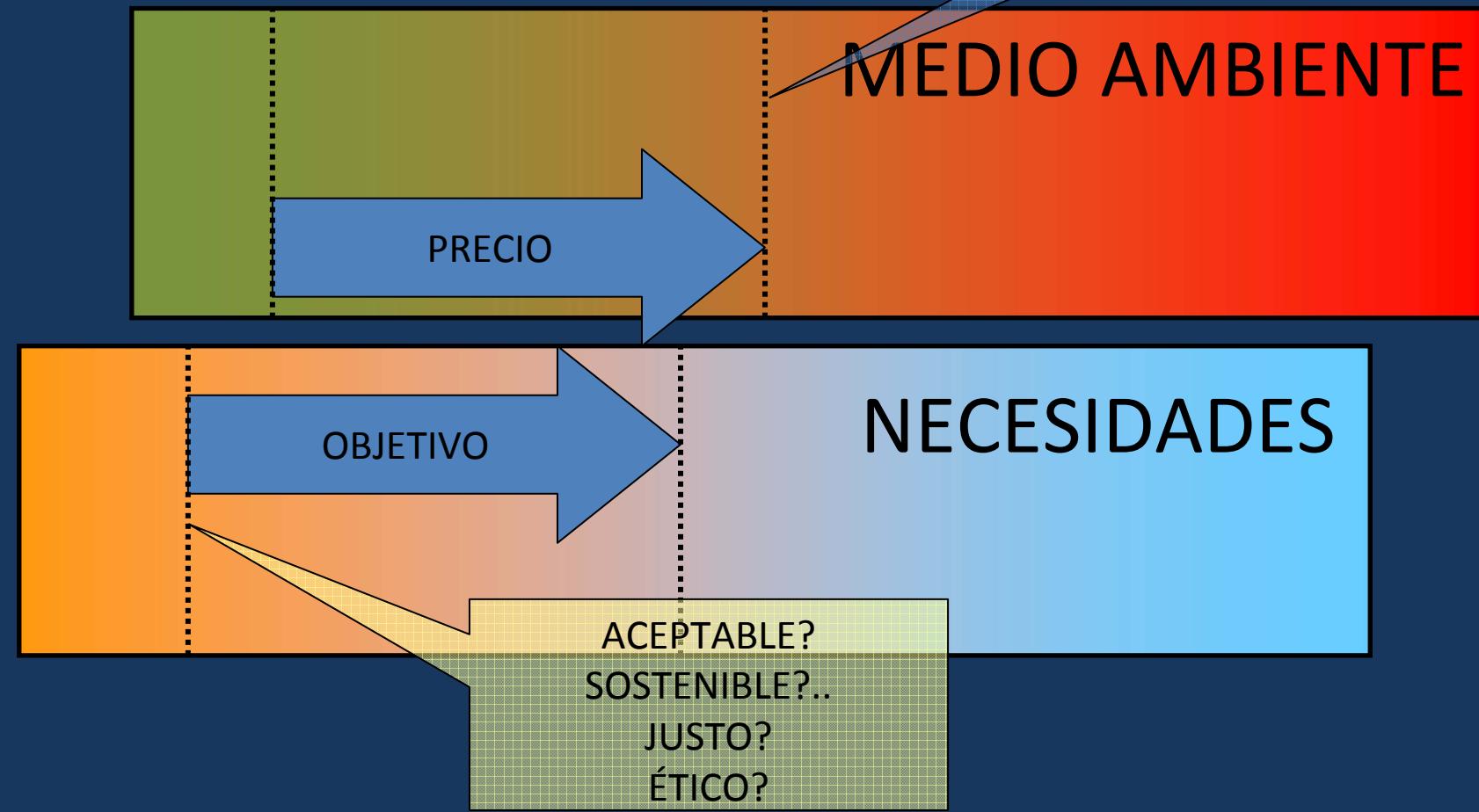
- Technical, Economic and Financial Feasibility
- Sustainable Development. Compatibility with the Environment
- Social and Political Acceptance

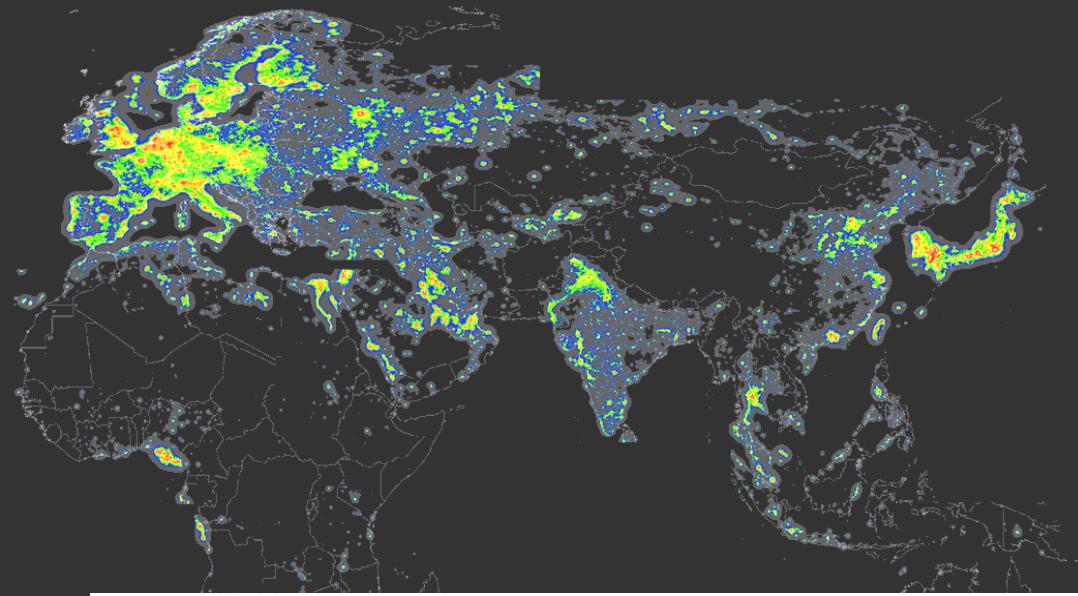
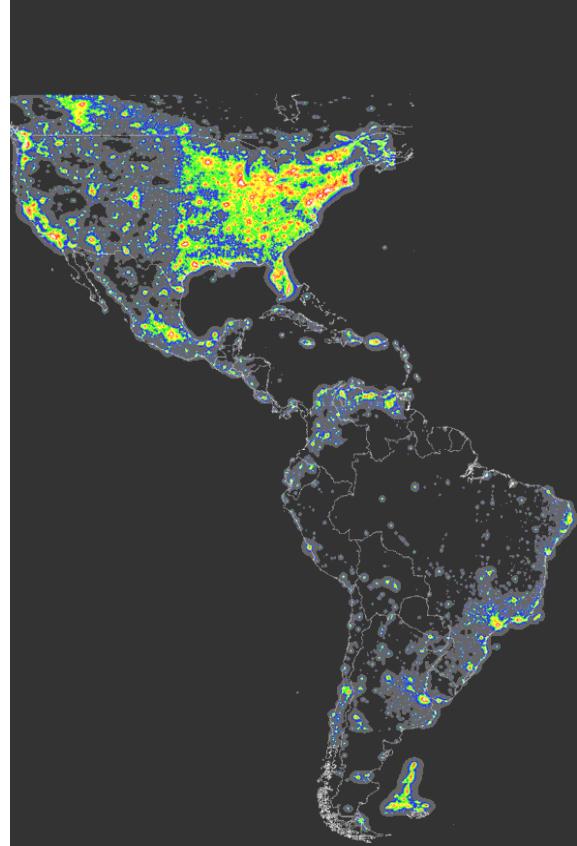


# EL RETO ÉTICO

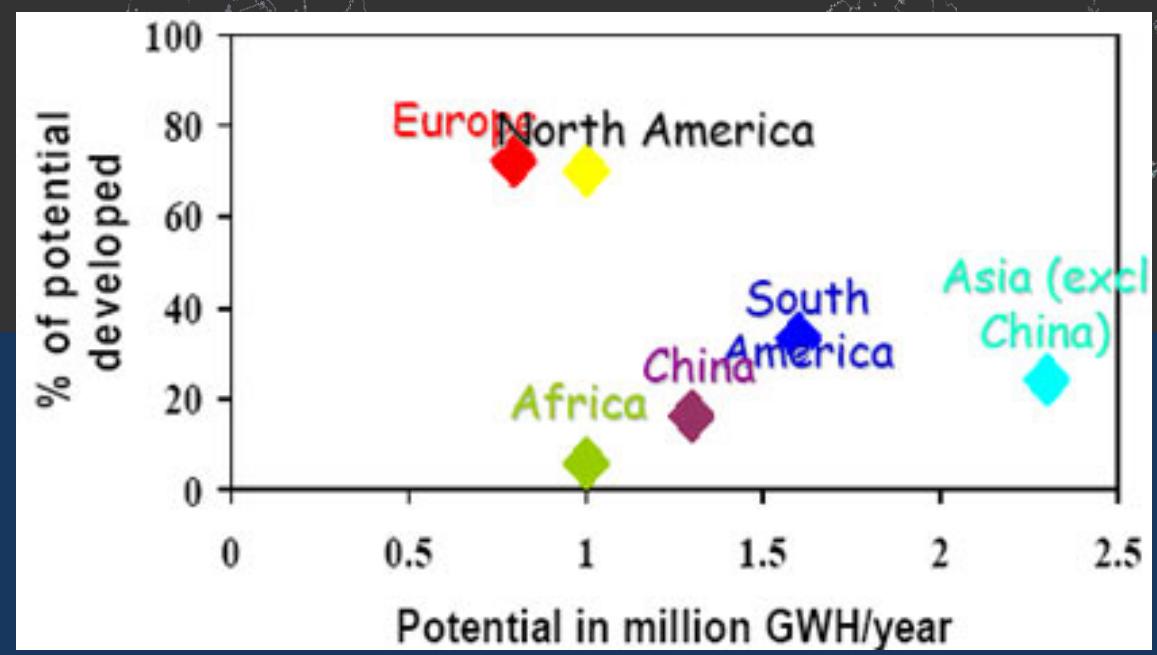
INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON THE RÔLE OF  
DAMS IN BASIN DEVELOPING AND MANAGEMENT

ACEPTABLE?  
SOSTENIBLE?..





Potentiel hydro-  
électrique  
dans le monde



**World declaration**

**Dams and Hydropower for African Sustainable Development**

**D**uring the past century hydropower has made an important contribution to sustainable development in many countries around the world. In developing countries, where most hydropower projects have been built by international agencies, hydropower has contributed to poverty reduction and to expansion of industry. In the case of Africa, hydropower potential is still available in many countries.

In Africa, less than 7% hydropower potential has been developed. We agree that the large majority of hydropower potential can be developed with poor quality of services, in terms of offering, short term benefits, and lack of long-term vision. It is an urgent need for achieving the objective of MDGs. New Partnership for Africa's Development (NPDA) has set a target of 200 million people to benefit from sustainable development by 2015. This requires a minimum of 200 GW hydropower to ensure a minimum of 1000 KWh per capita per year. It is also agreed that the potential of hydropower in Africa is over 100 million GWh/year, including, once it emerges, the potential of the new dams planned for 2200 KWh per capita per year.

For more details see IHA, WEC, ICOLD, ZAMBA, UPDEA, CIGB, ICIID, IHA, and IWA.

**Tremendous potential**

At the same time, there are several reasons for massive drops in Africa. There are projects like Grand Inga (40 000 MW hydropower) and the Tigray Dam (10 000 MW hydropower) which have the potential to deliver exceptionally large amounts of energy. The cost of electricity storage cost for 1000 KWh is 8.000, and more of the infrastructure will be needed to support this more expensive. The kWh of power from dams like Inga and Tigray will be much more expensive than the cost of the necessary institutional structures for such a power pool.

**Millennium Development Goals**

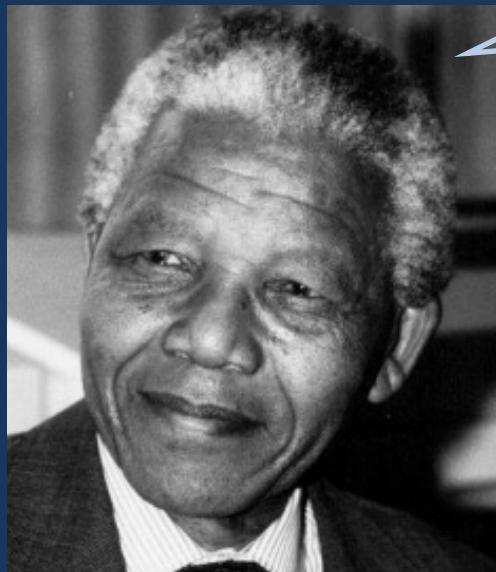
Therefore, Africa potential for hydropower has to be developed now, if we want to reach the goals of MDGs. The UNDP has set the target of 200 million people to benefit from sustainable development by 2015. International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID), and the International Hydropower Association (IHA).

Approved on November 24<sup>th</sup> 2008 in Paris:  
The African Union (AU),  
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The World Energy Council (WEC), The International Commission On Large Dams (ICOLD),  
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and The International Hydropower Association (IHA).

Con el impulso de la CIGB se firmó en Paris en 2008 una Declaration Mundial Común para apoyar :

# “Les Barrages et l’Hydro-électricité pour le Développement Durable de l’Afrique”

- UA**  
**CME**  
**ICID**  
**IHA**  
**UPDEA**  
**ICOLD**
- Union Africaine**  
**Conseil Mondial de l’Énergie**  
**Commission Internationale pour l’Irrigation et le Drainage**  
**Association Internationale de l’Hydro-électricité**  
**Union des Producteurs et Distributeurs d’Électricité Africains**  
**Commission Internationale des Grands Barrages**



« La liberté politique est insuffisante quand on manque d'eau.

La liberté politique est insuffisante quand on manque d'électricité pour lire la nuit, quand on n'a pas d'eau pour irriguer sa ferme, quand on ne peut pas attraper de poisson pour nourrir sa famille.

Pour ces raisons, le combat pour le développement durable est aussi important que le combat pour la liberté politique.

Ces combats peuvent se mener ensemble comme ils peuvent s'anéantir mutuellement »

Nelson Mandela



Thank you  
Merci beaucoup  
Muchas gracias

World declaration

Dams and Hydropower for African Sustainable Development

**Huge needs**

America is developing areas of the continent have the highest rates of poverty in the world. In Africa, 60% of the population lives in poverty and lacks access to basic services, such as clean water and sanitation. Dams are an essential tool for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) set by the United Nations. Development studies have calculated that a per capita GWP of 1000 kWh per year is needed to end poverty in Africa. In 2005, hydropower accounted for 10.5% of electricity generation in Africa. Even so, there is still a long way to go to meet the continent's energy needs.

**Tremendous potential**

Although there is a strong hydroelectric tradition in Africa, the continent has the potential to increase its share of electricity generation from 10.5% to 30% by 2050. This would mean that Africa would generate 1000 kWh per capita by 2050, which would be enough to end poverty in the continent and the need for imports of oil and gas.

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