Next steps

As per the decision made during the seventh ARGeo Steering committee meeting in Rwanda, the project is extended for the coming two years (2017-18). This two-year extension, would facilitate furthering of the following activities:

- Complete the already initiated surface exploration studies in ARGeo member countries including Eritrea;
- Continue to provide strong institutional support to establish Africa Geothermal Centre of Excellence (AGCE), including the interim project office. Strengthen International Geothermal Association - Africa Regional Branch (IGA-ARB); eventually ensuring sustainability of geothermal development;
- Enhance and strengthen the African Geothermal Inventory Database (AGID) to create equitable access and ownership for its sustainable use;
- Enhance and strengthen existing Peer Review mechanisms for securing high and uniform quality of geothermal exploration results to minimize the risk of drilling of dry wells;
- Develop tools, guidelines and assessments for direct use applications in the region with a focus on countries located in the western branch of the East African Rift System.

The Major Partners

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**Objectives**

Our objective is to encourage both Private and Public developers to accelerate development of geothermal resources in the East African Region.

**Project Components**

The UN Environment - ARGeo Project has two major components:
* Regional Networking, Information Systems, Capacity Building, Policy Advice and awareness creation.
* Technical Assistance for Surface Exploration Studies.

The GEF funded UN Environment - ARGeo project has 6 member countries namely: Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda. Furthermore, under the framework of “Regional Networking and Capacity Building components”, ARGeo targets other 7 geothermal potential countries namely: Burundi, Comoros, Djibouti, DR Congo, Malawi, Mozambique, and Zambia.

**Member Countries**


**Expected outputs**

- At least three confirmed resource sites for power generation and direct uses.
- Regional networking hubs.
- Enhanced partnerships and resource mobilization.
- Regional geothermal training undertaken as per needs and expectations of countries.
- Clear and coherent geothermal policy, legislation and institutional framework developed.