9th African Rift Geothermal Conference (ARGeo-C9)

Geothermal: Solution to Africa’s Energy needs
1st to 6th November 2022, Djibouti Palace Kempinski, Djibouti

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

The Government of the Republic of Djibouti, through ODDEG will be hosting the Ninth African Rift Geothermal Conference (ARGeo-C9) in partnership with UNEP, AUC, AGA, AWAG, ARGeo member countries and other international partners involved in geothermal sector including MFA-Iceland, GRØ GTP and IGA. The conference will be held at Djibouti Palace Kempinski Hotel in Djibouti from 1 – 6 November 2022. The Conference consists of:

• 1-2 November 2022: The Short Courses.
• 2-4 November 2022: The Main Conference
• 4-6 November 2022: The Field Trip.

The Conference will be hosted under the auspices of the UNEP Africa Geothermal Development facility Programme (ARGeo) as one of its biennial geothermal conferences. The eight previous biennial conferences were held in Ethiopia (2006), Uganda (2008), Djibouti (2010), Kenya (2012), Tanzania (2014), Ethiopia (2016), Rwanda (2018) and a Virtual one hosted and facilitated by UNEP, in Nairobi, Kenya (2020).

In order to expedite geothermal development in Africa, various innovative geothermal support programs have been initiated in the East Africa region. The UN Environment-ARGeo Program is one of those programs where its main objective is to catalyse investments in geothermal development in the region. This program, through one of its project components, supports countries to host and organize the biennial regional geothermal conferences in coordination with other geothermal support programs and partners. The aim of this biennial conference is to promote regional cooperation, create an information exchange platform on the exploration, development, investment and utilization of the geothermal resources in the region.

TOPICS OF THE CONFERENCE:

Conference papers will be in line with the following topics:

• Geothermal power-plants and Direct use application
• Policy for accelerating the scaling-up of the geothermal industry in African Rift countries
• Financing geothermal projects
• Environmental, health, safety & social factors in geothermal development.
• Case studies – any aspect of geothermal development
• Exploration methods- geology, geochemistry, geophysics, heat flow.
• Drilling technology
• Reservoir Engineering
• New geothermal technologies, research papers and innovations
• Student papers – to include all aspects for geothermal exploration.

Please send your abstracts via info@theargeo.org and the contacts provided below. Submission deadline is 10th May 2022.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

The Republic of Djibouti is a country located in the Horn of Africa. It is bordered by Somaliland in the south, Ethiopia in the southwest, Eritrea in the north, and the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden in the east. The country has a total area of 23,200 km2.

Djibouti is a unique country in many respects whose geostategic position is unanimously recognized. Many appellations describe this country as “Crossroads of three Continents”, “Land of meetings and exchanges”.

Installed capacity in Djibouti is expected to grow from c. 253 MW in 2020 to c. 1,112 MW in 2037. The amount of electricity is expected to increase to ~181 MW in 2020 and 314 MW by 2037.
NOTES

- Djibouti is a bilingual country and offers arid bush, volcanic formations and beaches on the Gulf of Aden. Located in the Danakil Desert.
- Spectacular landscapes to amaze tourist curiosity, incredible natural sites to discover like the lake, a gigantic salt pack ice which is both the lowest point on the African continent (~150 meters below sea level) and the most salty in the world.

ABOUT THE VENUE

The Djibouti Palace Kempinski offers seven spacious and elegant ballrooms, fully equipped meeting rooms and beautiful Royal Lawn with total space of 3300 sqm.

Conventions, seminars, product launches, meetings for 15 to 1500 people can be organized here, as well as cocktail receptions for up to 3000 people.

At your disposal high-tech translation facilities which are a must in this multilingual region. The meticulous and attentive team is a guarantee for successful projects.

The four contemporary meeting rooms (Ile Moucha, Ile Maskali, Ras Siyan and Tadjourah), offering a surface area of between 25 and 90 m², ensure a more private setting for your events.

PRE-CONFERENCE TRAINING: 1-2 November 2022

Three concurrent short courses are planned to take place prior to the main conference namely:
1. Low Temperature Geothermal Systems and Direct Use application
2. Geothermal development and financing of geothermal projects.
3. Reservoir Modeling and Well Testing

CALL FOR SPONSORS/EXHIBITORS

The ARGeo-C9 conference provides an excellent opportunity to national, regional and international exhibitors ranging from independent power producers, business fraternity, development partners, government institutions, manufacturers and individuals to showcase their technology and products/services.

The geothermal conference will also provide great business opportunities. Seize the moment and maximize your exposure. Detailed sponsorship and exhibition benefits can be obtained via email.

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