

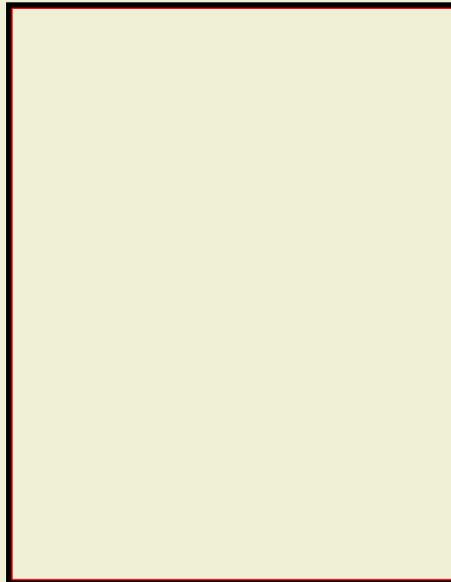
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### March 14th International Day of Action against Dams and for Rivers, Water and Life

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### Africa Events

#### **Ghana: March against Volta dams**

Volta Basin Development Foundation organized the people affected by the Volta Basin dams in Ghana. The affected people gathered in one of the communities for a church service. After the service, they had lunch together and then moved to Akosombo, a town where a dam has been constructed, and marched to the dam site. They then gathered at the community center for an open forum.

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#### **Mozambique: Fact sheets to expose World Bank follies**

On March 12, the American International School of Mozambique demonstrated in front of the World Bank in Maputo with banners. They distributed fact sheets about the destructive social and environmental impacts of World Bank funded projects, focusing on large dams.

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### **Senegal: Action against destructive development**

CODESEN, Coordination for the Senegal River Basin, Senegal joined together in solidarity to protest destructive development and celebrate successes over the last year. They will fight for social justice and the rights of communities over their resources and lives.

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### **South Africa: Celebration of Mngeni River and educational workshop**

On March 14, communities from around Inanda Dam gathered to celebrate International Rivers Day and to report on Inanda Dam reparations, the Rivers for Life Conference and the Rasi Salai Declaration. They also held a river blessing ceremony. On March 17, The Center for Civil Society and Earthlife Africa

eThekwini hosted a workshop on large dams and water issues on the campus of the University of KwaZulu Natal.

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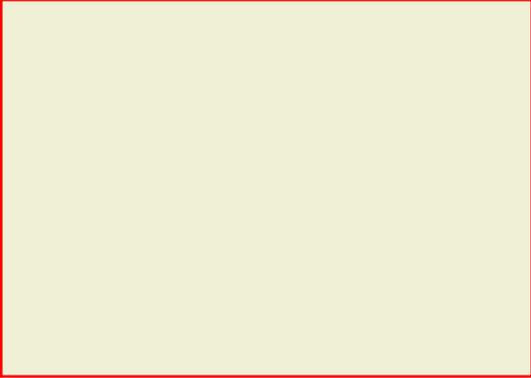
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On Inanda Dam: [www.earthlife-ct.org.za](http://www.earthlife-ct.org.za)



***Community members pray during the Mngeni River blessing ceremony***

**Swaziland: Group calls for banks to recognize local needs**

Yonge Nawe Environmental Action Group posted Day of Action information on their website to outline the importance of the day and current issues of water planning and development in Swaziland and other African countries. They are particularly concerned with the Lesotho Highlands Water Project, one of the most massive infrastructure projects funded by the World Bank in sub-Saharan Africa. The group calls for the World Bank, IMF and regional financiers, such as the Development Bank of Southern Africa, to finance only "good dams," dams that address the needs of the poor majority, dams which are relevant to meeting the water supply needs of rural people. They also ask these banks to finance alternatives to dams.

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### East Asia Events

#### **China: Exhibition to honor rivers and life**

In Kunming, there was a "River of Life" photo exhibition to raise the people's awareness of the importance of preserving natural rivers, especially those cross-border rivers in Yunnan Province. Exhibits of life forms and living conditions along the Lancang-Mekong, Nu-Salween, Yuan-Red and Jinsha rivers, by several photographers from inside and outside Yunnan were on display from March 15 through March 22.

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#### **China: On-line photo exhibition of Nujiang River**

Many Chinese NGOs sponsored a river trip along the Nujiang in February 2004. They held a public exhibition at Xindong'an Market. They ask those who are interested to view the wonderful on-line photo exhibition at [www.nujiang.ngo.cn](http://www.nujiang.ngo.cn).

**Japan: Japanese group supports Koto Panjang Dam**

## **affectees**

The Japanese Committee Supporting the Victims of Koto Panjang held an action against Japanese government, Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Tokyo Electric Power Services Co. (TEPSCO) on 14th March in Osaka. The Koto Panjang Dam was built in Indonesia and the affected people are trying to sue the Japanese government for just compensation. This dam caused the forcible displacement of plaintiffs and over 20,000 other villagers.

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## **Korea: Dramatic performance to support dam-affected people**

To celebrate the International Day of Action, around activists and members of KFEM (Korean Federation for Environmental Movement, Friends of the Earth Korea) held a performance in Seoul, Korea. They marched with a huge model dam. They expressed the pain and damages by dams by lying down on the earth

with the big dams on their backs.

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*Protesters symbolically crushed by model dam in Seoul, Korea*

### **Taiwan: Newsletter circulation to call for change in water development practices**

Meinung People's Association raised their voice against dams and for rivers, water and life through the Internet and their mailing list. They sent several different copies of their newsletter that concurrently carried the [Rasi Salai Declaration](#) and their determination to resist inappropriate water development programs.

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### Europe Events

#### **Croatia: Photo exhibition and lawsuit to protect Drava River**

The Drava League commemorated March 14 by organizing outdoor Drava photograph exhibitions and launching anti-gravel petitions in several towns of the region, including the state capital, Zagreb. They will use legal ways of public pressure to achieve their goals, including lawsuits against national water authorities and another World Wildlife Fund Panda Passport campaign aimed at Croatia's new Prime minister Ivo Sanader.

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#### **Poland: Protest and parade to "Stop the Regulators"**

On the 15th March Klub Gaja organized a press conference and event entitled "Stop the Regulators" in Warsaw to protest institutions that support huge

hydropower projects. In Poland, the European Investment Bank funds a lot of these projects. On 15th March 2004 Klub Gaja submitted a letter related to this issue to the Polish Prime Minister, Leszek Miller. Fishers and social activists from different parts of Poland took part in the conference. After the event a colorful parade marched to the Vistula, where a doll of the "ubiquitous regulator" was drowned.

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***Klub Gaja marches to "Stop the Regulators" from harming the Vistula River***

### **Serbia: Supporters connect on bridge in support of Temstica River**

There were a series of actions in Serbia to save the Toplodolska and Temstica rivers from proposals to dam up the river and channel the flow to another river basin and then redirect it further to the Nisava River basin. These dams are predicted to supply only a small percentage of Serbia's energy. On March 14, supporters gathered on the bridge across the Temstica River in

the village of Temska, which is directly threatened by this project, to protest and show determination to stop these activities.

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This year March 14 was Election Day for the Spanish Parliament. COAGRET designed a sticker for supporters to wear when they go to vote. The sticker says, "Otra cultura del agua es posible" – "Another water culture is possible." They also prepared an official notice for Election Day that various groups, parties, famous people and other supporters can sign. This notice outlines the social and environmental destruction caused by large dams and calls on supporters to fight for the rights of indigenous and local peoples and the environment by opposing destructive development caused by large dams.

- [COAGRET Manifesto](#) (PDF)

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### Latin America Events

#### **Argentina: Mass distribution about large dam destruction**

To commemorate the International Day of Action, PROTEGER has distributed a document published by IRN describing twelve reasons to exclude hydroelectric dams as sources of renewable energy. Currently, they are concerned with the proposal to elevate the level of Yacyret? Dam (of its present level of 76 meters to 83 meters) and the reactivation of the construction of Corpus, both of which are on the Parana River, and the Garab? Hydropower Complex, on the Uruguay river.

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#### **Argentina: Panel and presentation on ecological effects of large dams**

On Thursday, March 11, El?as Diaz Pe?a (Sobrevivencia, Friends of the Earth, Paraguay) appeared on LT8 Radio Rosary. On the morning of March 13, the Coordinator of Defense of the Parana River was on a panel concerning the effects of Dams and Pesticides. They presented on the destructive model of development and its effects in the river basin of the Parana River in Maria Auxiliadora, Itap?a, Paraguay. In the evening there was an activity in

commemoration of the International Day of Action Against Dams. On Monday, March 15, a presentation called Cycle of Ecology included a showing of "Rio Sinú," a Colombian production that reflects the fight against the Urrut Dam. Taller Ecologista presents the Cycle of Ecology in coordination with journalist Sergio Rinaldi, in the Bernardino Rivadavia Cultural Center of the city of Rosario. The City Council of Rosario has declared the Cycle of municipal interest.

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**Brazil: Actions organized by The Brazilian Movement for Dam Affected People (MAB)**

**Affected families block**

**highway to demand change**

Families affected by Serra da Mesa and Cana Brava dams have blocked the Belém-Brasília highway; demanding changes in the national energy model and reparations for all the families who have lost their lands due to the construction of dams. MAB also organized other protests at Castanhão dam, Ceará state and in the Jequitinhonha valley, Minas Gerais state. In Rondônia state, meetings are taking place to discuss impacts of dams on the Madeira River in the Amazon.

### **Affected people demand participation**

300 affected by Peixe Angical dam on the Tocantins River, Brazil, are protesting at the dam construction site. The dam, a project of EDP (a Portuguese electric company) and the Brazilian state company Furnas, is 40% constructed, but a dialogue between the company and affected people has yet to begin.

### **Affected people protest outside governor's palace**

MAB has mounted a camp in front of the State Legislature of Minas Gerais, Brazil, in Belo Horizonte. They marched to the governor's palace to protest the state's plan to build 300, mostly small dams, but of significant social and environmental impact.

### **Affected people take Manso Dam**

1,200 affected by Manso Dam, operated by state electric company Furnas in Mato Grosso, Brazil, have taken over the dam. They say that 800 affected families never received compensation or resettlement,

and that resettlement lands granted were on poor soils inadequate for agriculture.

- [Find out more...](#)

### **Blocking and locking dam builders out**

Human road blocks in Paran? state included hundreds threatened by dams on the Chopin River, and affected by Salto Santiago, Salto Caxias, and Santo Os?rio dams. MAB has also locked the gate that provides access to the Estreito dam worksite. Alcoa, Billiton, Tractebel and others fund this particular dam.

### **Families unite to stop destruction by dams and their construction companies**

About 900 families affected by Barra Grande, Campos Novos, and Machadinho dams and members of MAB blocked the roads leading into Curitibanos, Santa Catarina state to protest poor treatment that they are receiving from the construction companies.

### **Hundreds block road, calling for reparations**

In the state of Rio Grande Do Sul, 300 families affected by Itauba and Dona Francisca dams blocked the road entering the town of J?lio de Castilhos, to protest the lack of efforts to compensate affected populations.

### **Hundreds of families occupy Tucuru? Dam**

On March 15, 800 families traveled to the Tucuru? Hydroelectric Plant and occupied the dam in protest against the ill treatment of the Eletronorte, a national energy company, and the Ministry of Mines and Energy toward the affected population. The Tucuru? Dam, located on the River Tocantins, in the state of Par?, was constructed in the 1970?s and is one of the biggest hydroelectric plants in Brazil. Thousands of families had been dislocated without

receiving adequate reparations.

### **Endangered Tibagi River is blessed**

The Tibagi River in the state of Parana, Brazil received "blessings" from representatives of churches, as part of the Day of Action. The Tibagi River is threatened by plans for four dams.

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Web: [www.mabnacional.org.br](http://www.mabnacional.org.br)

- [MAB report on increased poverty caused by dams](#) (PDF)

### **Chile: River tour and ceremony to save Rio Blanco**

More than thirty people, including families, children and inhabitants of the region went to the site on the Blanco River where the Noranda company has projected to install a 116–meter–high dam that would flood at least 3,500 hectares of valleys including those of the Caro Lake, Desagüe River and Elizalde Lake. The activity included a long walk on which the participants learned about the many species of flora and fauna that would be destroyed once the dam was in place. There was also a ceremony to celebrate the river.

- [Información en español](#)

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### Mesoamerica Events

#### **Colombia: Massive march to protect Sinu River**

Communities affected by the Urrá Dam organized a march that ended up by the Sinú River. They planned several cultural and educational activities along the way on the importance of the watershed, threatening megaprojects in the region and a discussion on the need to dismantle Urr• I. More than 10,000 people participated.

- [Lea mas información en español](#)

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#### **Colombia: Groups unite for sustainable water planning and celebration**

Many environmental and social rights organizations organized a forum in Bogotá, Colombia to defend their water resources; reflecting on the environmental situation, and effects on the city. This forum included week-long activities in

celebration of rivers and life. They discussed models for development of Bogotá and how to continue the use of environmental perspectives in decision-making. They also showed videos, created artwork, and organized a camping trip for young environmentalists on the Otún River.

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### **Costa Rica: Discussion on Chaparral Dam**

FECON held a discussion on March 15 on the impacts of the proposed Chaparral Dam in El Salvador. The project would directly affect the municipalities of San Luis de la Riena, Carolina, and San Antonio del Mosco, but would predominantly burden the 18,000 residents of Carolina. As many as 1,500 families may require relocation due to the profound changes in their social and cultural lifestyle, as well as their economic opportunities.

- [FECON event flyer](#)

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## **Guatemala: Human road block to stop dams in Peten**

More than 500 habitants of the region of Peten, Guatemala blocked highways at different points of the main route, which runs from the oil region in the north, to the capital of the country. The road blocks where carried out for more than 8 hours, during which the participants demonstrated against the construction of a system of dams that is being proposed to be built in this biologically diverse and culturally rich area. The indigenous and campesino organizations involved demanded that all of the information about the planned projects be made public, while up until now knowledge of the involved companies has been kept quiet, although it is supposed that they are transnational corporations.

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**Two protesters shot during demonstrations (Manifestaciones Contra Represas en el Peten Guatemala terminan con Violencia contra manifestantes):**  
[chiapas.mediosindependientes.org](http://chiapas.mediosindependientes.org)



***Road blocks in Peten demanding access to information***

## **Mexico: Farmers join to stop La Parota Dam**

Alianza Mexicana Por La Autodeterminacion De Los Pueblos (AMAP) along with Farmers against La Parota Dam hosted a discussion in protest to the Federal Commission of Electricity (CFE) decision to build La Parota, a billion dollar hydroelectricity project in southern Guerrero state. The Farmers of La Parota gathered in Agua Caliente and travel to Acapulco for the discussion. This dam is predicted to flood 17,300 hectares and 22 towns. It will also displace about 25,000 inhabitants.

- [Call to Action against La Parota](#) (en espanol)

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## **Panama: Supporters create human chain to protect Cobre River**

Farmers, indigenous peoples and local communities gathered on March 14 to protest hydrological development on the Tabasara, Santa Maria and Cobre rivers. They protested by creating a human chain blocking a bridge on the Cobre River that connects Panama to the rest of the Central American countries.

Participants raised their voices in solidarity saying, ***"Do not build more dams, do not sell our rivers, do not take our lives."***



***Human road block for water rights in Panama***

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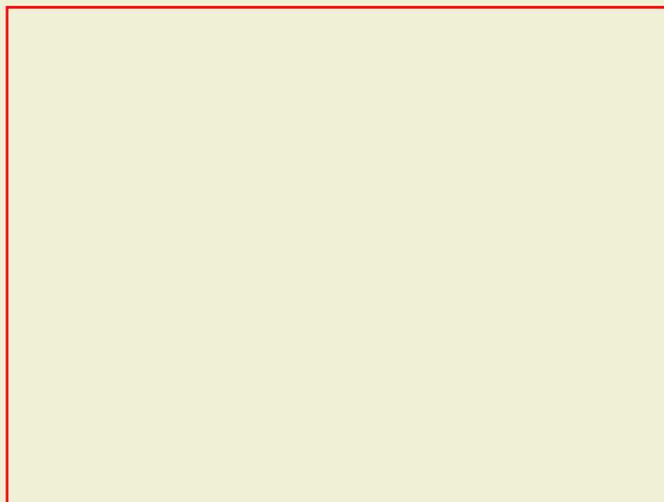
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### North America Events

#### **United States: Hoopa ask Roseville to heal the Trinity River**

International Rivers Network joined [Friends of the River](#) and the [Hoopa Valley](#) and Yurok tribes in calling for for the implementation of the Trinity River Record of Decision, which is a river restoration plan that is currently being held up due to a court challenge brought on by Westlands Water District and the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA). Protesters marched to NCPA headquarters, and picketed while Hoopa Valley Tribal Chairman



Clifford Lyle Marshall  
offered NCPA officials a  
basket of homemade  
kippered salmon and  
asked the agency to  
drop its lawsuit.

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"Indians rally to restore  
Trinity River flows" from  
the Sacramento Bee

***Hoopa Valley Tribe members show  
their passion for the Trinity River***

### **United States: Film festival to expose destructive development**

In Washington D.C., 50 Years is Enough Network presented a collection of eleven films that expose the pressing social, economic and environmental issues that have mobilized thousands of people around the world to call for a profound transformation of the World Bank and IMF. In honor of International Day of Action against Dams, their first film on March 13th will be "Drowned Out: We Can't Wash Them Away." This video follows the rallies, hunger strikes, police brutalities and a six-year Supreme Court case that the people of Jalsindhi in central India are faced with due to the construction of dams on the Narmada River.

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Purchase "[Drowned Out: We Can't Wash Them Away](#)" from BullFrog Films, learn more about the movie at [Spanner Films](#)

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### South Asia Events

#### India:

#### **Celebration of the Cauvery River's beauty and life**

On March 13,  
Environment  
Support Group  
(ESG) is holding an  
event titled ?  
Feeling Cauvery?  
where all were  
invited to celebrate  
India's Cauvery  
River on canvas,  
paper, cloth, clay,  
or through song,  
music, dance,  
theatre, stories,  
poetry, films, etc.  
On March 14, ESG  
called for a public  
meeting at  
Sangam, where the

Cauvery and Arkavathy Rivers meet. The group cleaned up the popular picnic spot and started to build awareness in visitors to make it a 'litter free' zone. ESG also invited participants to join in a campaign to make the grand formations of the rocks around the river a 'no development' zone.



- '[Celebrating Cauvery](#)' flyer (PDF)

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[vsnl.net.in](http://vsnl.net.in)

Web: [www.esgindia.org](http://www.esgindia.org) ***Public celebration of the Cauvery River with art, poetry and song***

Cauvery: [www.](http://www.esgindia.org/campaigns/Cauvery/Cauvery.html)

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### **India: Forum to address Thoubal Project**

CCDD organized a forum in Louphong Village, Ukhrul District to celebrate March 14 and to discuss the issues surrounding the Mapithel Dam–Thoubal Multipurpose Project. In addition to CCDD members and speakers, about 200 people from the villages surrounding the project attended and discussed development decision–making processes in Manipur and the loss of livelihood and culture faced by the indigenous/tribal peoples in the project area.

- [CCDD report on Mapithel Dam action](#) (PDF)

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### **India: March against Ken River linking plan**

Members of the National Alliance of Peoples Movements (NAPM) and South Asia Network on Dams, Rivers and People (SANDRP) hosted a week against large dams during March 14–20, including activities and daily speakers. A march against India's huge river linking project was organized from Banda, Uttar Pradesh to Patna in the state of Bihar from March 14 to March 19. This project proposes the linkage of 36 rivers in India to divert water from major rivers, including the Ganges and Brahmaputra. Several major dams and more than 1,000 kilometers of canals are envisioned, all of which can lead to many environmental and social problems.

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### **India: Meeting to help those displaced by Tehri Dam**

On March 14, Matu People's organization held a meeting on the problems caused by displacement in Uttarakhand due to the Tehri Dam and hundreds of other smaller dams that are currently under construction. The relocation programs are causing daily agitation among citizens because many are resisting removal and trying to stay in their homes. The government is turning a blind eye to these people, claiming that they have cleared the city.

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### **Pakistan: Affected people demand national resettlement policy**

SUNGI Development Foundation organized their action around National Resettlement Policy. They called a big gathering of affected people and passed a charter of demand for compliance with existing dams and an early approval of a resettlement policy from the elected parliament.

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### **Pakistan: Hunger strike and conference for improved water investment**

On March 13, 2004 ActionAid Pakistan held a conference under the theme of "Economic, Social and Environmental Implications of International Financial Institutions: Water Investment in Pakistan." On March 15, 2004 a hunger strike was planned by the Left Bank Outfall Drain/National Drainage Programme project affectees and Chashma Lok Sath will occur in front of the World Bank and Asian Development Bank Offices. ActionAid, Sungi Development Foundation and Sustainable Development Policy Institute organized the conference jointly.

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### **Pakistan: Literature distribution to support Indus River and its people**

On March 14, Forum for Conflict Resolution (FCR) arranged a series of publications and articles for various newspapers and journals to protest against donor-driven policies of the

World Bank, Asian Development Bank and other financial institutions to support the construction of KalaBagh Dam (a large dam on the Indus River at upstream level) without the consent and consensus of lower riparian people. This dam is twice rejected from the elected house (Sindh Assembly) of forty million people of the lower riparian province.

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### **Pakistan: March against disputed projects**

In Hyderabad activists of different political parties and social welfare organizations staged a march organized by the Sindh National Council, started from the Elsa Kazi campus of the Sindh University and terminated at the press club. Many leaders spoke out against large dams in Pakistan. The rally adopted several resolutions, supporting the struggle of the people of Sindh against construction of the Kalabagh dam and Thal canal and demanded the projects should be abandoned. It also demanded all projects on the River Indus under the Vision 2025 programme should be abandoned.

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### **Pakistan: Political dialogue on large dam impacts in Pakistan**

PNRDP Sindh organized a one day national conference titled "Sindh–Punjab Water dispute: Causes and

Consequences.? They are particularly concerned with looking at this issue from a broader perspective, acknowledging economic, political, environmental and socio-cultural issues and the government?s indifference to the mass struggle on water issues.

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### **Philippines: Rally to protect the Agno River**

After the People's Summit on March 14, the Cordillera People's Alliance organized a protest rally against the Agno River dams at the people's park in Baguio on March 15, followed by a parade through the center of town. Next, they picketed in front of the office of the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR). About 200 people participated, including about 20 people from Pangasinan.

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**Philippines:  
Protesting water  
privatization and  
large dams in Manila**

On March 12, Kalikasan organized a protest in front of the Asian Development Bank in Manila. Many of the participants were from communities affected by the Laiban Dam project.

The theme of the protest action was **"No to Water**

**Privatization, No to Large Dams!"** A press

conference about the event was held March

13. On March 17–18

there was a National Consultation on Japan

Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)

Guidelines. A three day

Community Exposure at

the Kaliwa–Kanan Dam

on the Rizal Province

follows in April.

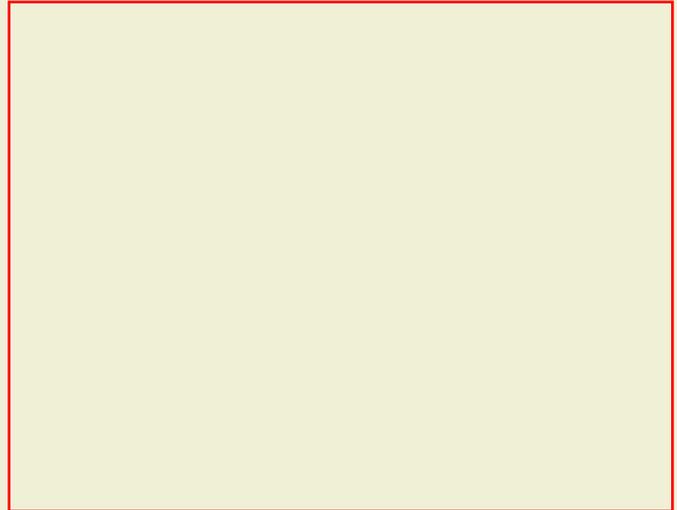
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***Marching to ADB headquarters in Manila***

### **Philippines: Caravan to unify struggle against San Roque Dam**

TIMMAWA held an event on March 14th to celebrate the International Day of Action Against Large Dams and the 3rd congress of the TIMMAWA (Tignay Dagiti Mannalon a Mangwayaway ti Agno) (Peasant Movement to Free the Agno River). The theme of the event was "**Unify the Broadest Front! Strengthen our Struggle Against San Roque Dam!**" The activity included a caravan of people from different sectors in the province and dam affected communities. It travelled through the major cities in the province, starting from different assembly points and will gather in the city of Dagupan where the final activity included a town rally and burning of the dam in effigy. It was a whole day activity starting from 7am to 3pm. About 500 people joined the caravan and gathered in Dagupan City. Aside from this, there were build-up activities such as forums and films showing in the different towns and venues. A cultural workshop was also given in preparation for the cultural presentations to be done during the caravan and the build-up activities. Local songs were also performed by the affected people.

### **Thailand: Movies, music and lectures on effects of dams and water privatization**

In Bangkok, there was a seminar on dam disasters and water privatization. Many youths from dam project areas and students attended the seminar. Apart from the seminar, there was an anti-dam movie showing and music show. Salween River photos from

Thailand and Burma were also exhibited there. In the South a trip and seminar was held in Trang province. There was also a ceremony for the community forest on March 19. Local communities affected by dams and other water and energy-related projects organized these events with local NGOs.

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