

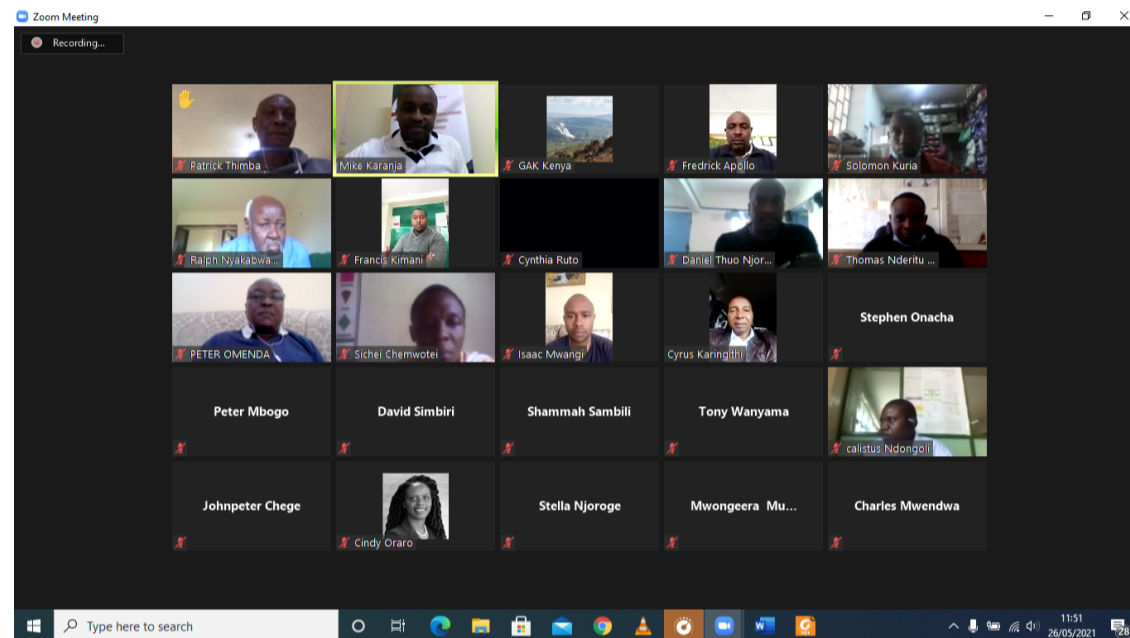


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Dear Esteemed Members
Receive greetings from GAK.

GAK Holds its 2021 Annual General Meeting & Election of New Officials

On the 11th of June 2021, GAK held its Annual General Meeting virtually. At the AGM, three Directors retired from the Board of Directors; Eng. Abel Rotich – Chairman, Mr. Cyrus Karingithi – Secretary, and Dr. Willis Ambusso – Director. This was followed by the election of new officials representing various constituencies. The new Officers of the Association are Chairman – Mr. Paul Ngugi, Vice Chairman – Mr. Peketsa Mangi, Secretary – Ms. Beatrice Kandie, and Treasurer – Ms. Rosemary Olonde. Read more on the [GAK website](#).



Stakeholder Forum on the Review of Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs)

Being the umbrella body for the geothermal sector in Kenya, GAK organized an interactive forum for the deliberations on PPAs. The forum attracted key stakeholders from the public sector, private sector, and the legal fraternity. A memorandum was drafted and submitted to the task force containing views of the geothermal sector in Kenya. Among the developers that participated, include KenGen and GDC representing the public sector, Akiira Geothermal Limited, Sosian Energy, Arus Energy, Africa Geothermal International Limited (AGIL), Savannah Renewable Energy, Empakaa Limited, Olsuswa Energy, Oserian Development Company, and Capital Power Limited. Read the detailed memorandum [here](#).

Forum on Career Opportunities in the Geothermal Sector

GAK held a forum on career opportunities in the geothermal sector. The webinar was open to University and TVET students/graduates and it offered an overview of the geothermal sector and the disciplines involved in the development of geothermal resources. The presenters were drawn from KenGen, GDC, Oserian, DeKUT, and GAK. More than 436 people registered and online participation of close to 200 attendees.

GAK joins the Kenya Private Sector Alliance

For the successful implementation of the Strategic Plan, collaboration with like-minded organizations is vital. In the month of June 2021, GAK registered as a member of the Kenya Private Sector Alliance. KEPSA is the apex body for the private sector in Kenya and has a membership of about 500,000, more than 80 of those being Business Member Organizations / Societies. GAK and KEPSA endeavor to collaborate on various initiatives with a priority of strengthening GAK’s advocacy and networks.

NEW MEMBERS: During the month of June 2021, we were pleased to welcome the following companies into the GAK family.



ORPOWER 4
An **ORMAT** Company

**Empakaa
Energy Limited**

Orpower 4, Inc. is a subsidiary of Ormat Technologies. It is the second-largest private power producer in Kenya and the largest IPP generating and selling electricity in Kenya to Kenya Power from its geothermal power plant at Olkaria. Read more [here](#).

Empakaa Energy Ltd provides specialized technical and advisory services in the growing renewable energy sector - with a key focus on projects in the geothermal energy sector. Read more [here](#).

OTHER INFORMATION

- **BARINGO - SILALI PROJECT:** GDC scores major success following successful drilling of a well estimated to yield about 17MW at the Baringo - Silali Project. Read more [here](#). Appraisal drilling starts. Read more [here](#).
- **HEAT PARK UP-NORTH:** GDC eyes heat parks in the Baringo - Silali project. Read more [here](#).
- **REGIONAL GEOTHERMAL TRAINING:** GDC holds specialized training for trainees from the Djiboutian Office of Geothermal Energy Development, ODDEG. Read more [here](#).
- **EPRA:** Appointment of Director General by the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority. Read more [here](#).
- **KENGEN:** Company earns Ksh.2.6B from Commercial Innovation Initiatives. This emerged as the company held its 9th Global Innovation Seminar. Read more [here](#).
- **CAMPAIGN AGAINST GLOBAL WARMING:** KenGen becomes Kenya's first public service company to join the UN-backed campaign against global warming. Read more [here](#).
- **OLKARIA 1 AU6:** Construction of Olkaria 1 Additional Unit 6 enters the final construction phase. The plant will generate 83.3MW which will be injected into the national grid. Commissioning is expected in Q4 2021. Read more [here](#).

SAFETY MOMENT

CUTTING AND WELDING

Many geothermal systems are built with metal pipe at some part of the system. Welding and cutting metals can be very dangerous. Workers can be burned by the hot metals and may be exposed to ultraviolet light from arc welding. Workers need to be protected from these welding hazards. Be safe at the site.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- GAK Technical Forum on the use of coiled tubing in geothermal development: 30.07.2021
- World Geothermal Congress [On-Site Event](#): 24th to 27th October 2021



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