Sharing Best Practices in Community Engagement for Geothermal Development: Kenya/New Zealand Partnership

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About the U.S. Energy Association

• Nonprofit NGO founded in 1924

• Over 160 members from across the US energy sector

• Partnerships with USDOE, USAID, USTDA, State Department

• Mission: “To promote the sustainable supply and use of energy for the greatest benefit of all.”
The U.S. – East Africa Geothermal Partnership (EAGP)


- Launched in September 2012, currently funded through September 2019

- Goal: to build capacity and accelerate geothermal development in East Africa with a priority focus on Kenya, Ethiopia and Djibouti
Formation of partnership between Kenya and New Zealand

- KenGen requested assistance from EAGP, through Power Africa, on enhancing their community engagement strategies
- Worldwide search for appropriate partners
- Selection of New Zealand
- Identification of partners in New Zealand
  - Contact Energy
  - Ngati Tahu
Overview of Partnership

- Focus on Best Practices in Community Engagement and Outreach
- One year in length
- 4 total executive exchanges
  - 2 – New Zealand
  - 2 – Kenya
- Inclusion of community members in program
- Detailed work plan with defined outcomes for KenGen
KenGen Community Engagement Strategy Goals

For KenGen to more effectively and respectfully engage communities which will result in the following:

a) Help attain initial buy-in (social license) for new power projects to reach financial close and proceed to construction and operationality;

b) To help enhance or maintain the social license for all existing power stations for the safe, continuous production of power for the country.
KenGen Values
## KenGen Community Engagement Principles

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<td>Proactive consultation, inclusive participation, and disclosure and access to information</td>
<td>Ensure gender equality, female empowerment, considerations for the marginalised, and cultural appropriateness</td>
<td>Do no harm and manage and address grievances in a timely manner</td>
<td>Respectful, sustained engagement throughout the project lifecycle, from inception to decommission</td>
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KenGen Community Engagement Structure
Next Steps

• KenGen Community Engagement Strategy Launch
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• Increased capacity building for indigenous communities in Kenya
• Improved relationships for KenGen with community groups and populations
• Replication of program in other countries
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