>>>> Geothermal Risk Mitigation Facility: An alternative way to finance geothermal development





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## >>> Overview of Geothermal Energy

Key features of geothermal energy



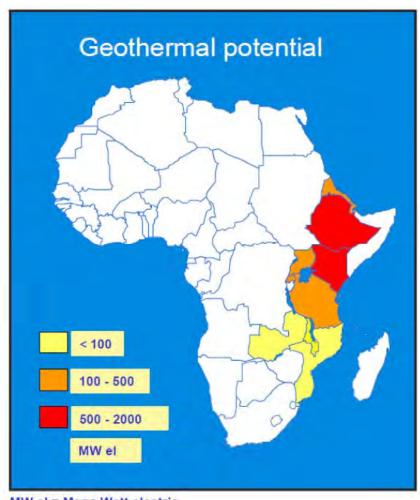
Source: ESMAP 2012

### Geothermal Energy is...

- > a renewable source of energy: the use of hot steam or water under high pressure
- mostly located close to boundaries of tectonic plates
- > Environmentally friendly due to its fossil-fuel-free nature
- ➤ A stable source of base-load power
- > competitive in terms of cost per kilowatt hour
- → a longterm project with high upfront costs

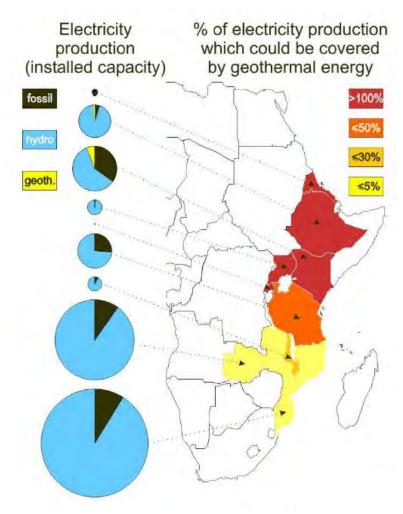
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High Potential, but low usage in the East African Rift Valley



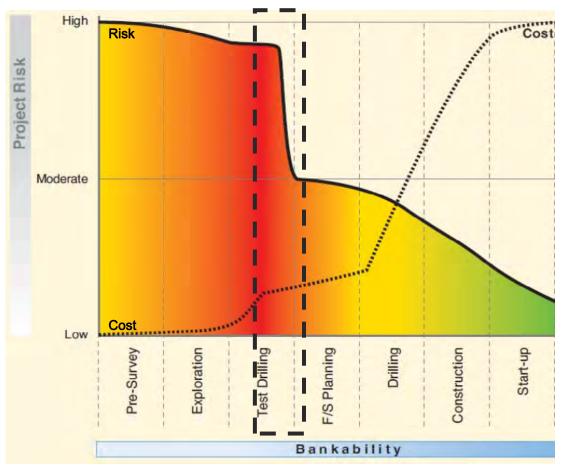
MW el = Mega Watt electric

Source: BGR 2013



## >>> Low bankability during exploration phase

High and risky Upfront Investment Costs



Significant upfront costs at high risk – before the success of the project has been secured!



Public and private investors could avoid investments in Geothermal Energy



Public support mechanisms are crucial to remove entry hurdles into geothermal power development

Source: ESMAP 2012

## >>> Concept of the Geothermal Risk Mitigation Facility

AUC's role & mandate



#### Commission of the African Union

- Mandated by 11 East African countries to develop & manage a regional geothermal program
- Chosen to host & manage the GRMF

Policy guidelines including institutional and regulatory framework

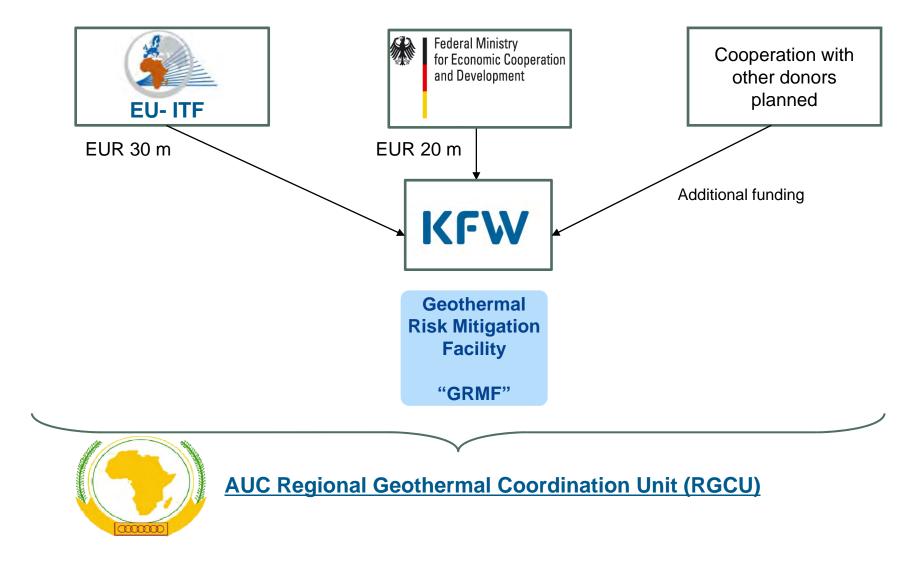
Regional Road Map

Regional Geothermal Coordination Unit (RGCU)

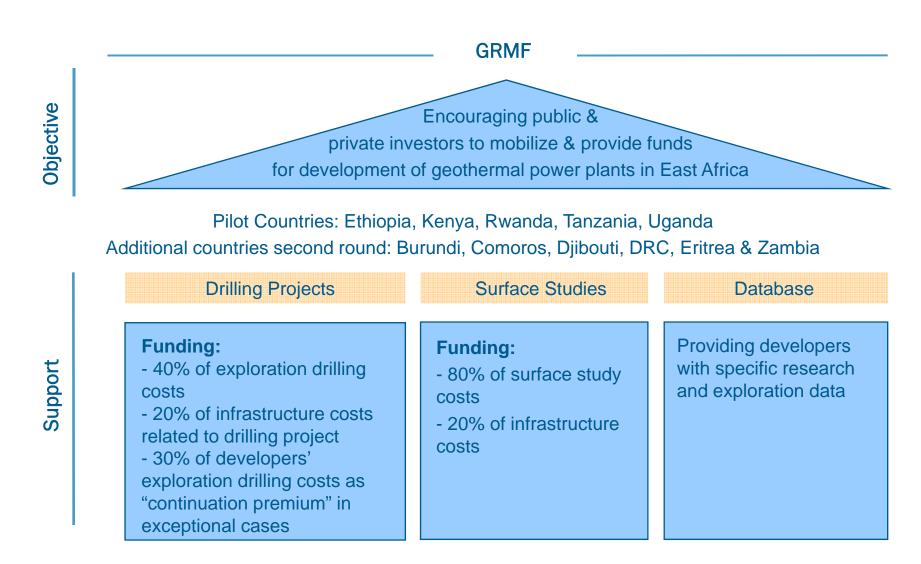
- Providing Information
- Coordination of countries, developers, donors, etc.
- Evaluation of geothermal projects for the GRMF

## >>> Concept of the Geothermal Risk Mitigation Facility

Project Design of the GRMF



# >>> Concept of the Geothermal Risk Mitigation Facility Objective



## >>> Concept of the Geothermal Risk Mitigation Facility Key features



#### Strong African ownership

- AUC leadership
- Country representation

#### Transparent application and assessment procedure

- Oversight Committee (Members: 3 AUC, 1 target country, 1KfW)
- Comprehensive procurement and application guidelines

#### High quality project pipeline

- Support of the best projects in a cross-border competitive process
- Public and private developers are competing for the same funds
- Thorough selection through experts
- Continuation premium to incentivise execution of projects

## >>> Application Procedure

#### Overview

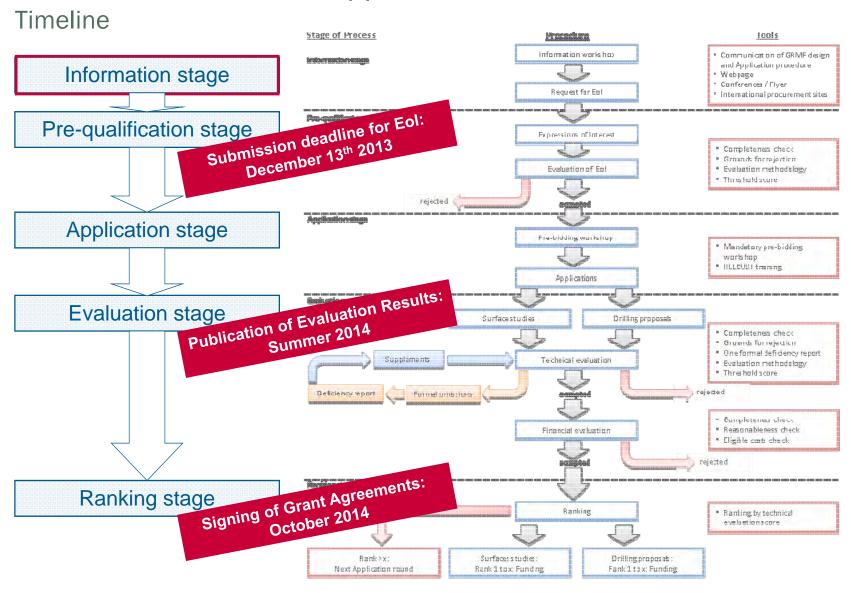
## **Application** Procedure

- ➤ Competitive two-stage Application process (Expression of Interest + Application)
- ➤ It is planned to conduct at least 3 application rounds
- > One application round including prequalification each year
- > Application procedure takes approximately one year

## Round 2013

Grant Agreements with successful Applicants are expected to be signed in October 2013

## >>> Outlook on the Second Application Round



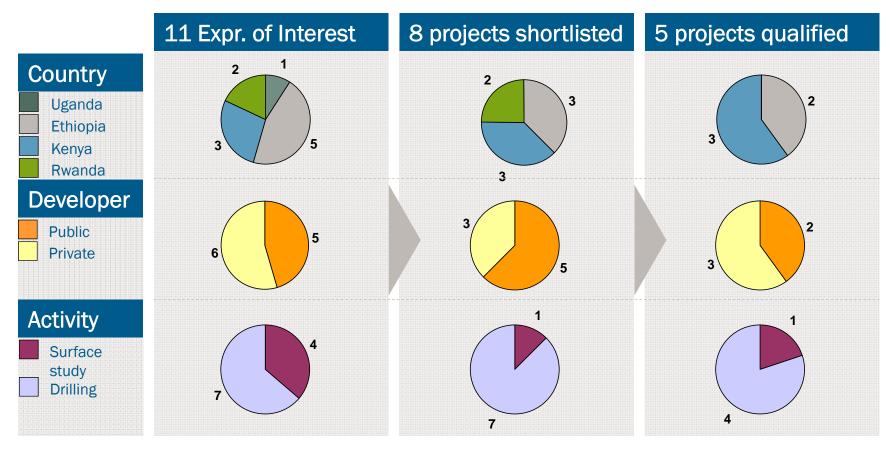
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#### Assessment Criteria



## >>> Review of the First Application Round

Expr. of Interest from 4 countries promise continuous progress in the region



- 11 Eols from 4 out of 5 eligible countries
- Private, public, regional and international developers
- 5 successful projects with grant volume of EUR 25 m

## >>> Outlook on the Second Application Round Outlook

#### Outlook

- ➤ Still funds available for application round 2
- Extension to 11 countries:
  - ➤ Burundi, Comoros, Djibouti, DRC, Eritrea & Zambia now eligible
- ➤ Cooperation with other donors
  - ➤ Discussions about additional funding for GRMF
  - ➤ Workshop for alignment of donor activities in the region
- ➤ Focus on capacity building in the region for
  - **≻**Governments
  - > AUC and other institutions
  - ➤ Developers



