



RESOLUTION

8TH AFRICAN RIFT GEOTHERMAL CONFERENCE (ARGeo - C8)



Organizing Committee Virtual Meeting
28th August 2020 | 12:00-13:30 Hr.
Nairobi



**Eighth African Rift Geothermal Conference (ARGeo C8) Organizing Committee
Virtual Meeting held in Nairobi on 28th August 2020
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The members of the Organizing Committee (OC) for the 8th ARGeo Conference (ARGeo C8):

Being aware of the substantial exploration and developments of geothermal energy resources in the African continent so far undertaken since the Seventh African Rift Geothermal Conference (ARGeo-C7) that was held in Kigali, Rwanda in 2018;

Realizing that many countries in Africa have embraced utilization of geothermal resources to address their power shortages as well as promoting direct use applications of low to medium temperature geothermal resources. This is in recognition of direct utilization of geothermal resources for fighting hunger and poverty by enhancing livelihoods of the communities through other productive uses like agriculture, tourism etc.;

Considering that African countries desire to share information and experiences with international experts to address risks and reduce cost of development;

Considering that the conference series, being held under the auspices of UNEP ARGeo Programme, was setup to be held every two years starting with ARGeo-C1 conference that was held in Addis Ababa in year 2006;

Recognizing that COVID-19 pandemic has severely disrupted global travel and international conferences with big gathering;

Recognizing the decision made by the members of the UNEP ARGeo steering Committee with a reference to the African Union suspension of all meetings and conferences in which it is involved; many African Countries would not allow international travel of their citizens; and the uncertainty of COVID-19 trends in the coming two months.

The ARGeo-C8 Organizing Committee therefore resolve to:

- a) Proceed with plans to stage the ARGeo-C8 Conference via virtual platform on the planned dates of 2nd to 6th November 2020
- b) Request UNEP ARGeo to facilitate the hosting of the virtual conference;
- c) Revise the technical programme in view of the different time zones of the expected participants and to accommodate virtual conference logistics;
- d) Issue a third circular towards the conference; incorporating all relevant information related to the Virtual conference
- e) Liaise with all stakeholders and sponsors to ensure successful conference by supporting countries whose participants may have challenges with slow network bandwidth and speeds to access the conference programmes; and

Nairobi, Kenya

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