



**Geothermal Risk Mitigation
Facility for Africa**



GRMF POWER 8TH APPLICATION ROUND KICK-OFF

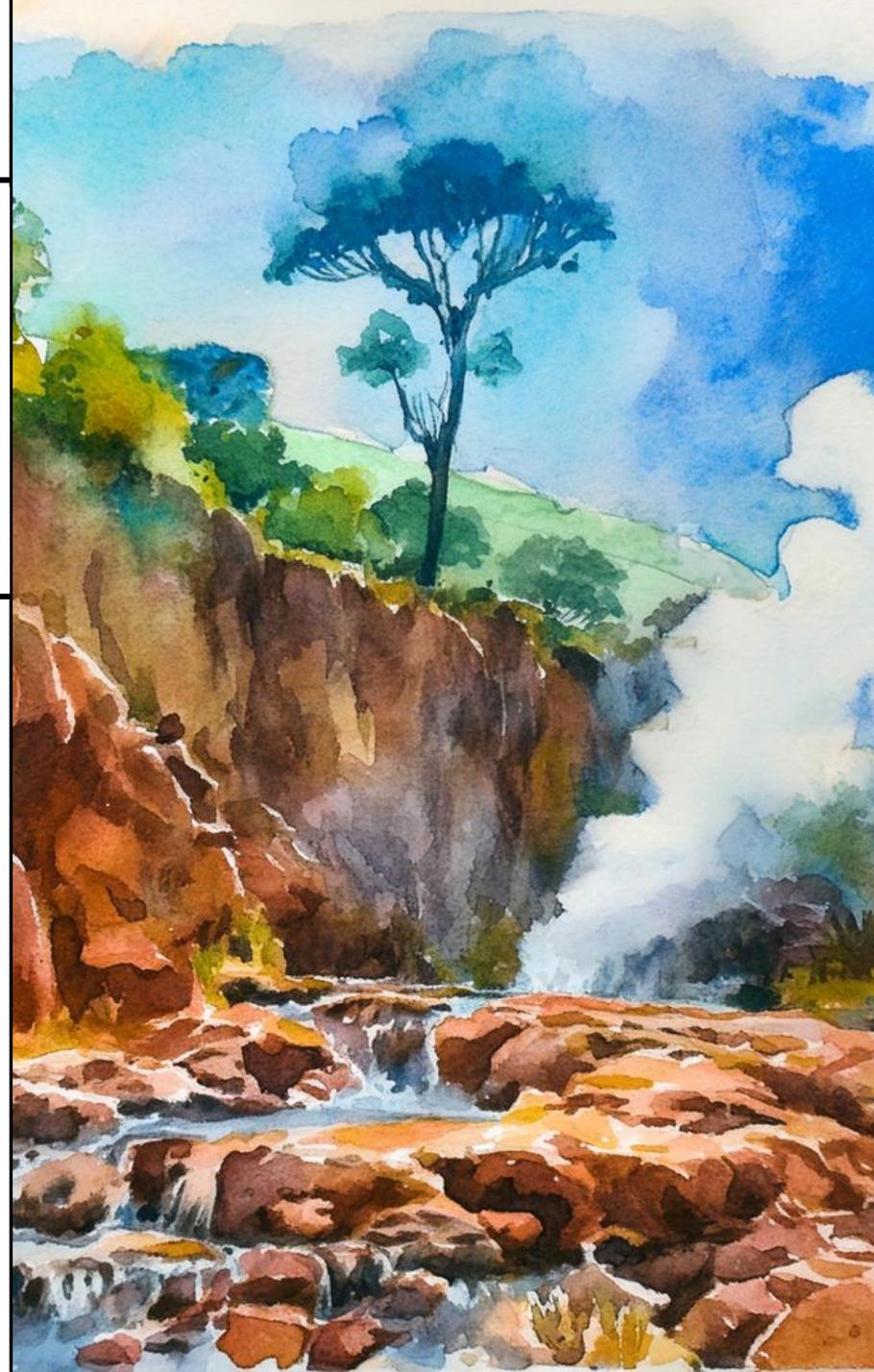
GEOHERMAL RISK MITIGATION FACILITY

RGCU & GRMF Technical Consultant

22nd January 2025

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THE GEOTHERMAL RISK MITIGATION FACILITY (GRMF)

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Intermediary



The GRMF provides grant funding (non-reimbursable) for projects in 15 eligible East African countries.

Countries: Burundi, Comoros, DRC, Djibouti, Eritrea, **Eswatini**, Ethiopia, Kenya, **Malawi**, **Nigeria**, Rwanda, Somalia, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia

Eligible entities: public, private, PPP

GRMF POWER

Provides grant funding for geothermal power projects.

80% of eligible cost for **Surface Studies**
40% of eligible cost for **Drilling Programmes**
20% of eligible cost for **Infrastructure Upgrades**



GRMF HEAT

Provides funding for geothermal direct use projects.

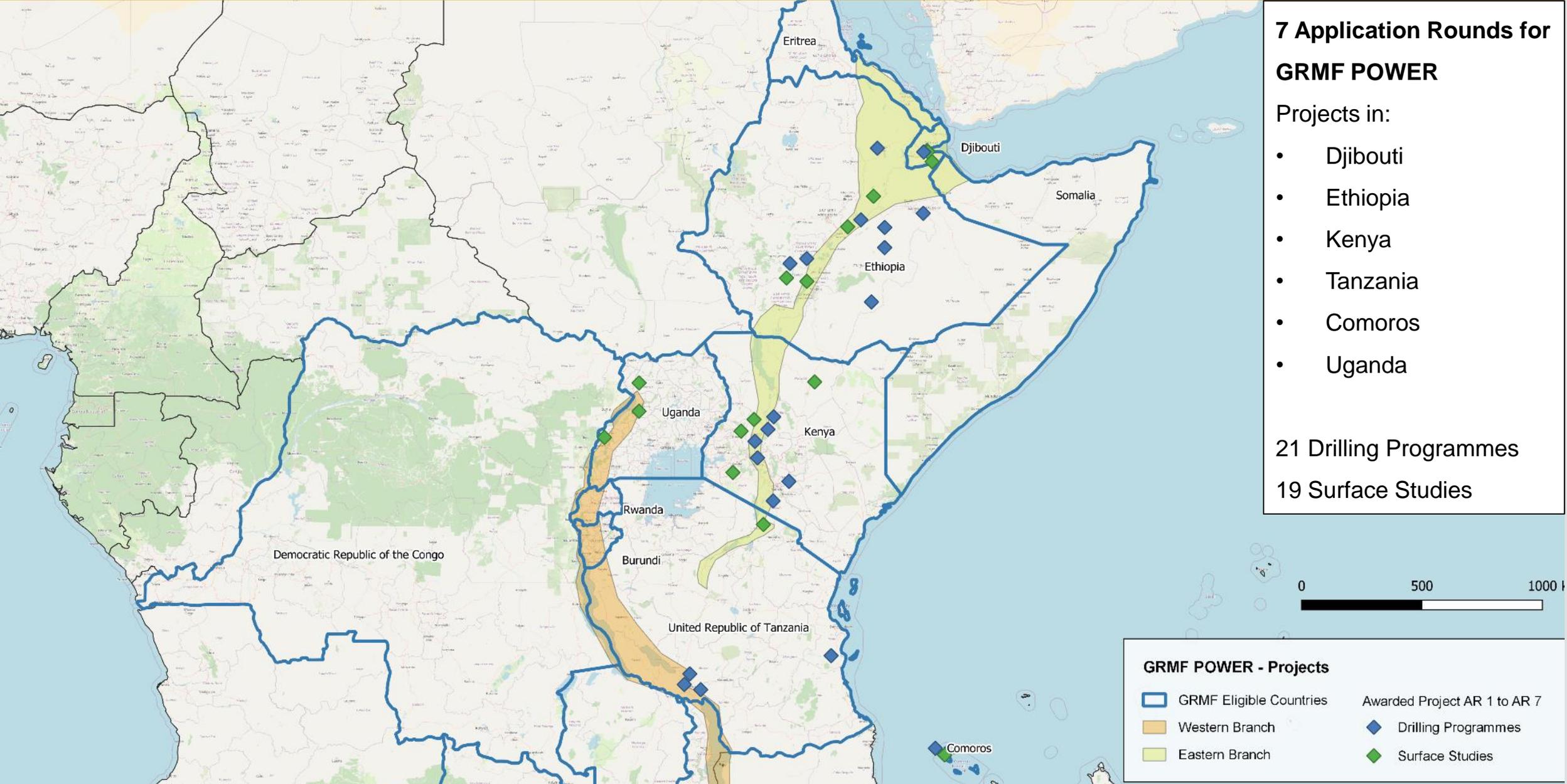
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The GRMF is implemented in Application Rounds.
Developers can apply in a **two-stage application process**.

Successful GRMF funded Surface Studies can apply directly for funding for a Drilling Programme (without participation in an Application Round).

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GRMF POWER AR 1 – AR 7



7 Application Rounds for GRMF POWER

Projects in:

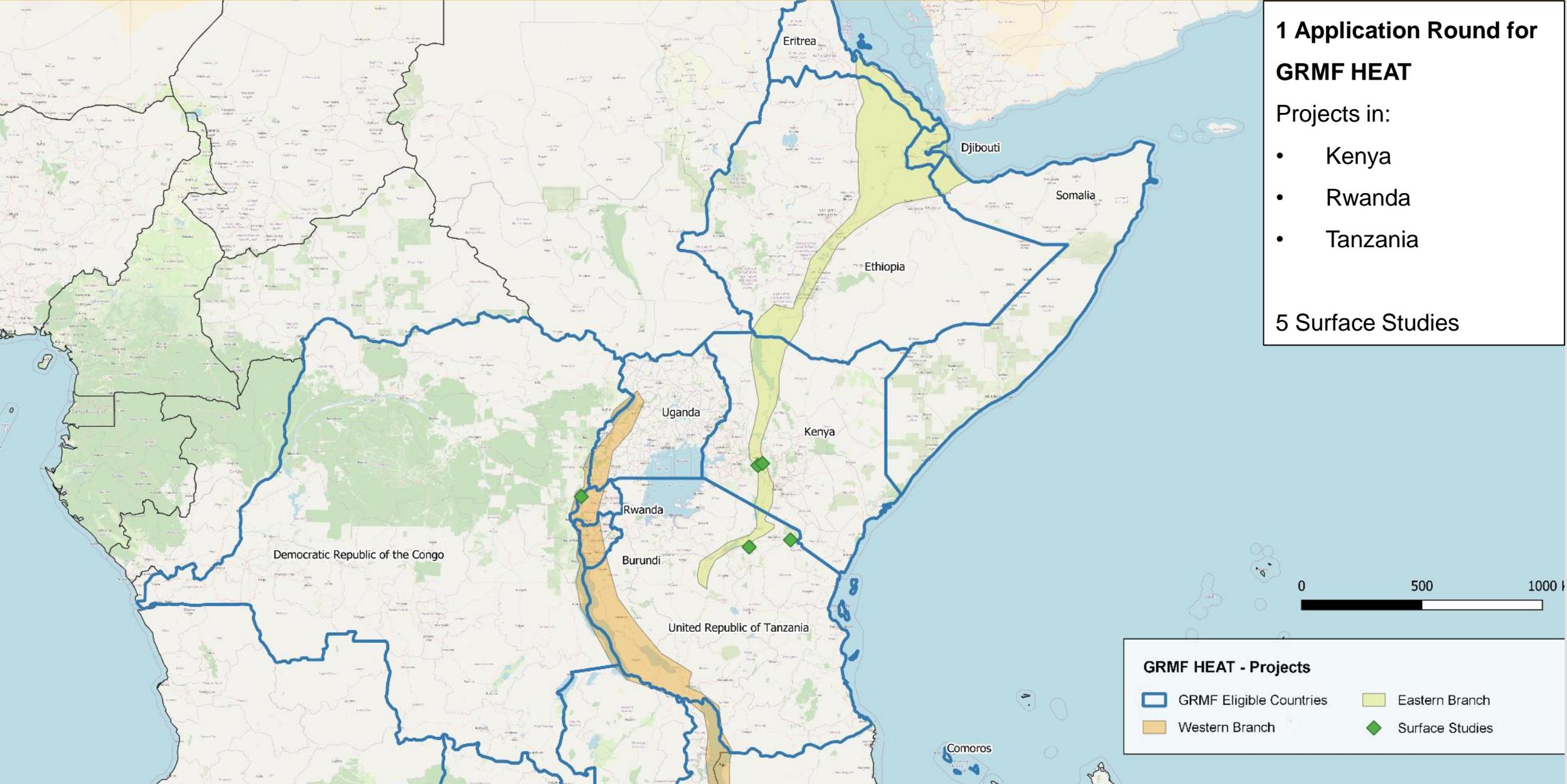
- Djibouti
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Tanzania
- Comoros
- Uganda

21 Drilling Programmes
19 Surface Studies

GRMF POWER - Projects

GRMF Eligible Countries	Awarded Project AR 1 to AR 7
Western Branch	Drilling Programmes
Eastern Branch	Surface Studies

GRMF HEAT AR 1



1 Application Round for GRMF HEAT

Projects in:

- Kenya
- Rwanda
- Tanzania

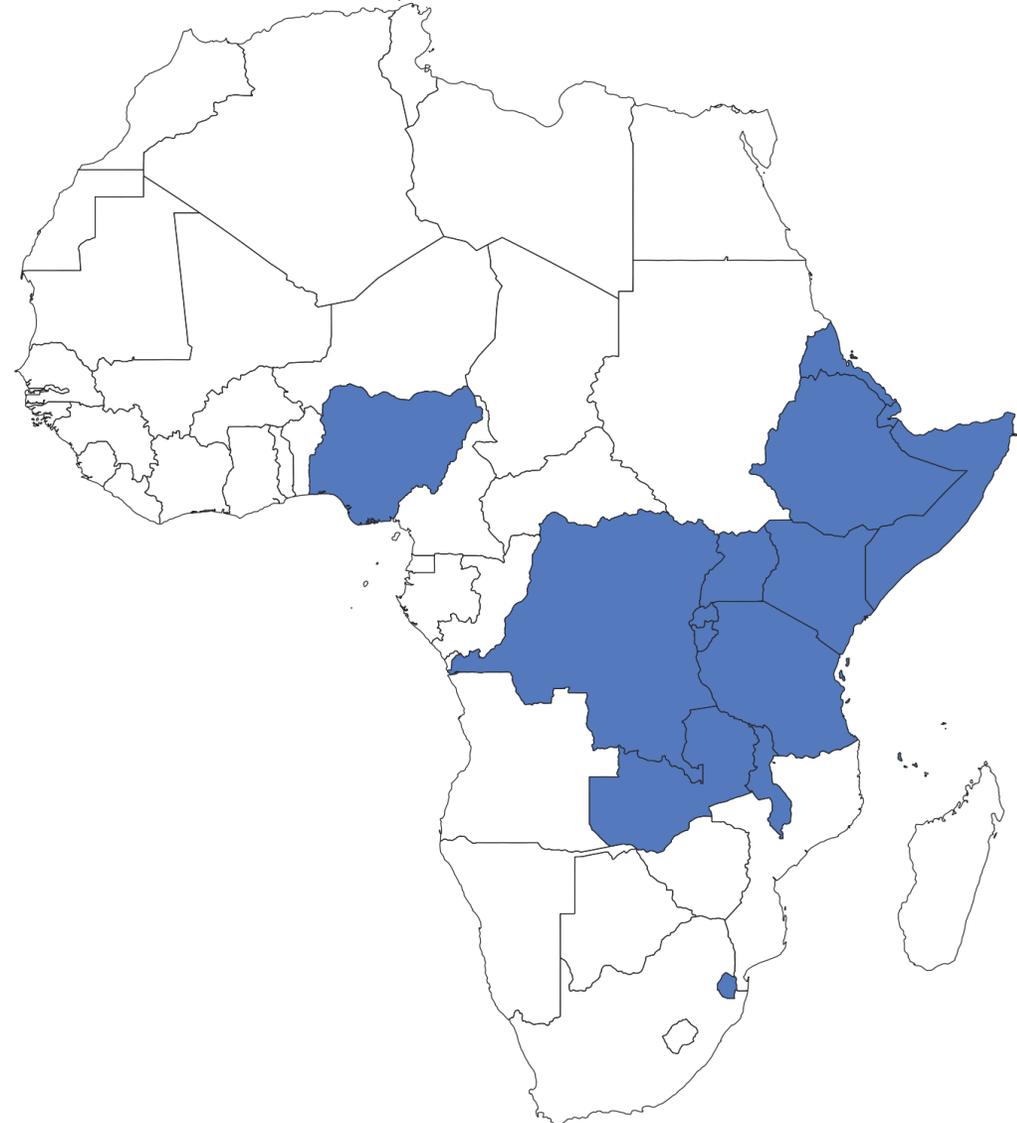
5 Surface Studies

GRMF POWER AR 8 APPLICATION PROCESS



1 PROJECTS TO APPLY

- Surface Study in eligible country **aiming to site a well** (general surface study completed), for up to 80 % of approved eligible cost
- Drilling of first wells in a new prospect (**siting completed**), for up to 40 % of approved eligible cost
- Associated infrastructure, for up to 20 % of approved eligible cost



2 TWO STAGE PROCESS

Expression of Interest (EoI) & Application Stage:

1st stage:

Expression of Interest (EoI)

2nd stage:

Application (RfA)

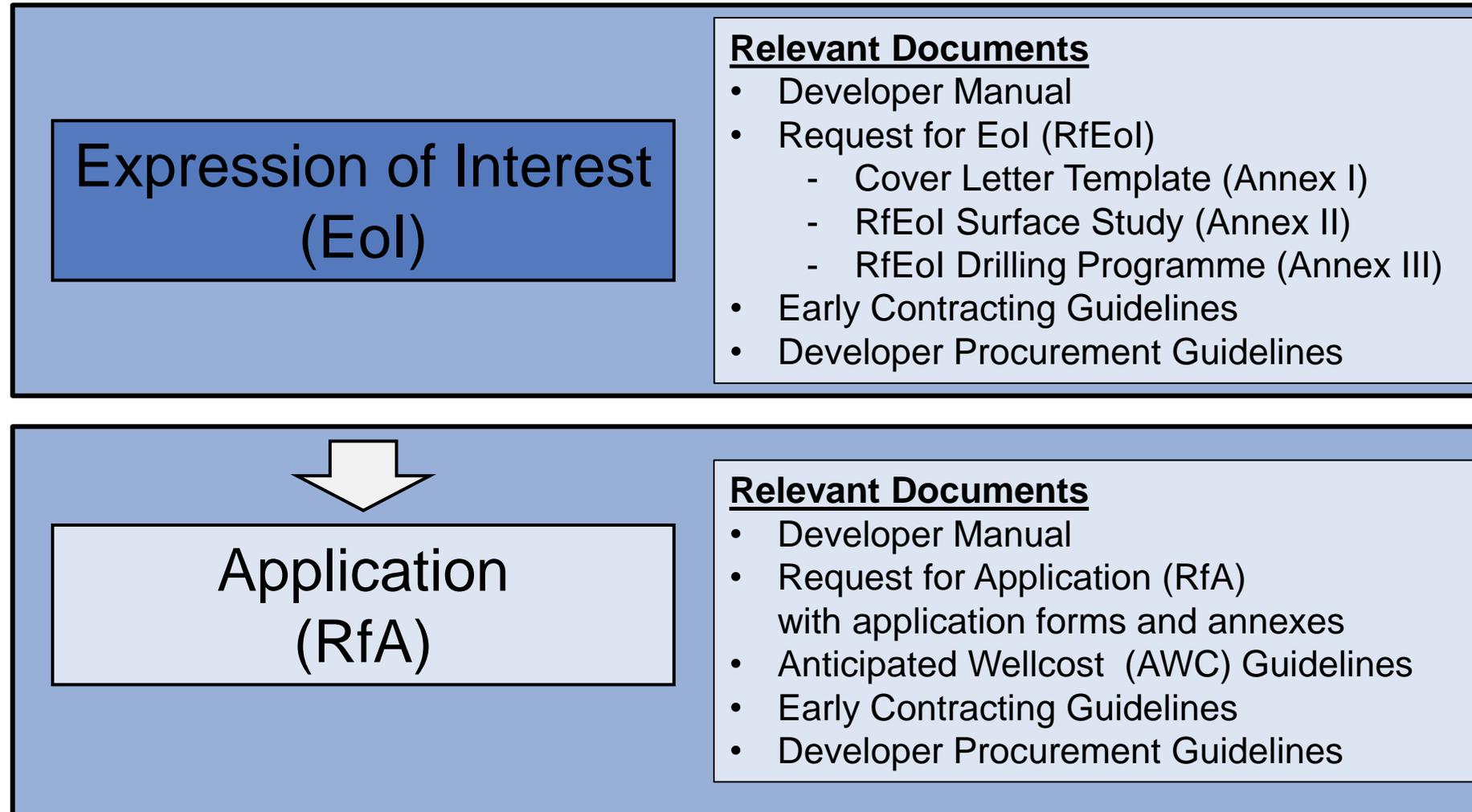


Project pipeline



Signing of Grant Contract

Expression of Interest (Eol) & Application Stage:



TIMELINE

Eol Stage (1st stage)	Start of Expression of Interest phase on 22 nd January 2025
	Eol kick-off webinar on 22 nd January 2025
	Q&A deadline on 26 th March 2025
	Eol submission deadline on 9th April 2025
	Evaluation of Eol
	Feedback (pre-qualification or rejection) expected for June 2025
Full Application (2nd stage)	Start of application phase expected for June 2025
	Pre-bidding workshop
	Q&A Deadline
	Full application submission deadline expected for September 2025
	Deficiency letters
	Submission deadline for deficiency information
	Evaluation
	Feedback (grant award or rejection) expected December 2025 / January 2026
GRMF Pipeline	Clarifications on awarding letter
Grant Contract	Grant Contract signing & implementation



4 CONTENT FOR SUBMISSION OF EOI

For a successful application: Follow the given format. Provide all available information.

- **ANNEX I – FORM TO FILL**
- **ANNEX II / III – FORM TO FILL**
 - Information on eligible entity
 - Information on concessions, licenses and permits
 - Status of geological and geochemical studies
 - Status of geophysical studies
 - Information about infrastructure
 - Work plan
 - Financing plan
 - Off-taker potential
 - Appendices: declarations, experience, key personnel, project organization, company presentation

The Chairperson, Tender Board
The African Union Commission
Building C, 3rd Floor Reception
Roosevelt Street, W21K19
P.O. Box 3243
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Attention: The Coordinator of the RGCU
Geothermal Risk Mitigation Facility (GRMF)
Procurement No.: AUC/IED/AR08/001/25

[Name and full address of Applicant Entity]

[Date and place]

GRMF POWER – Expression of Interest for grant for [Please insert name of Geothermal prospect] geothermal prospect, [Please insert either surface study or drilling project and include possible infrastructure application if applicable] in [Please insert country of activity]

Dear Coordinator of the RGCU,

We, the undersigned, apply for consideration of grants under the Geothermal Risk Mitigation Facility (GRMF) of the AUC in accordance with your Request for Expression of Interest (Procurement No: AUC/IED/AR08/001/25) in the amount of:

USD [Please insert either Surface Study or Drilling Programme grant applied for] for [Please insert either Surface Study or Drilling Programme]

USD [Please insert infrastructure grant applied for if applicable] for infrastructure

We are hereby submitting our Expression of Interest, including technical application forms, declarations and all other required documentation.

[Select whichever is appropriate of a) b) or c), delete the other]

(a) We are submitting our Expression of Interest only on behalf of our entity without sub-consultants or Consortium/Joint Venture members.

(b) We are submitting our Expression of Interest with the following sub-consultants:
[List sub-consultants]

(c) We are submitting our Expression of Interest as a Consortium/Joint Venture comprising the following partners:
[List members of Consortium/Joint Venture]

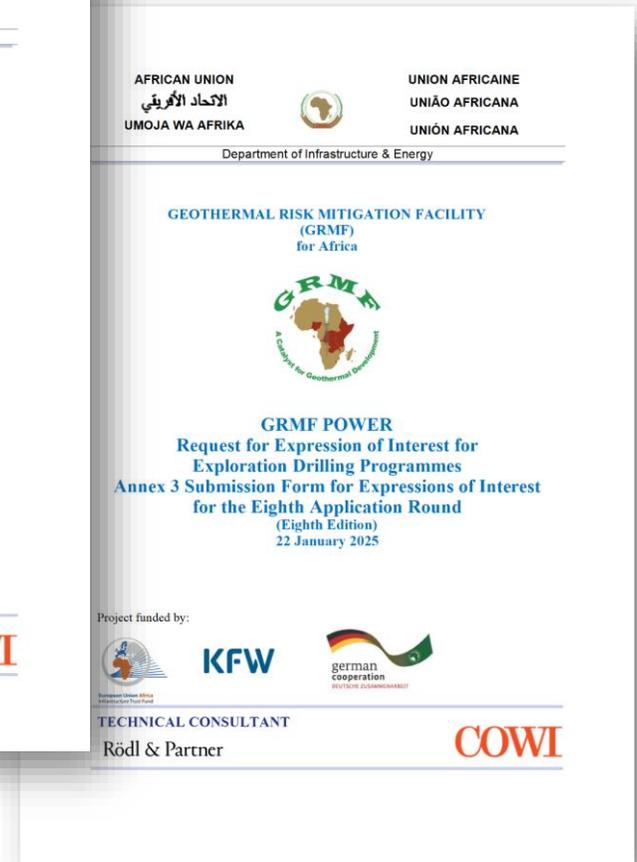
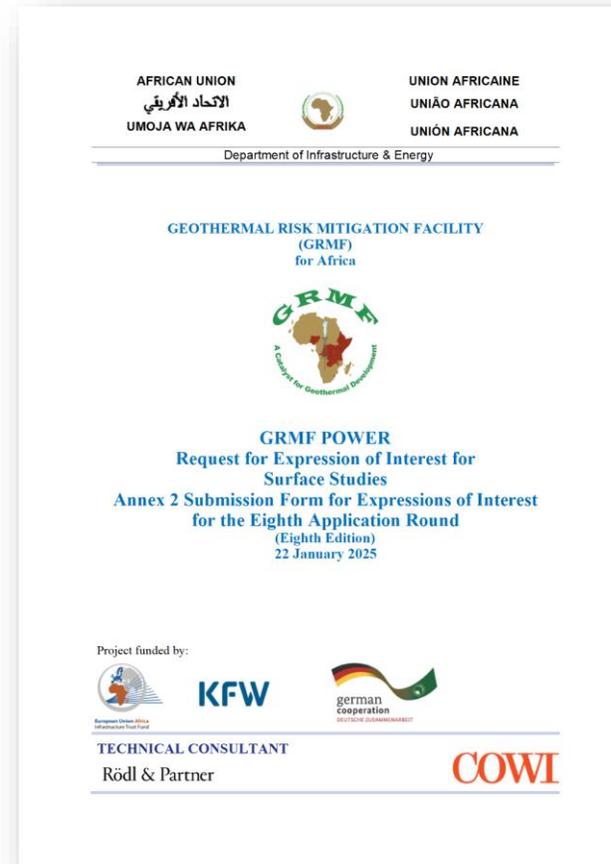
We also confirm that we are eligible for consideration of funding according to the eligibility criteria defined in the Request for Expression of Interest.

We understand you are not bound to accept any Expression of Interest you receive.

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2 INFORMATION ABOUT CONCESSIONS, LICENCES AND PERMITS

	Explanation			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> In process of being approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable (public entity)
Possession of Concession or Licence ²	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Area designation				
Concession/licence granted by which governmental agency				
Size of concession/licence in hectares				
Concession/licence period	From ____ (year) to ____ (year)			
Right to extension of primary term	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Time period of any extension (number of years)				
Possession of Exploration Authorisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please elaborate the type of authorisation				
Authorisation granted by which agency				
Date of expiration of exploration authorisation				
Right to extend exploration authorisation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Time period of any extension (number of years)				
Exploration authorisation convertible to production licence	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable (public entity)	
Number of years of production licence				
Royalty payment upon production (% gross)				
Are Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP), Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) and any other plans as required by the Applicable Standards (See Developer Manual, Chapter 11) available and approved by national authorities?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> In process of being approved	Completion date:
If yes, or in progress – specify which of the environmental/social studies you refer to				
Governmental agency responsible for review and approval of environmental studies				
Has ESIA, ESMP, RAP or other plans – as required, been approved by responsible agency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Approval date:

² If available, include a copy of the concession/licence, a map indicating the concession area and GPS data to support the verification and localisation.

5 FORMAL ASPECTS FOR SUBMISSION OF EOI

Document	Type of submission
To be submitted to AUC until 9th April 2025 to participate in the Application Round	
Cover letter (Annex 1)	email (signed and stamped scanned version)
Appendix 1 (Declaration of Acceptance and Adherence to Procurement Standards)	email (signed and stamped scanned version)
Appendix 2 (Declaration of Non-Existence of Rejection Grounds)	email (signed and stamped scanned version)
Expression of interest including all appendices	email or upload link (searchable word or pdf file)
To be submitted to AUC until 23rd April 2025	
Cover letter (Annex 1)	mail (signed and stamped original)
Appendix 1 (Declaration of Acceptance and Adherence to Procurement Standards)	mail (signed and stamped original)
Appendix 2 (Declaration of Non-Existence of Rejection Grounds)	mail (signed and stamped original)

Remark:

Only signed pages shall be provided as scans (digital signatures may be used for the CVs).

FORMAL ASPECTS FOR SUBMISSION OF EOI

Overview of required Eoi document formats:

Document	Hard Copy	Soft copy
Cover letter (Annex 1)	X	X
Submission form (Annex 2 or Annex 3)	---	X
Appendix 1 (Declaration of Acceptance and Adherence to Procurement Standards)	X	X
Appendix 2 (Declaration of Non-Existence of Rejection Grounds)	X	X

Overview of required Eoi document formats:

- **Non-compliance with the structure may result in the rejection of the Eoi**

The applicant has the full responsibility that the original version of the cover letter and the declarations are in total compliance with the electronic copy.

Eoi received after the deadline or not in the required manner will not be evaluated.

- **Opening of Expression of Interest is scheduled for:**

9th April 2025, 16:00h Ethiopian time

6 EVALUATION CRITERIA

Main evaluation criteria	Max score Drilling Projects	Max score Surface Studies
Geo-scientific	50	60
Financing plan & permit	30	10
Experience	20	30
Total	100	100

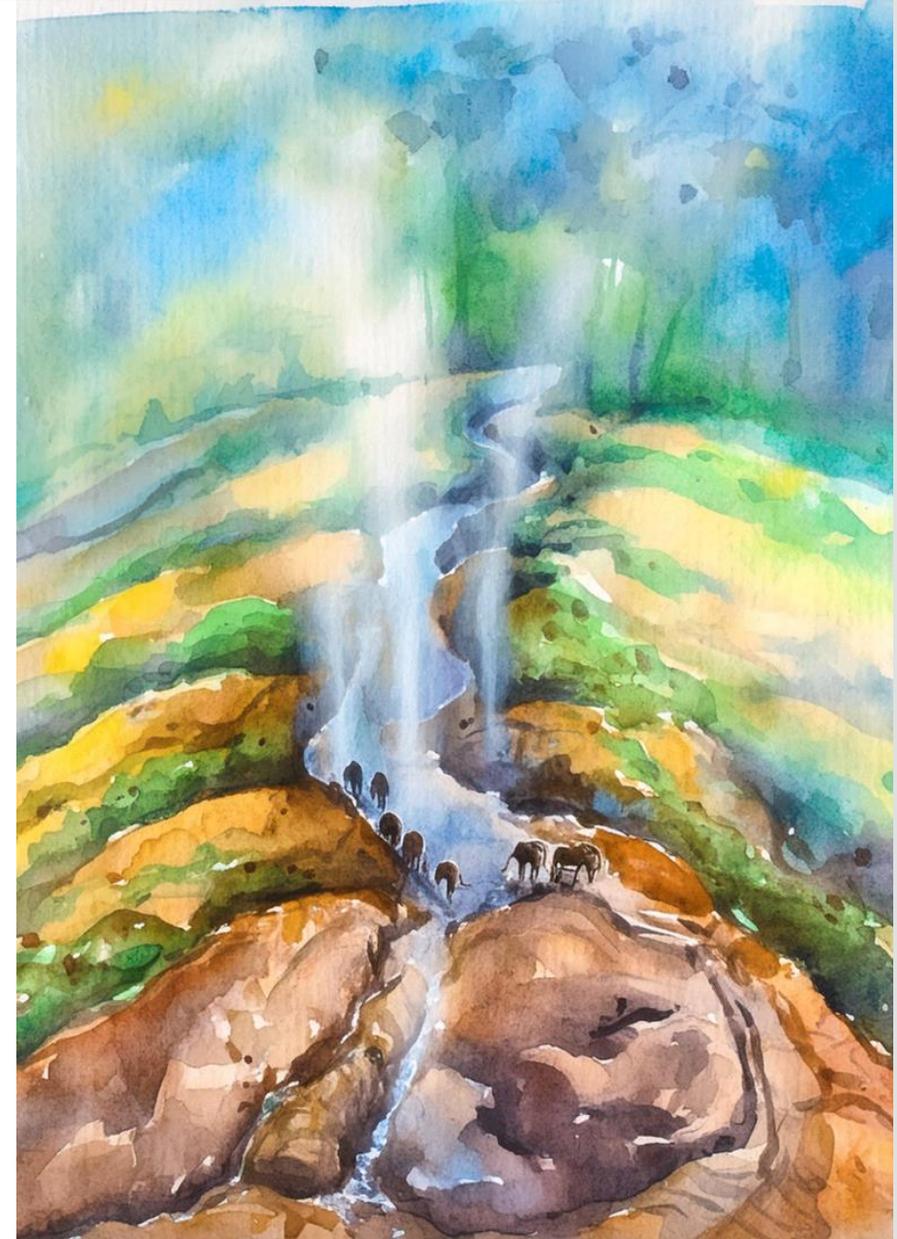
- Minimum points for successful Eols: 70
- Evaluation based on submitted information
- **Emphasis on resource and experience in Surface Studies**
- **Emphasis on work plan and financing/permits in Drilling Programme**

INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION

Request for Expression of Interests (Eol)
and all related documents and annexes are available under:

www.grmf-eastafrica.org

It is the responsibility of the applicant to keep himself updated! Therefore,
please check the relevant sections of the GRMF-webpage regularly!



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For EoI related questions/clarifications please do send these by email to:

grmf@roedl.com **AND** grmf@africa-union.org

Deadline for requesting clarifications: 26th March 2025.

Questions and Answers will be regularly published anonymously for all applicants on the pre-qualification stage section of the GRMF webpage.

No individual direct answers will be provided via email.

PROCUREMENT & EARLY CONTRACTING

Developers must adhere to the GRMF Procurement Guidelines.

The guidelines define **methods** and **thresholds** for the procurement of consultancy services, goods, non-consultancy services, works and training.

The **method** of procurement depends on the value of the procurement and on the availability of the requested services and/or equipment.

The procurement is guided by the procurement plan (PP) which clearly states the contemplated procurement method for each contract.



Procurement - Thresholds:

No.	Method of Tendering	Goods	Works
1	International Competitive Bidding (ICB) No objection by AUC required	> 700,000 USD	> 1,000,000
2	National Competitive Bidding (NCB)	Up to 700,000 USD	Up to 1,000,000 USD
3	Request for Quotation (min 3 quotations)	Up to 500,000 USD	Up to 700,000 USD
4	Single Source Procurement	Up to 100,000 USD	Up to 100,000 USD

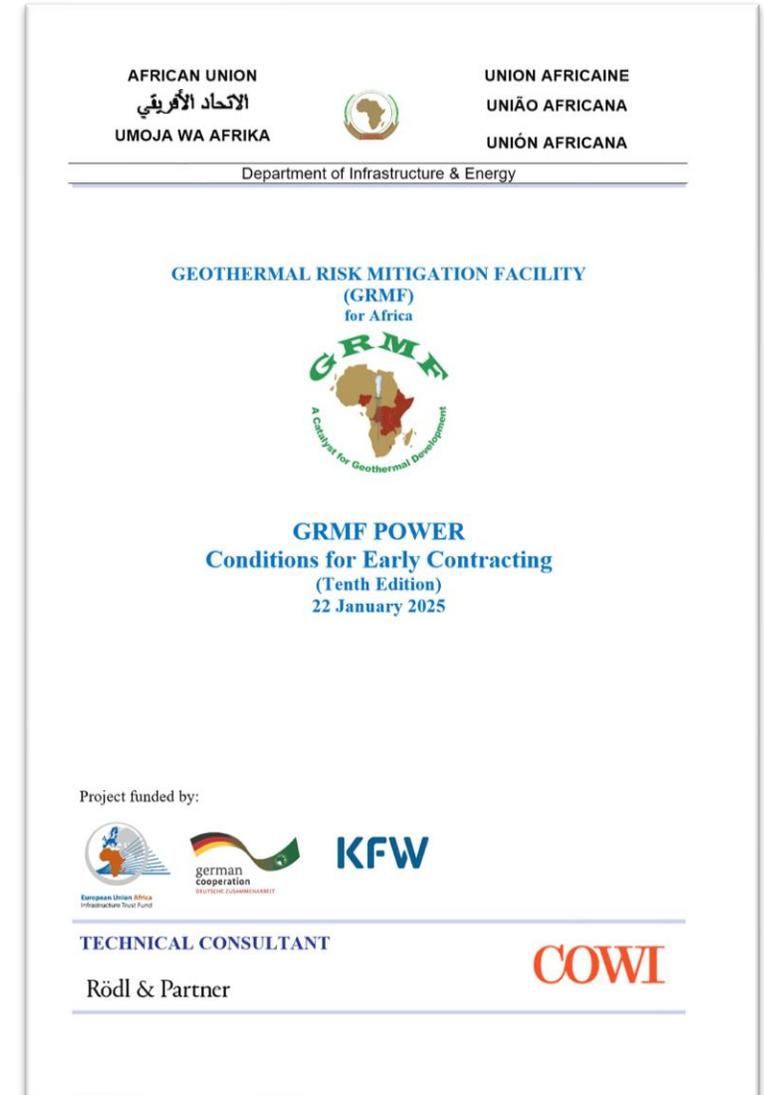
No.	Method of Tendering	Consultancy Services
1	International Competitive Bidding (ICB) No objection by AUC required	> 300,000 USD
2	Request for Quotation (min. 3 invitation to bid to 3 potential bidders)	Up to 300,000 USD
3	Single Source Procurement	Up to 100,000 USD

Early Contracting: Signing of contracts and start of connected activities before Grant Contract signing.

The time for commencement of services and sub-contracting shall be according to the agreed Time Schedule forming a part of the Grant Contract, but not earlier than the effective date of the Grant Contract.

However, GRMF acknowledges that the application process for funding poses challenges for project developers in respect to timing of the signing of contracts, as well as regarding the commencing of GRMF eligible activities.

The GRMF Conditions for Early Contracting allow two exceptions (cut-off dates) to the general GRMF rules for GRMF POWER.



General regulation:

The time for commencement of services and sub-contracting shall be according to the agreed **Time Schedule** forming a part of the Grant Contract, **but not earlier than the effective date of the Grant Contract.**

The following alternative commencement dates apply:

1st cut-off date on early contracting refers to the submission deadline of the EoI

- Costs from contracts signed with any third party **before this date** will **not be eligible**;
- Costs from contracts signed **after this date** will **be eligible**.

2nd cut-off date on early contracting refers to the submission deadline of the full Application

- Any **activity** (and therefore any related costs) that shall be eligible for support by GRMF (= eligible activity) can only **start after this date**.

Exception:

- E&S activities as required by GRMF regulations may already start after the 1st cut-off date.

ADVICE TO APPLICANTS REGARDING THE EOI

- Detailed information on eligibility can be found in
 - **Chapter 3 of Request for Eoi doc, and in**
 - **Chapter 7 of Developer Manual**
- **Review eligible entity & country** to make sure applicant is eligible!
- **Review eligible activities** to apply for right items
- **Review eligible costs** for applicable program
- **Go through non-eligible cost** to make sure they are not included in your estimate for grant amount



ADVICE TO APPLICANTS REGARDING THE EOI

- 👉 Find and follow all **instructions**, make sure you have the right edition
- 👉 Make sure you know **what you want to do** and that it is **eligible**
- 👉 **Multi discipline team** with co-operation experience
- 👉 Remember **one project per application**
- 👉 **No part left unanswered**, leave explanatory comments in remark fields
- 👉 Make sure application forms are in **coherence** with each other
- 👉 Consider review by **external consultants** experienced in applications for geothermal energy

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