



7TH AFRICAN RIFT GEOHERMAL CONFERENCE (ARGeo - C7)

Geothermal: Solution to Africa's Energy Needs

SECOND CIRCULAR

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Kigali Convention Centre, Rwanda

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1. ARGeo - C7

The Government of the Republic of Rwanda will host the 7th African Rift Geothermal Conference (ARGeo-C7) in partnership with UN Environment, Ministry for Foreign Affairs Iceland, Directorate for International Development Cooperation (MFA-ICEIDA), The United Nations University - Geothermal Training Programme (UNU-GTP), African Union Commission (AUC) and the International Geothermal Association - African Regional Branch (IGA-ARB).

The conference will be held at the Kigali Convention Center in Kigali, Rwanda from 29 October – 4 November 2018. The main conference will be held on 31st October – 2nd November 2018. Four Parallel Geothermal Pre-Conference Short Courses will be held on 29-30 October 2018. A Post conference field trips to Rubavu will also be held on 3-4 November 2018.

The six previous biennial conferences were held in Ethiopia (2006), Uganda (2008), Djibouti (2010), Kenya (2012), Tanzania (2014) and Ethiopia (2016). An average attendance of these conferences was about 500.

The aim of this biennial conference is to promote regional cooperation, create an information exchange and networking platform on the exploration, development, utilization and investment of the geothermal resources in the region and elsewhere in the world.

The conference will provide opportunities for exhibitors to showcase their projects, products, equipment and services. It will also be an opportune time for business networking with lead personalities and institutions in the geothermal sector from Africa and elsewhere in the world.

In order to expedite geothermal energy resource development in Africa, various innovative geothermal support programmes have been initiated in the East Africa region. The UN Environment-ARGeo Programme is one of those programmes where its main objective is to catalyse investments in geothermal exploration and development in the region. The UN Environment ARGeo programme, through one of its project components, i.e regional networking and information systems, supports countries to host and organize the biennial regional geothermal conferences in coordination with other geothermal support programmes and partners.



2. IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Submission of full papers and review by regional and international reviewers including the ARGeo-C7 Technical Committee will be held in accordance with the following strict deadlines:

DATE	ACTIVITY
1 May	Call for submission of Full Papers
30 July	Deadline for Full Paper submission
1 - 31 July	Full Papers Technical Review
15-30 August	Notification to authors for acceptance and/or revision
15 September	Deadline for Final Technical Full Papers submission
30 September	Notification to authors mode of presentation

Submission of Full paper

Submit Full paper to the Technical Committee at

technical@theargeo.org & info@theargeo.org

DATES TO REMEMBER

Four Pre-Conference Geothermal Short Courses: 29 - 30 Oct 2018
Main Conference: 31 Oct-2 Nov 2018
Post Conference Field Trips: 3- 4 Nov 2018



3. Why Attend ARGeo -C7:

Mother Nature has bestowed our continent with the abundance of geothermal resources. It is now our duty to develop these God given resources and thus spur development in this region. There is no doubt that we are in a 'Geothermal Era', and we need to harness this resource now with the urgency it deserves. In this context, this conference will give the opportunity to create a platform to discuss on how to fast track the development of geothermal resource in the region. Further the conference will create a platform to:

»» Gain valuable knowledge and insight into new market developments and discover East African case studies from both local and international speakers. Customize your attendance by including a pre-conference short courses and site visit into your conference package.

»» Save months of due diligence by talking to hundreds of geothermal experts and solutions providers in just 3 days which saves time. Attend technical workshops and product demonstrations, discover special offers and find the products that meet your needs.

»» Connect, create and expand your circle of influence and contacts through dynamic networking opportunities at various stages of the event.

»» ARGeo conferences are part of our global and regional brand of African geothermal events. Benefit from our diverse portfolio of regionalized events, by becoming a strategic partner.

»» Benefit from ARGeo partnerships and strategic alliances with the industry's key players we have established over the years. Meet with African utilities, government, IPPs, developers, contractors, solution providers, financiers and investors.

4. What are the benefits for Sponsor/Exhibitor:

This conference provides an opportunity to establish relationships and raise exhibitors/sponsors company profile in the region.

Taking sponsorship or an exhibition stand is the most targeted and cost effective way of reaching key industry decision makers. With an audience of government, geothermal developers, investors and energy companies, ARGeo-C7 is the ideal platform for you to meet the right people face to face and create new business relationships that are vital in consolidating your business' position in the geothermal industry.

You will:

- Connect and gain access to key decision makers
- Meet new clients and reaffirm relationships with existing ones
- Understand the needs of potential clients and tailor your services to meet them
- Establish your company's position amongst industry movers and shakers
- Benchmark your strategy with other major solution providers;
- Make the right connections to ensure the future success of your business.

Sponsors' logo will feature on the event website, brochures and marketing materials to be seen by thousands of industry professionals throughout the year and worldwide.

Take early advantage and maximize your exposure. Don't let your competitors leave you behind: Varying levels of sponsorship are available to cater for your individual needs and marketing budgets.

Detailed benefits can be obtained by contacting: info@theargeo.org



5. KEY DISCUSSION TOPICS OF THE CONFERENCE

The organizing committee invites conference papers in line with the following general topics:

- Policies for accelerating the scaling-up of the geothermal industry in African Rift countries
- Planning and Financing geothermal projects
- Environmental, health, safety & social factors in geothermal development.
- Country Updates
- Exploration methods- geology, geochemistry, geophysics, heat flow.
- Drilling technology
- Reservoir Engineering
- New geothermal technologies, research papers and innovations
- Geothermal power-plants and Direct Use application
- Gender and Geothermal
- Gender, Global and Continental Development Agendas and Climate Policy (SDG 2030, AU Agenda 2063 and Paris Agreement 2015)

**Panel Discussions and Key Note Topics**

* 1-Hour Panel Discussions at the end of each day.

Summary of panel discussions will be incorporated into the conference resolutions

* Topics of the Key Note/ Panel Discussions will be advised

Fellowships

Limited fellowships for African Participants

Will be available for those whose papers will be accepted

6. DELEGATES REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fees and forms will be available at the ARGeo-C7 website:

<http://theargeo.org/C7/registration.html>

a) Main Conference

Please Register me for:	Standard Rates per person	Early Bird registered before 30 September 2018
Three day conference (31 Oct – 2 Nov 2018) - Delegate	USD 500.00	USD 400.00*
Accompanying Delegate	USD 300.00	USD 250.00**

* Registration will entitle delegates to 2 dinners, 3 lunches, 6 teas, 1 cocktail, 1 conference bag with conference materials, 1 T-shirt, 1 cap and transport to and from the conference venue.

**Fees will entitle accompanying persons to 2 dinners, 1 cocktail and transport to excursion sites within Kigali

**b) Post Conference Field Registration Fees (3-4 November 2018)**

Please Register me for	Standard rates per person	Early Bird (registered before 30 Sept 2018)
Post Conference Field Trips		
2 Days 1 Night:	USD 350.00	USD 300.00

* Please note that the above rates include accommodation and meals during field trip

c) Short Course Registration Fees (29 - 30 October 2018)

SHORT COURSE I: Low Temperature Geothermal Systems and Direct Use applications	USD 300.00
SHORT COURSE II: Geothermal Project management and financing	USD 300.00
SHORT COURSE III: Reservoir Modeling and Well Testing	USD 300.00
SHORT COURSE IV: Geothermal Leapfrog Software	USD 300.00

7. EXHIBITION BOOKING

Booth Reservation	Standard Rates	Early Bird (registered before 30 Sept 2018)
3 x 3 Booth (2 attendants allowed to manage the exhibition)	USD2,500.00	USD2,250.00
6 x 3m Booth (3 attendants allowed to manage the exhibition)	USD4,500.00	USD4,000.00

* Please note that the above will entitle exhibitors to 2 dinners, 3 lunches, 6 teas, 1 cocktail, 1 conference bag with conference materials, 1 t-shirt, 1 cap and transport to and from the conference venue)



8. SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Package	Value
Platinum Sponsor 2 slots	USD 60,000
Gold Sponsors 5 slots	USD 30,000
Silver Sponsors (Open)	USD 15,000
Bronze Sponsor/ Sponsorships in-Kind (Open)	USD 7,500 You can also make in-kind sponsorships by providing but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provision of branded giveaways/goodies for guests at the gala dinner• Tour/travel services• Meet the cost of field trip(s)• Donate water for the field trips• Print branded communication materials• Provide discounted accommodation rates for conference delegates• Pay return or discounted Air fare for eastern Africa Delegates• Any other of your preference (please call or email the secretariat with your proposal)

BENEFITS FOR SPONSORING/ EXHIBITING:

1. Platinum Sponsor: USD 60,000

- 6m X 3m exhibition stand
- 4 exhibitors pass for free (USD 500 USD Value Each-cost of registration)
- Editorial description of the sponsor in the official programme
- A large sponsor banner with the logos of sponsors will be displayed in designated locations at the delegates registration area, main dining/ café area and in the exhibition tent
 - Company name and logo to be displayed on all pre and post-conference promotional materials (banners, press kit, monthly newsletters, poster, program booklet, abstract book and souvenir magazine). The promotional items will be displayed in the plenary session rooms, community village and food court
 - Insert a 1-page company information flier in delegates' welcome packet (provided by the company and to be approved by conference organizers)
 - Slides with the company name displayed prior to the opening, closing and before the start of all the plenary sessions
 - Company name and logo to appear on ARGeo-C7 website in the 'Partners/Sponsors' page
 - Acknowledgement at the opening ceremony



2. Gold Sponsor: USD 30,000

- 3 X 3m booth
- 3 Exhibitor passes free (USD 500 USD Value Each-cost of registration)
- A large sponsorship banner with the logos of sponsors to be displayed in the designated locations at the delegates' registration area and main dining/café area
- Company name and logo to be displayed on all pre and post-conference promotional materials (banners, press kit, monthly newsletters, poster, program booklet, abstract book and souvenir magazine). The promotional items will be displayed in the plenary session rooms, community village and food court.
- Editorial description of the sponsor in the official programme
- Insert a 1-page company information in delegates' welcome packet (provided by the company and to be approved by conference organizers)
- Company name and logo to appear on ARGeo-C7 website in the 'Partners/Sponsors' page
- Acknowledgement at the opening ceremony

3. Silver Sponsor: USD 15, 000

- 3 X 3m booths
- 2 exhibitors pass free (USD 500 USD Value Each-cost of registration)
- Company name and logo to appear on ARGeo-C7 website in the 'Partners/Sponsors' page
- Insert a 1-page company information in delegates' welcome packet (provided by the company and to be approved by conference organizers)

4. Bronze Sponsor: USD 7,500

- 3 X 3m booth
- 2 exhibitors pass free (USD 500 USD Value Each-cost of registration)
- Insert a 1-page company information in delegates' welcome packet (provided by the company and to be approved by conference organizers)

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9. PAYMENT DETAILS

NOTE: "The registration payment for (i) Main Conference, (ii) field trip, and (iii) Exhibition booth will be made directly to the Rwanda Energy Group Group bank account dedicate to the Seventh ARGeo Conference. Once you make the payment via wire transfer please send a copy of the receipt to info@theargeo.org for recording purposes".

BANK DETAILS:

NAMES: EDCL/ARGeo-C7

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

000040-06954865-04/USD

IBAN: RW40000400695486504003

SWIFT CODE/BIC: BKIGRWRW

BANK NAME: BANK OF KIGALI LTD

BANK ADDRESS: PLOT 790 KN4 Av no. 12

P.O BOX 175 KIGALI-RWANDA pia

Account No: 0701291040001

Swift Code: NBETEA

CORESSPONDENT BANKS

USD: Deutsche Bank Trust Companies

Americas , New York BKTRUS33

USD: Citi Bank New York CITIUS33

*The above payment details is for payments in USD *

Additional there will be two (POS) Point Of Sale equipments available at the conference for transaction purposes.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

CONFIRMATION: You will receive confirmation of your registration by email.

If you do not receive any information within 48 hours please contact info@theargeo.org to ensure we have received your registration.

CANCELLATION: Non-attendance will be taken as a cancellation and will incur a 100% cancellation fee. If you cancel atleast 10 full working days before the event date you will only be charged at 15% cancellation fee.

Cancellation which are the result of a force majeure event will also be chargeable on the above guidelines. Substitutions are welcome at any time. All other amendments to your registration may incur a 5% charge.

FORCE MAJEURE: If for any reason arising or attributable to acts, events, omissions or accidents beyond ARGeo-C7 Organizing Committee reasonable control it is necessary to make ammendments to the original planning of an event or it becomes impossible to run an event. ARGeo-C7 Organizing Committee is relieved of all obligations and does not take any responsibility for compensation, reimbursement of any additional expenses, inconveniences or loss of business that may be experienced by attendees. Further to this, ARGeo-C7 Organizing Committee reserves the right to retain delegate fees as a contribution to all avenue and administrative costs incurred.

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REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT – NEW VISA REGIME

November 16, 2017

Reference to Cabinet meeting of 08.11.2017 that approved the establishment of new visa regime for the Republic of Rwanda; the Directorate General of Immigration and Emigration would like to inform the public the following New Visa Regime:

1. **Reciprocity** - Rwanda will grant visa free of charge with 90 days validity to the following countries on reciprocal basis: Benin, Central African Republic, Chad, Ghana, Guinea, Indonesia, Haiti, Senegal, Seychelles and Sao Tome and Principe. This is in addition to Democratic Republic of Congo, East African Community Partner States, Mauritius, Philippines, and Singapore. This takes immediate effect.
2. **Visa waiver for diplomatic and service passports** - The Government of Rwanda has entered into Visa Waiver Agreement for holders of Diplomatic and Service Passports with; Djibouti, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guinea, India, Israel, Morocco and Turkey. This takes immediate effect.
3. **30 days visa upon arrival** – Citizens of all countries to get visa upon arrival without prior application, starting 01 January 2018. Before that, only nationals of African countries and few others were getting visa upon arrival.
4. **COMESA Member States to get 90 days visa upon arrival** - Citizens of COMESA member states to get 90 days visa on arrival (on payment of the prescribed fee) as provided by Article 4 of the COMESA Protocol on Free Movement of Persons, Labour, Services, Right of Establishment and Residence. Rwanda ratified the protocol on 13th July 2016. Currently, citizens of COMESA member states were getting 30 days on arrival as other holders of African Passports. This takes immediate effect.
5. **Rwandans living abroad with dual nationality allowed to use national IDs on entry** - waive visa fee to Rwandans travelling on foreign passports in possession of a Rwandan Identity Card for countries that permit dual nationality only. Initially Rwandans travelling on a foreign passport in possession of a valid Rwandan passport were the only granted visa free on arrival. This takes immediate effect.
6. **Foreign residents to use their Resident ID cards for entry** - returning residents holding valid residence permits with corresponding resident cards will be allowed to use them on entry, including using electronic gates (Automated Passenger Clearance System) at Kigali international Airport.

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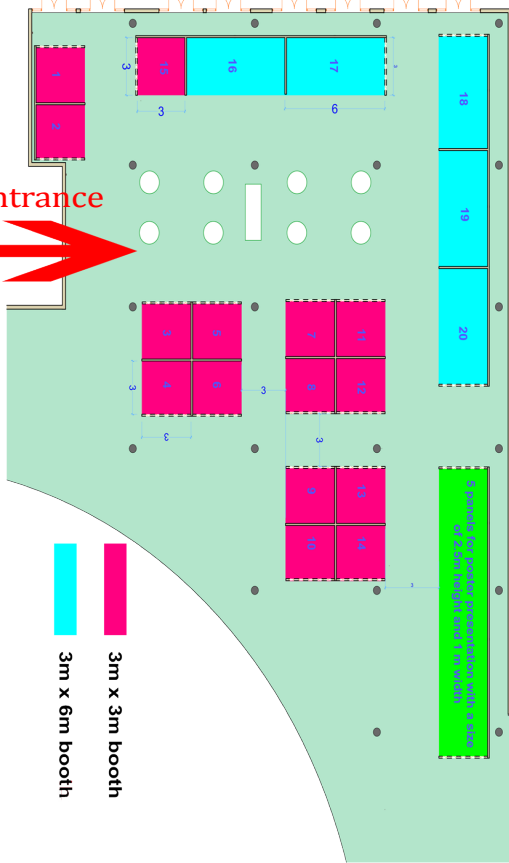
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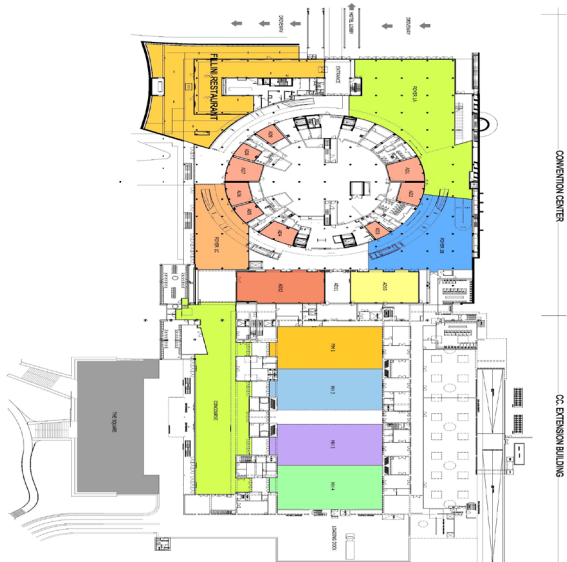
Tel. 00 250 788152222

Website: www.migration.gov.rw - Email: info@migration.gov.rw

EXHIBITION BOOTH LAYOUT

Main Entrance





No.	Event	Date	Room Numbers
1	Four parallel Geothermal Short courses	29 October–30 October 2018	MH1, MH2, MH3, and MH4
2	ARGeo Steering Committee Meeting	29 October 2018	AD 11
3	One plenary and Three parallel rooms	31 October-2 November 2018	Plenary hall: Auditorium and MH4 Parallel rooms: MH1, MH2, MH3
4	Secretariat	28 October- 2 November 2018	AD7
5	Speaker Ready Room	31 October -2 November 2018	AD4
7.	Bilateral meeting	31 October -2 November 2018	AD1
8.	VIP holding room	31 October 2018	VIP Holding R
9	Press Room	31 October 2018	AD11
10	Dining Area (Lunch)		
11	Coffee Place		Foyer 1A
12	Cocktail Area		

