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CLOSING SPEECH

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The Deputy Director of the United Nations University Geothermal Training Programme,
Participants,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that I am with you here today to officially close this workshop.

I am aware that the programme has been very tight. Nevertheless, you demonstrated perseverance for the sake of acquiring knowledge. I have been informed that the trainees were very active during all the sessions and I am confident that you gained tremendously from the training. To all of you, I say congratulations.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for attending this training workshop on Surface Exploration of Geothermal Resources. Looking at the profile, this workshop has brought participants from Iceland, Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania, Eritrea, Djibouti, Rwanda, Egypt, Comoros, Algeria, Yemen and Kenya.

With increasing environmental concerns arising from projects development in the energy sector, the focus now is on developing environmental friendly benign sources of energy like geothermal.

Geothermal energy, being independent of weather fluctuations, holds the future of power expansion in the region. As we may be aware, the Rift system in Eastern and Central Africa has a geothermal potential of over 7000 MW. Currently, Kenya has an ambitious program of developing 140 MWe per year starting 2012 from geothermal. With the current upward surge of petroleum prices in the world market, reliance on power generated from petroleum products will be very expensive and we would urge countries with geothermal potential to consider seriously developing these resources. There is therefore need to fast-track geothermal development in the region.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This accelerated effort can only be achieved if we have trained local experts who can handle most of the activities at various stages of development. With the plan for ambitious development of geothermal energy, Kenya has taken interest in training its manpower and provision of budgetary support for geothermal resource assessment. It is further keen in sharing its expertise with other countries in the region.

Having been the beneficiaries of this training, we hope that when you go back, you will share your experience with the professional and decision makers in your country and convince them on the need to give priority to geothermal energy.

I wish to thank UNU-GTP for making it possible to hold this training here and all the trainers for their valuable presentations. I also thank the Organizing Committee for the good work they have done. A lot of time and energy has been put in making the workshop a success.

I have been informed that you sampled our natural heritage when you visited Lake Nakuru National Park, Lake Bogoria Game Reserve and the Hell's Gate National Park during the field trip. If time allowed, you would have visited more sites.

Finally, I would like to wish you all safe journey back to your respective countries.
With those few remarks, it is now my pleasure to declare this workshop officially closed.
Thank you.