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Description of Facility

This new Facility is implemented under the New Zealand and the African Union Commission Partnership Arrangement, signed at the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in June 2017.

The New Zealand Africa Geothermal Facility (NZ-AGF) will provide responsive, flexible and timely geothermal technical assistance and capacity building within East African countries and, as appropriate, assist with funding applications to the existing Geothermal Risk Mitigation Facility (GRMF), to help develop regional geothermal energy resources.

The Facility – managed under the New Zealand Development Programme – will have a budget of some \$NZD10 million over the next five years. The overall goal of the NZ-AGF is to expand access to affordable, reliable and clean energy in East African nations through the increased use of geothermal energy resources.

The target countries for these activities are those within Eastern and Southern Africa that have geothermal potential and are eligible for Geothermal Risk Mitigation Facility funding, specifically: Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Zambia, Uganda, Eritrea, Djibouti, Comoros, Burundi and Democratic Republic of Congo. It is anticipated that a limited number of these countries will be targeted initially.

The NZAGF will adopt a demand-driven, technical assistance, facility model; these demands will be identified by the Facility Manager working with eligible country stakeholders throughout the region, and he will also look to the New Zealand industry, with experience in the region, for suggestions and guidance.

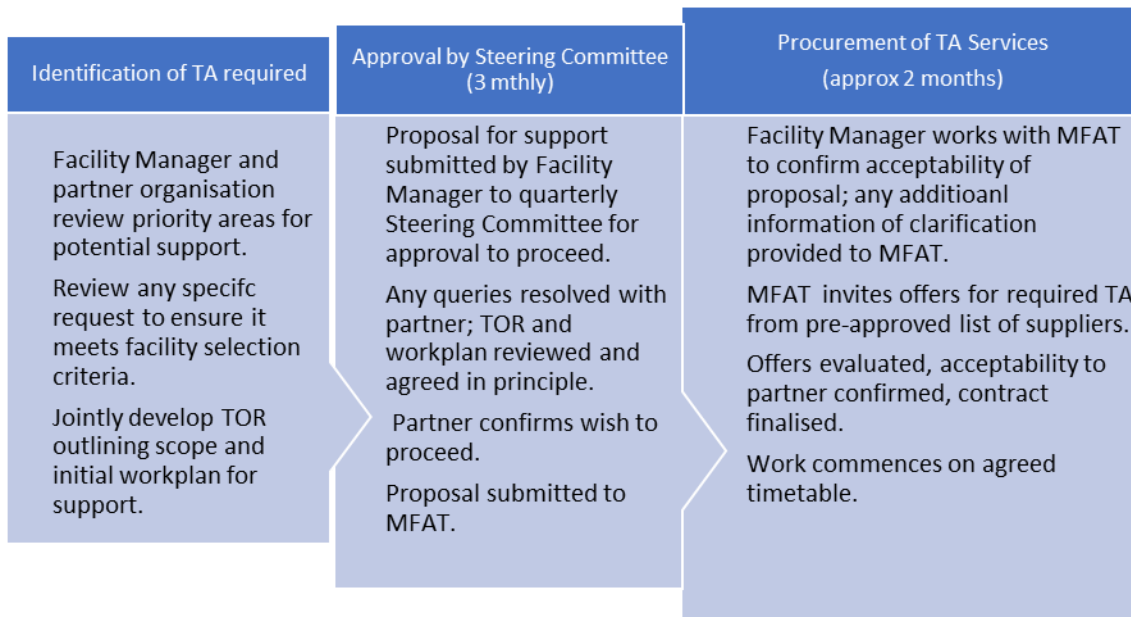
The focus of the Facility is to provide technical assistance for geothermal development that will be reflected in an increased number of geothermal energy projects meeting investment criteria, expanding investment and local participation in the geothermal sector to build on the region's successes to date.

The key governance mechanism for the NZ-AGF will be through a Steering Committee composed of New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade (MFAT) and Africa Union Commission (AUC) representatives.

Facility Manager, Markos Melaku, will be based in the AUC in Addis to identify and coordinate projects and will be responsible for providing the necessary administrative, procurement and support services for the operation of the NZAGF.

Outline of Facility Operation

While procedures for the Facility will be refined during the early pilot phase of activities, the anticipated process for accessing Technical Assistance is as outlined below:



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