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## **CLOSING CEREMONY SPEECH**

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Dear trainees and teachers

We are now at the end of this 17 day short course. During these days we have shared a common goal or vision that geothermal can be used to larger a capacity here in East Africa and generally in the world. Too many people do not have access to reliable energy sources for a good and comfortable life, and increased use of the abundant green geothermal resources can certainly help us to improve life standards here in Eastern Africa. I hope that when you come home you will ask yourself the question how you yourself can contribute towards that. I tell you, we all can, and then comes the task to implement these ideas.

During these days we wanted to give you a good overview of the state of the art in surface geothermal exploration today and I am sure that you will bring good information and know-how back to your home countries and institutions or companies that can and will help you in your future work in geothermal. I also hope that if you were not clear before about the future possibilities of geothermal energy in East Africa that you are now convinced of it. You trainees are not the only ones to go home with new knowledge and ideas. We the teachers have also gained new knowledge and ideas that will help us in the future.

It is now due for the potential of geothermal in Africa to be realised. I know that some of your governments have set ambitious targets for geothermal in the near future, but the time has now come for action. We need to see more power plants on-line to add to and/or replace plants relying on expensive imported fossil fuel. We have also learned that direct utilization should get its due attention. The innovative greenhouses at Oserian are really an eye-opener for the possibilities. I really hope that for some of you this short course will be an important step towards an interesting future in geothermal exploration. And I can also tell you that I hope and believe that I will see a few of you in Iceland in the near future for further geothermal training.

Dear trainees, it is now time to call you up to receive your certificates. With the certificates you also receive a small gift from the UNU-GTP, a flash memory that we hope will be of use for you in your future work in geothermal, and it also allows you to bring home with you some memories from your time here. We will begin with Algeria, and the other countries will follow in alphabetical order, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and Yemen.

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At the end I would like to thank KenGen for the fantastic work they have done in preparations, organization and the hosting of this short course, and my colleagues from Iceland for the large work they have put into this. Thank you.