

Annex VII

Members of the World Commission on Dams



Professor Kader Asmal, Chair, is a prominent member of President Thabo Mbeki's Cabinet as Minister of Education of the Republic of South Africa. Under Nelson Mandela, he was the Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry and led the fundamental review and reform of South Africa's water resource management policy. Prior to his return from exile in 1990, Professor Asmal was a law professor at Trinity College Dublin for 27 years, specialising in human rights, labour and international law. From 1980 to 1986 he was Dean of the Faculty of Arts (Humanities). He was also founder of the British Anti-Apartheid Movement as well as the Irish Anti-Apartheid Movement in 1963, and its chairperson until 1991.

In 1983, Professor Asmal received the Prix UNESCO for the advancement of human rights. In 1993, he became a member of the negotiating team of the African National Congress at the Multi-Party Negotiating Forum, and in May 1994 was elected to the National Assembly. In 1996, he was awarded the Gold Medal Award for conservation from the World Wide Fund for Nature–South Africa. He is also a patron of the Global Water Partnership. On 22 March 2000 – *World Water Day* – Professor Asmal was awarded the 10th Stockholm Water Prize by the Stockholm Water Foundation. His selection to chair the World Commission on Dams was the result of a comprehensive global search process and consultation with participants at the Gland workshop.

Lakshmi Chand Jain, Vice Chair, has served on India's National Planning Commission and Planning Boards of several states and was appointed High Commissioner for India to South Africa for 1997–99. He was a member of the Government of India's Independent Committee to report on selected aspects of the Sardar Sarovar Project. He has also served as the Chairperson of the Industrial Development Services, a techno-economic consultancy organisation in India, for 30 years. L.C. Jain received the prestigious Ramon Magsaysay Award for Public Service in 1989.

Donald J. Blackmore is the Chief Executive of the Murray-Darling Basin Commission, in Canberra, Australia. He has brought principles of environmentally sustainable water management to a major river basin initially focused on irrigation and hydroelectric power generation. Since 1990 he has served as Director and Deputy Chairperson of Australia's Land & Water Resources Research & Development Corporation. He also was a member of the International Advisory Panel for the Aral Sea.

Joji Carino's work began as an activist and analyst of indigenous peoples' issues in her native Philippines, particularly in relation to dam projects in the Cordillera region. Over 25 years she has worked as an active campaigner and advocate of indigenous peoples' human rights. She now works for the Tebtebba Foundation (Indigenous Centre for International Policy, Research, and Education). Well known for defending the interests of tribal and other indigenous peoples and minorities, she has effectively carried her agenda into global fora.

José Goldemberg is a professor at the University of São Paulo, Brazil, and has been recognized for his work on the future of energy globally. He was the chairman and CEO of the Energy Company of the State of São Paulo. He has served as Rector of his University, and as Secretary of Science and Technology for the Federal Government of Brazil and as Minister of Education. He

currently serves in senior capacities with the International Energy Initiative and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. His most recent work has been as Chairperson of the World Energy Assessment.

Judy Henderson trained professionally as a medical doctor. She served as Chair of Oxfam International, was a board member of the Environmental Protection Agency of New South Wales, Australia, and a former board member of Greenpeace International. She has a distinguished record of involvement in social and environmental issues internationally. She is currently a board member of the Ethical Investment Agency.

Göran Lindahl is the President and CEO of ABB Ltd., a global technology group with headquarters in Zurich. He is a member of the Advisory Board for the Alliance for Global Sustainability, deputy chairman of the Prince of Wales Business Leaders Forum and on the advisory board of the World Childhood Foundation. He is also a frequent speaker at the World Economic Forum. An electrical engineer by profession, he has been involved in many major electricity infrastructure projects, including large hydroelectric schemes. As the head of ABB, Göran Lindahl leads one of the world's largest industrial companies. The ABB Group employs about 160,000 people in more than 100 countries.

Deborah Moore was until recently Senior Scientist at Environmental Defense, a US-based NGO, where she continues as Consulting Scientist working to protect living rivers worldwide. In the western United States, Moore has worked with Native American communities and the U.S. Congress to design and promote innovative water rights and river restoration arrangements. Internationally, she has contributed to many global water policy fora, including the Dublin Conference on Water and the Environment, and analysed the performance of large-scale river development projects and alternatives in Asia and Latin America.

Medha Patkar graduated in physical sciences and did postgraduate research in social sciences. She was a member of the faculty at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences before founding the Narmada Bachao Andolan (Struggle to Save the Narmada River) in India, a people's movement against the construction of large dams on the Narmada River and for alternatives in water, power and development. She is a founding member and National Convenor of the National Alliance of People's Movements. She is internationally recognised as a campaigner for human and political rights.

Thayer Scudder is an emeritus professor of anthropology at the California Institute of Technology. His work over 40 years on socioeconomic issues associated with river basin development has been definitive in the field. His work in Africa is best known, but he has undertaken studies of sustainable resource use in all parts of the world with a focus on resettlement and socioeconomic issues related to infrastructure development. He has also served on a number of independent review panels for dam projects in Africa and Asia.

Jan Veltrop worked with the Harza Engineering Company from 1954 to 1994 except for a three-year period when he served as

Dean of the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Nigeria. He was Chairman of the U.S. Committee on Large Dams (1981-82) and President of the International Commission on Large Dams (1988-91). At Harza he was Chief Engineer, member of the Board of Directors, and retired as Senior Vice President. He worked on many world-class hydroprojects such as Mangla, Tarbela, Guri, Yacyreta, Karun-I, Ertan and Bath County pumped-storage; received ASCE's Rickey Medal in 1997 for his contributions in the field of hydroelectric engineering; and was elected a member of the National Academy of Engineering in 1998.

Achim Steiner (*WCD Secretary-General, ex-officio Commissioner*) has served as an advisor on international development policy as well as economic planning and natural resources management. During his career he has worked for both governmental and non-governmental organisations, with extended assignments in India, Pakistan, Germany, Zimbabwe/Southern Africa, the United States, and Vietnam. Most recently, he served as Senior Policy Advisor for Global Policy with IUCN in Washington and Chief Technical Advisor with the Mekong River Commission/GTZ, based in Hanoi, Viet Nam.

