Thematic Process Session

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INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN THE CONGO RIVER BASIN

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What are the potentials?

- **Hydropower Potential:** 150,000 MW
  - Equals to 13% of global hydropower potential
  - Only 03% of potential is installed

- Great contribution to regional power pools
What is CICOS’s contribution?

1. **Hydrological Observing System (Congo-HYCOS + Monitoring of Environment for Security in Africa, MESA)**
   - To accurately monitor data and information on freshwater resources throughout the Congo Basin.

2. **Water Allocation Model (Decision Support Tool)**
   - To assess the impact of infrastructure projects on water resources in the context of climate changes.

3. **Guidelines on Prior Notification**
   - To define notification procedures between Member States concerning planned measures with possible adverse effects.

4. **IWRM – Strategic Action Plan (SDAGE)**
   - To develop a consensus amongst Member States on issues of water governance, water management and infrastructure development.
The core functions of CICOS are funded through:

- The « Community Integration Tax » (CIT) from CEMAC
- Direct contributions from DRC (not a CEMAC Member State)

CICOS must diversify its sources of funding as the implementation of the « Economic Partnership Agreement » with the EU could lead to the dismantling of the CIT.