



SANCOLD

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NEWS RELEASE

SANCOLD, REPRESENTING SOUTH AFRICA'S DAM INDUSTRY

BACKGROUND

SANCOLD is restructuring to bring together all groups and individuals with an active interest in the South African dam industry in a democratic manner.

The new SANCOLD is replacing the previous South African National Committee on Large Dams, but will continue to be South Africa's representative body on ICOLD, the International Commission on Large Dams.

The SANCOLD Management Committee will be elected by nomination and vote of paid-up members. The SANCOLD Executive Committee will be elected by the Management Committee.

SANCOLD is committed to furthering technical excellence and good practice in all aspects of the development, operation and maintenance of dams in a financially sound and socially and ecologically sustainable manner.

SANCOLD will convene an annual meeting comprising technical events and an Annual General Meeting where all members can participate. The first such meeting will be in 2009.

SANCOLD will be funded by annual membership subscriptions, which will be used to fund membership of ICOLD, bursaries for South African tertiary level students, the holding of site visits, seminars, meetings, conferences and the running of SANCOLD.

Visit the SANCOLD web-site at www.sancold.org.za for further, more detailed information, and for membership application, or speak to the Chairman of SANCOLD, Rob Williamson at 011 806-7037 or the SANCOLD Secretary, Chris Oosthuizen at 012 336 8516.

WHY YOU AND/OR YOUR ORGANISATION SHOULD JOIN SANCOLD

- ◆ Environmentalists, earth scientists, social scientists, engineers, as well as institutions, dam owners/operators, water users, corporate organisations and interested individuals will all have an opportunity to interact and contribute to the aims, objectives and benefits of SANCOLD. All members can potentially participate on the Management Committee and Executive Committee by democratic election.
- ◆ South Africa's dam owners are faced with a situation where existing dams will require ongoing skilled operation and maintenance. SANCOLD will provide the link to the required expertise.
- ◆ South Africa's dam developers and designers have future opportunities locally and into Africa, where their expertise is highly recognized. SANCOLD will provide access to current international and local expertise, and provide platforms for local interaction and for training in the required skills.
- ◆ ECSA require all registered engineers to undertake continuing Professional Development from 1 January 2006. SANCOLD will promote local interest events and provide access to international conferences and seminars.
- ◆ Dam safety is an increasingly important aspect requiring attention from dam designers and dam owners. SANCOLD will provide local training platforms and access to latest international trends and methods for handling dam safety issues.
- ◆ You and/or your organization can have active participation and a meaningful say in the affairs of SANCOLD.