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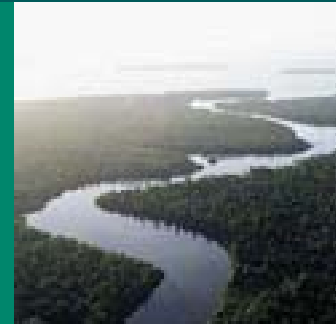


UNEP - Dams and Development Project was launched in November 2001

**It is an institutional follow up of the WCD resulting
from the Third WCD Forum meeting in February
2001, Spier, SA.**

Goal of the Dams and Development Project

To promote a dialogue on improving decision-making,
planning and management of dams and their
alternatives based on the World Commission on Dams
(WCD) core values and strategic priorities





WCDs 5 Core Values - the Shared Values

Based on Internationally accepted norms

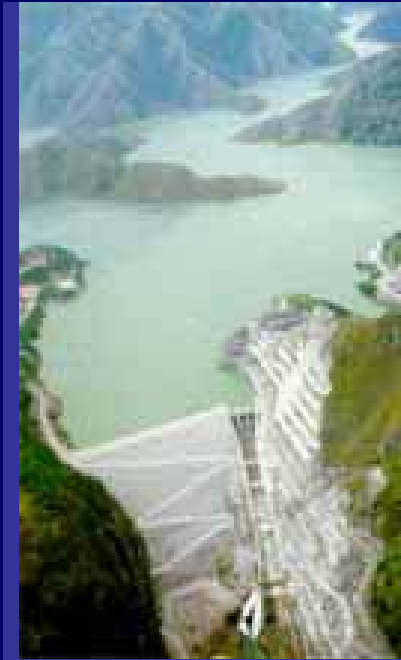
Equity

Efficiency

Participatory
Decision-making

Sustainability

Accountability





WCDs 7 Strategic Priorities

- Gaining Public Acceptance
- Comprehensive Options Assessment
- Addressing Existing Dams
- Sustaining Rivers and Livelihoods
- Recognising Entitlements and Sharing Benefits
- Ensuring Compliance
- Sharing Rivers of Peace, Development and Security

Some Dialogue Initiatives

- South Africa, Vietnam, Nepal, Thailand ongoing national dialogue processes
- Argentina, Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi, Myanmar, Namibia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Zambia national consultations (planned or completed)
- WCD Consultative Process in Pakistan – IUCN/PWP
- UK , Germany, Switzerland, The Netherlands consultation initiatives
- Latin America, West Africa, Central Asia potential emerging processes
- SADC regional initiative



DDP Database of Experiences and Lessons Learnt

- Building a resource of real-world examples which illustrate the WCDs 7 strategic priorities
- Facilitating the sharing of information on experiences, practices and tools relevant to the strategic priorities
- New submissions and comments on existing submissions are welcome
- <http://www.unep-dams.org/goodpractice.php?fn=4>



The screenshot shows the registration page for the DDP Database of Good Practice and Lessons Learned. The page features the DDP and UNEP logos at the top left. The main heading is "United Nations Environment Programme DAMS AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT". Below this, the page is titled "Database of Good Practice and Lessons Learned". The page is divided into two columns of text. The left column explains that registering as a DDP site user enables users to contribute and comment on examples of good practice and to receive the DDP newsletter. The right column states that to contribute to the site, users must complete a simple registration form, and if they have not already registered, they should go to the Registration Page. It also mentions that if users have already registered, they should enter the email address they originally provided to be redirected to the page they requested, and that if they encounter problems, they should email info@unep-dams.org. At the bottom of the form, there is a "Send" button and a "Submit" button. The footer of the page reads "Copyright © 2002 - 2003 United Nations Environment Programme".