

# CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

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**COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM SREP CIVIL SOCIETY OBSERVER ON KENYA INVESTMENT PLAN**

The following comments have been provided by Ms. Lisa Elges, civil society observer to the SREP Sub-Committee.

Dear Patricia,

In response to your request, one civil society stakeholder with extensive background in renewable energy programmes in Africa has raised the following concerns regarding the SREP IP – and particular concern over the geothermal project.

- The Kenya plan does not appear to have any underlying incentive mechanism which will have a catalytic effect on RE in Kenya.
- The plan seems to be a way to fund a government geothermal project - which at this level of support is not innovative at all for 200 MW.
- The mini-grid is not economically feasible whatsoever from a scalable, or widespread deployed perspective.
- There needs to be a more clear objective laid out and followed, whether by the SREP or the pilot countries: Is the goal to increase the renewable energy into the overall grid (i.e. increased clean supply of energy), or is it to address broader Kenyan development issues (i.e. electricity access via grid extension or off-grid solutions. The SREP should set much more stringent guidelines of what it wants if it intends to play the role of a catalyst.

I hope this is helpful.

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