



# 6<sup>th</sup> African Rift Geothermal Conference (ARGeo-C6)

**Geothermal: Solution to Africa's Energy needs**  
**31<sup>st</sup> Oct to 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016, Hotel Asmara Palace, Eritrea**



## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

The Government of the State of Eritrea takes the pleasure to host and organize the Sixth African Rift Geothermal Conference (ARGeo-C6) in collaboration with United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and other support partners such as the African Union Commission (AUC) and Icelandic International Development Agency (ICEIDA). This Conference is being organized under the auspices of the UNEP-ARGeo Programme as one of its biennial geothermal conferences.

The five previous biennial conferences were held in Ethiopia (2006), Uganda (2008), Djibouti (2010), Kenya (2012) and Tanzania (2014).

Parallel Geothermal Pre-Conference Short Courses will be held on 31 October to 1 November 2016. Post conference field trips will also be planned for the 5-6 November 2016. The main conference will be held from 2-4 November 2016.

The aim of this biennial conference is to promote regional cooperation, create an information exchange platform on the exploration, development, investment and utilization of the geothermal resources in the region and elsewhere in the world.

## TOPICS OF THE CONFERENCE:

- Vision and strategy for geothermal power development
- Financing geothermal projects
- Environmental, health, safety & social factors in geothermal development.
- Case studies – any aspect of geothermal development
- Exploration methods- geology, geochemistry, geophysics, heat flow.
- Drilling technology
- Reservoir Engineering
- New geothermal technologies, research papers and innovations
- Geothermal utilization.
- Development of Financial institutions..

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Hotel Asmara Palace, Eritrea is a 5-star property offering luxury accommodation in the heart of Asmara city.

Mixing traditional Eritrean hospitality with a modern metropolitan feel, guests can enjoy the facilities and comfort of the hotel's stunning guest rooms and suites.

The hotel is a perfect base for business travellers, hosting events and for visitors wanting to explore Eritrea's finest attractions.



## CALL FOR SPONSORS/EXHIBITORS

The ARGeo-C6 conference provides an excellent opportunity to national, regional and international exhibitors ranging from independent power producers, business fraternity, development partners, government institutions, manufacturers and individuals to showcase their technology and products/services.

The geothermal conference will also provide great business opportunities.

### Pre-Conference Training: 31 Oct-1 Nov 2016.

Parallel short courses are planned to take place prior to the main conference.

### Post-Conference Field Trips to be held on 5-6 Nov 2016

## NOTES

- Asmara is perhaps one of the most concentrated and intact assemblage of Modernist Architecture anywhere in the world. The urban design within the Historical Perimeter has remained untouched since its original implementation and subsequent evolution throughout the 1930s, and the architectural elements exemplify a superlative example of Modernist architecture in a complete urban setting.
- As the capital city and largest settlement of Eritrea, most Eritrean businesses have their headquarters in Asmara. The city was once a factory town. During the colonial period, Asmara was an administrative and commercial center of Italian East Africa.



## ABOUT THE VENUE

**Asmara**, known locally as Asmera (meaning “The four (feminine plural) made them unite” in Tigrinya), is the capital city and largest settlement in Eritrea. Home to a population of around 649,000 inhabitants, it sits at an elevation of 2,325 metres (7,628 ft). The city is located at the tip of an escarpment that is both the northwestern edge of the Eritrean Highlands and the Great Rift Valley in neighbouring Ethiopia.

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