



**REPUBLIC OF KENYA**

**STATEMENT BY THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY,  
STATE DEPARTMENT FOR INDUSTRY, DR. JUMA.  
MUKHWANA, DURING THE KENYA  
GEOTHERMAL CONGRESS**

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Representatives of various Embassies and High Commissions

Board Representative of the International Geothermal Association,  
Industry CEO's and Managing Directors for both Public and Private  
Sector Entities

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning!

1. It is indeed a great pleasure to be part of the Kenya Geothermal Congress 2024 whose theme is to Incentivize Investments in Geothermal Energy for Kenya's Accelerated Industrial Development and therefore comes at an opportune moment when Kenya looks forward to catalyzing industrialization with Energy being a key enabler.
2. As you are aware, the cost of energy can either be an inhibitor or an enabler of the growth of our industries. Therefore, it is on this premise that the centrality of energy in the whole discourse of industrialization is a critical consideration that has to be taken into consideration. It is not just about having energy but that is competitively priced to support competitive goods and services in the market both locally and in the region, being able to attract investors to set up their operations within our country based on energy reliability and quality and geothermal energy fits these requirements since it's our base load.
3. As the Principal Secretary for Industry, I am therefore confident that this congress will deliberate on key aspects that will drive investments in geothermal development as a catalyst for industrialization. In this regard, I look forward to considerations about new and emerging opportunities in geothermal development mainly motivated by for example areas like green hydrogen production and attendant value chain that include among others fertilizer production, sustainable aviation, and motor fuels.

4. To this end, the State Department for Industry has put in place the enabling environment through the establishment of Industrial parks and Special Economic Zones to offer industries a conducive environment to thrive. Most of these facilities are located near geothermal development areas to benefit from captive power at special tariffs and also utilization of steam and brine for various industrial applications including agro-processing, leather, cement and steel among others.
5. I am therefore very delighted that the synergy between the Energy sector and Industry will go a long way in optimizing the available geothermal resources for the benefit of our country. Further, investments in geothermal development will lead to enhanced local technological advancements that will also permeate other sectors of the economy besides the energy sector.
6. In order us to realize these objectives, we need the collaboration of all the key stakeholders represented in this congress including geothermal experts, policymakers, Financiers and investors in the geothermal sector.
7. I therefore take this opportunity to implore you to not only go through this Congress like any other but to explore workable solutions that need to be implemented by various key stakeholders including the government to realize tangible geothermal-driven industrial developments in our countries.
8. Thank you very much for your attention.

Thank you.

God bless you