# UNU-GTP AND GEOTHERMAL CAPACITY BUILDING IN AFRICA

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## **United Nations University**

- Established in 1975
- Headquarters in Tokyo
- International community of scholars
- Think-tank for the United Nations system
- Builder of capacities, particularly in developing countries
- 13 UNU Research and Training Centres and Programmes around the world

# United Nations University Geothermal Training Programme

- .. has operated in Iceland since 1979
- .. aims at assisting developing countries with significant geothermal potential to build up or strengthen groups of specialists that cover most aspects of geothermal exploration and development
- .. offers annually six months specialised training courses for professionals in geothermal work
- .. offers MSc. and PhD education in cooperation with Univ. Icel.
- .. offers short courses and workshops in recipient countries
- .. is hosted at Orkustofnun National Energy Authority
- .. now the only international graduate school offering specialized training in all the main fields of geothermal science & engineer.



## Specialized training is offered in:

- ➤ Geological exploration
- ➤ Borhole geology
- Geophysical exploration
- Borehole geophysics
- > Reservoir engineering

- > Environmental studies
- Chemistry of thermal fluids
- Geothermal utilisation (engineering)
- Drilling technology



## The training ....

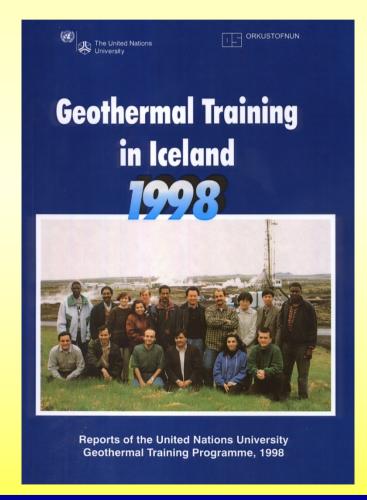
- ➤ Is intended to provide participants with the ability to carry out inde-pendent execution of projects at home
- Starts with an introductory lecture course for basis
- Continues with 5-7 weeks of specialized training

- Includes field excursions to lcelandic geothermal fields
- Continues with a geothermal research project for 12 weeks and a report
- Includes training and use of computers
- Concludes with certificate from the United Nations University and Orkustofnun



## Projects...

- Are selected from home countries if possible and data is available
- Otherwise, data is provided from Icelandic geothermal fields of similar characteristics
- Are published in our yearbook "Geothermal Training in Iceland"





## **Fellowships**

- .. are awarded to candidates from developing countries and some transitional countries
- .. cover tuition fees, per diem and international travel
- .. financed by the Government of Iceland (95%) and the United Nations University (5%)



## Candidates must...

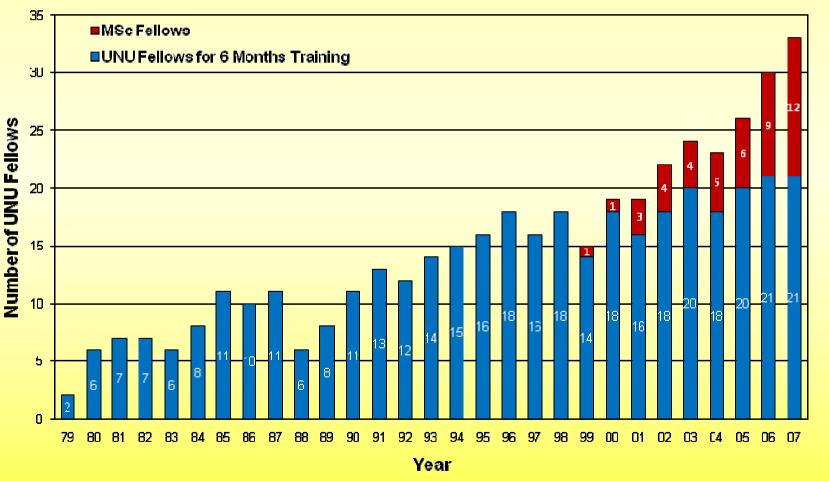
- > Have a university degree in science or engineering
- Have a minimum of one year practical experience in geothermal work, if possible for the country
- > Speak English, the teaching language, fluently
- ➤ Have a permanent position at a governmental energy company, research institution or university
- ➤ Be selected by personal interviews during visits of staff members of UNU to their home country
- > Be within 40 years of age unless in exceptional cases



## **MSc & PhD education**

- .. is offered in cooperation with University of Iceland
- .. Fellowships come from UNU-GTP, but the main part of teaching is at UI
- .. to be eligible the Fellows must have completed the conventional 6 months programme which counts as 30 points of 120 ECTS in the MSc requirements, and they should not be older than about 35 years
- .. the completion of the MSc degree should take 1½ 2 years now in 2008 sixteen MSc Fellows have completed MSc and nine are currently enrolled
- .. The first two PhD Fellows were enrolled this year

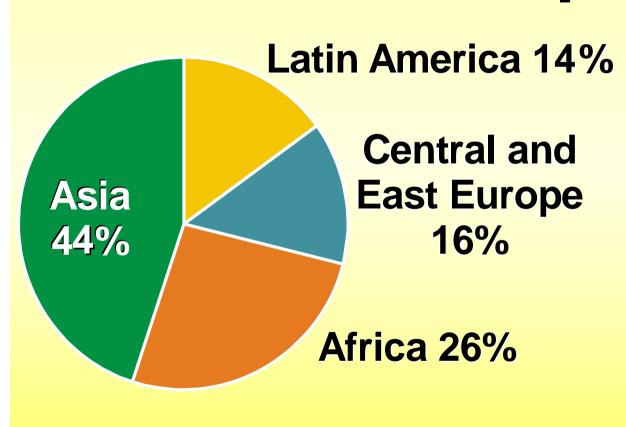
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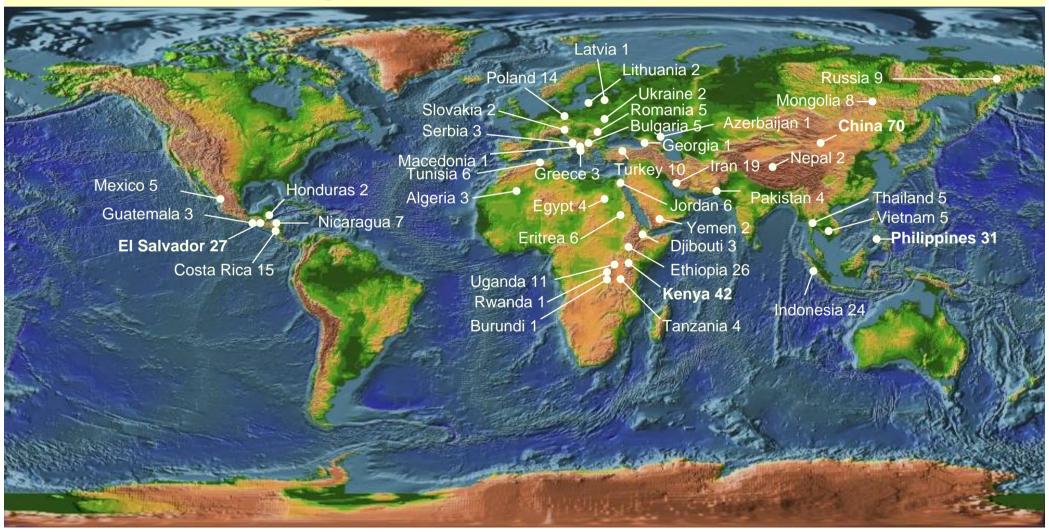
## **Participation**



- During 1979-2008, 402 scientists and engineers from 43 countries have completed the 6 months specialized courses
- Thereof 67 women (17%)



## Fellows of the UNU Geothermal Training Programme in Iceland 1979-2008





### **UNU-GTP - Short courses**

- As a contribution to UN's Millennium development goals the Government of Iceland's has financed short courses in geothermal training held in various continents
- Started in East Africa with the "Workshop for Decision Makers in Geothermal" – held in Kenya in 2005 cooperating with a.o. KenGen and UNEP/GEF
- In 2006-2008, four short courses have been added to the series, three in Kenya in cooperation with KenGen and one in Uganda
- In 2006 similar series were started in C-America
- And in May 2008 new series started in Tianjin, China for Asia, focussing on LT utilization

## World Geothermal Congress 2005 77 UNU Fellows from 25 countries presented papers



## 30th Anniversary Workshop in 2003





## Training of Africans at UNU-GTP

- First ones were the Kenyans: Joseph N'gan'ga, Martin Mwangi and Zack Muna in 1982 – all reached leading positions at KPC/KenGen – 39 Kenyans have followed in their footsteps most of them are still active in geothermal
- In all, 26 Ethiopians have completed 6 months training, the first ones in 1983 – many have left geothermal due to wars or other reasons – however, a good nucleus is still left, at GSE lead by Meseret Teklemariam, the first black woman trained in Iceland, and at EEPCo led by the engineer Merga Tassew
- Good group is being formed in Uganda with 11 UNU Fellows, under the leadership of Godfrey Bahati, most still active
- Other countries are given their chances in relation with their activity in geothermal, such as Eritrea, Tanzania, Rwanda etc.





### African UNU Fellows 1979-2008

| (Red) = Women | 6-months training |                       |           | MSc programme |              | PhD pro. |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|----------|
|               | No. trained       | Retired or not active | Available | Graduate<br>d | Studyin<br>g | Studying |
| Algeria       | 3 (1)             | 3 (1)                 |           |               |              |          |
| Burundi       | 1                 | 1                     |           |               |              |          |
| Djibouti      | 3                 | 1                     | 2         | 1             |              | (1)      |
| Egypt         | 4 (1)             |                       | 4 (1)     |               |              |          |
| Eritrea       | 6                 | 2                     | 4         |               | 1            |          |
| Ethiopia      | 26 (1)            | 11                    | 15 (1)    |               | 2            |          |
| Kenya         | 42 (6)            | 7                     | 35 (6)    | 7             |              | 2 (1)    |
| Rwanda        | 1                 |                       | 1         |               |              |          |
| Tanzania      | 4                 | 1                     | 3         |               |              |          |
| Tunisia       | 6                 |                       | 6         |               |              |          |
| Uganda        | 11 (1)            | 2                     | 9 (1)     | 1             |              |          |
| Total         | 107 (10)          | 27 (1)                | 80 (9)    | 9             | 3            | 2 +1 (1) |
| Yemen         | 2                 |                       | 2         |               |              |          |

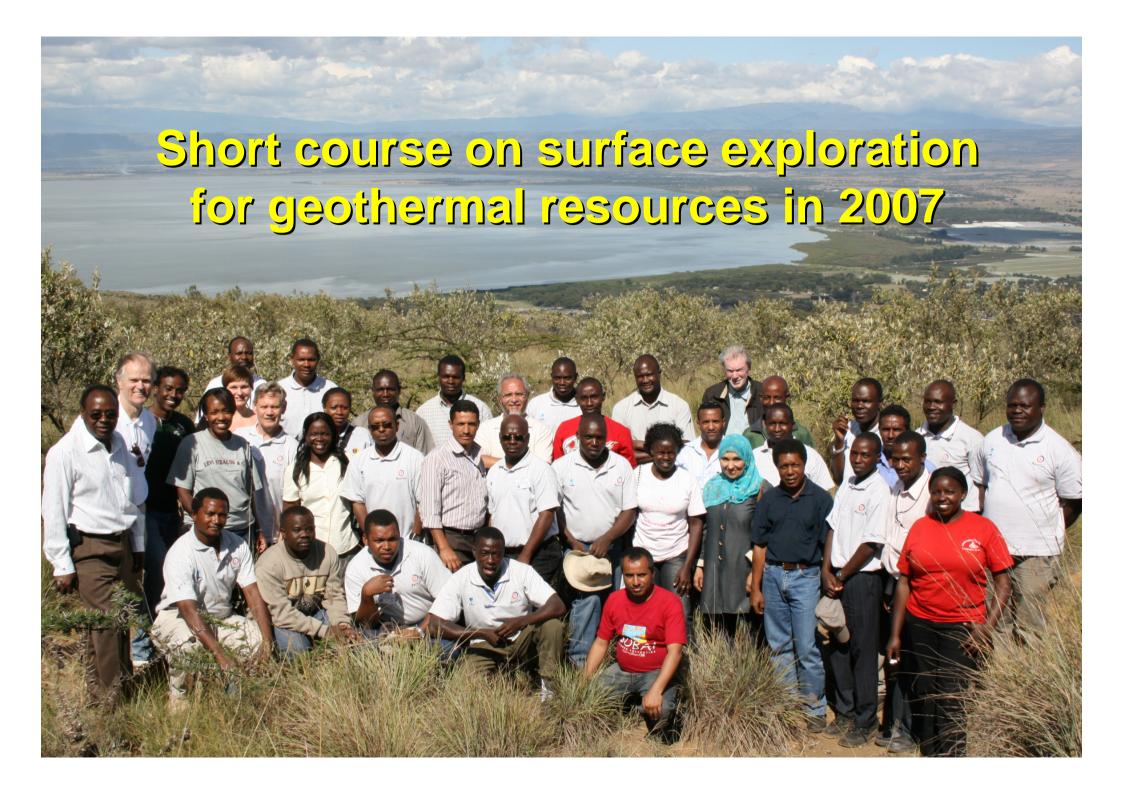


## **""UNU-GTP short courses in Africa**

- First one was the "Workshop for Decision Makers in Geothermal" held in Kenya in 2005 in cooperation with KenGen - with about 30 participants from the six E-African ARGeo countries
- Since then short courses on exploration of geothermal resources have been held annually (2006-2008) with participants from now 14 countries mainly in E-Africa. The latest additions are Burundi, D.R. Congo and Zambia. About 100 persons have now attended these 2-4 week short courses
- The fifth course in the series was on geothermal project management and development", held here in Entebbe last week with 22 African participants
- The short courses have proven a valuable addition to the training capacity – and a new channel for further training in Iceland











### Aims for 2009-2012

The deep financial crisis in Iceland may have some effect on our operations during the next 2-4 years. However, we still have strong support from the government. Therefore, I can say that ....

- •Our core activity will continue to be the specialized six months training in Iceland, with hopefully some 20 Fellows annually
- •For the MSc studies we hope to be able to award 4-5 new MSc fellowships annually
- •Similarly, for PhD studies we hope to be able to award one new PhD fellowship annually
- Currently, further expansion of short courses may be difficult, but I can state that priority will be given to capacity building in Africa.
   Hopefully through development into a regional training centre operated by KenGen under the UNU-GTP umbrella























