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Comparative Analysis of Approaches to Geothermal Resource Risk Mitigation



Global Geothermal Development Plan

● Launched in 2013

- Goal to scale up investments in geothermal development
- \$250 million of concessional finance raised
- Focus on:
 - Reducing upstream risk
 - Leveraging private investments

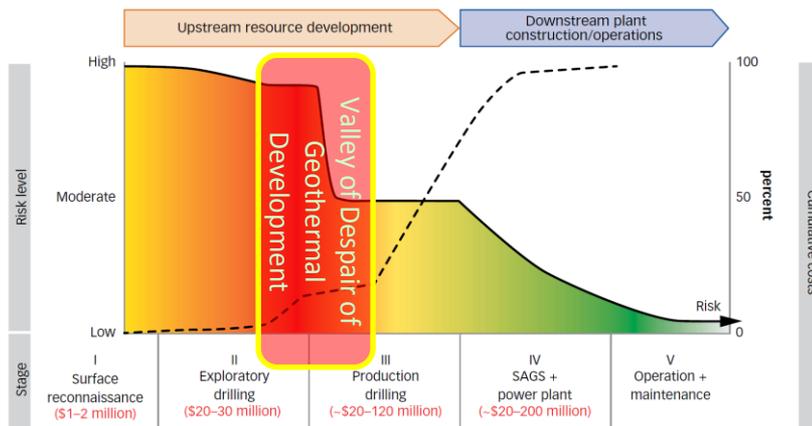
● Pillars of the GGDP

Partnerships for Investment / Knowledge Sharing

- Reducing Drilling Risk course (WGC, 2015)
- Definition of Global Standards for Geothermal Resource Classification
- Geothermal Resource Risk Mitigation Mechanisms report
- Greenhouse Gases and Geothermal Utilization Technical Report
- GGDP Roundtables
- *Gender and Geothermal Guidance Note*
- *Best Practices in Geothermal Exploration Data Management*

Lending operations and TA to developing countries with geothermal potential

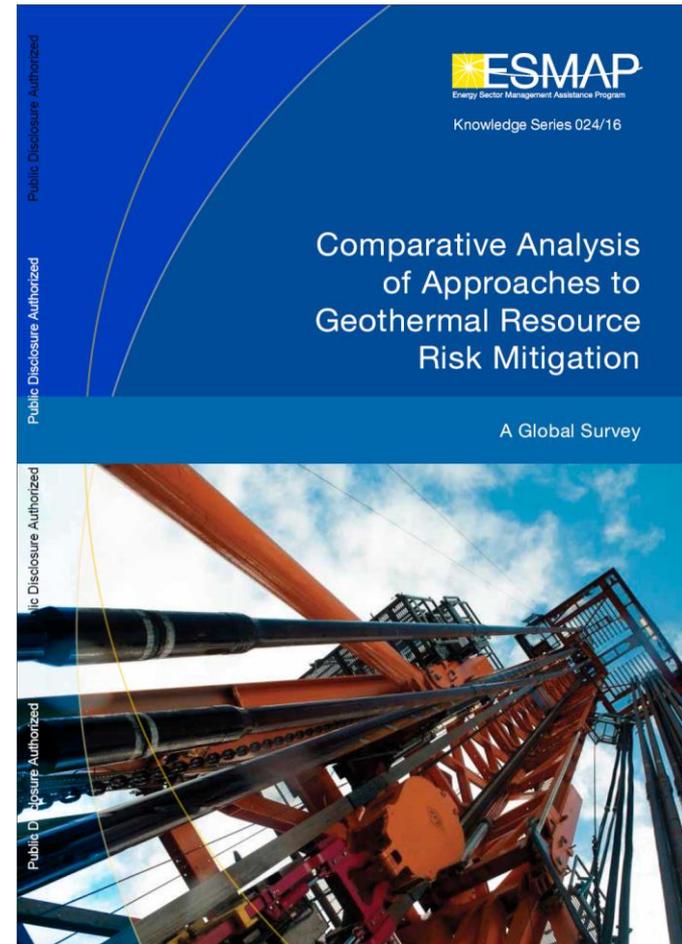
- Armenia
- Djibouti
- Chile
- Colombia
- Dominica
- Fiji
- Indonesia
- Kenya
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- St Lucia
- Tanzania
- Turkey



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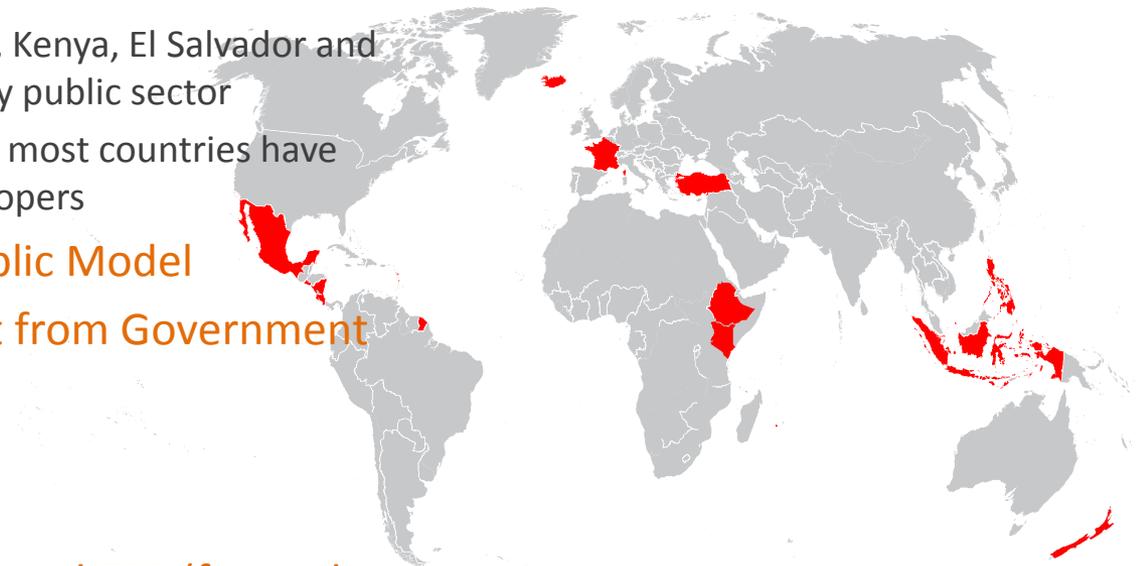
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- **Authored by sector experts and World Bank specialists**
 - Subir Sanyal, Ann Robertson-Tait, Migara Jayawardena, Jerry Hutterer, and Laura Berman
- **Historical review of geothermal risk mitigation approaches around the world**
 - Analysis includes the global portfolio of geothermal power projects commissioned before 2014 – about 12 GW
 - Support mechanisms for geothermal development analyzed for each project
 - Focus on upstream support
- **Four main approaches to upstream support emerge**
 - Fully Public Development
 - Public-Private Cost Sharing
 - Geothermal Resource Risk Insurance
 - Early Fiscal Incentives
- **Other modes of public support include**
 - Feed-in tariffs, Renewable Portfolio Standards, tax credits, public investment in of infrastructure



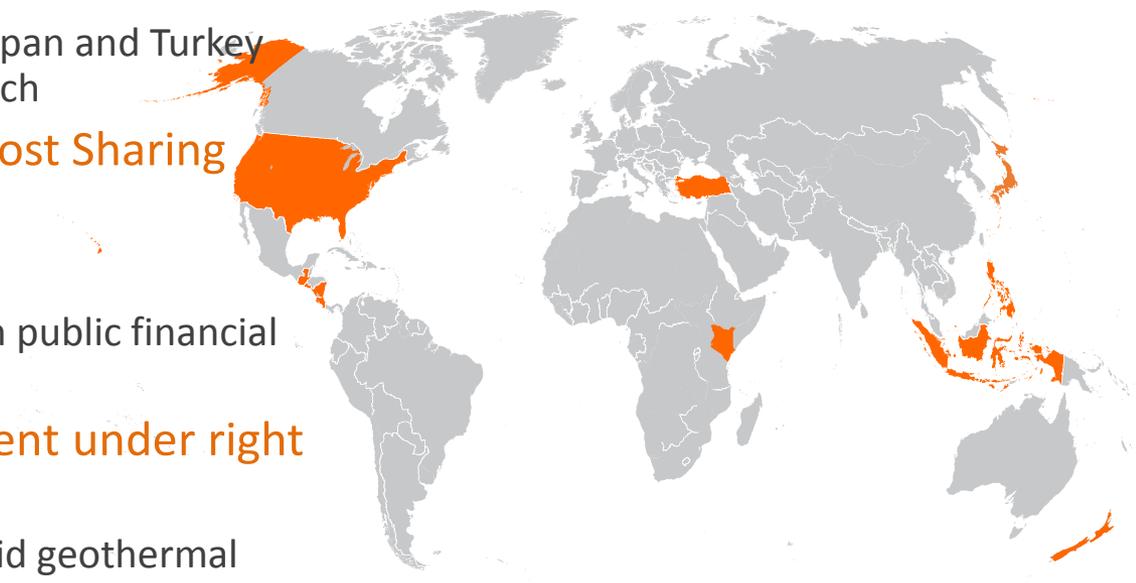
Fully Public Development

- This approach has been used in 12 countries
 - Most capacity in Mexico, Iceland, Kenya, El Salvador and Costa Rica has been developed by public sector
 - Originally the main approach but most countries have now opened up for private developers
- Over 3.6 GW developed by Public Model
- Requires a strong commitment from Government
 - Human and technical capacity
 - Financial resources
- Not easily scalable
- This approach used by KenGen and EEP (formerly EEPCO)



Cost Sharing

- **Cost Sharing has been used in 11 countries**
 - Most capacity in Philippines, Japan and Turkey developed through this approach
- **3.0 GW developed through Cost Sharing**
- **Two main approaches**
 - Public exploration drilling
 - Private exploration drilling with public financial support
- **Allows more rapid development under right conditions**
 - Government committed to rapid geothermal development
 - Qualified and committed developers
 - Transparent selection of developers key to success
 - If government carries out exploration drilling quality is critical



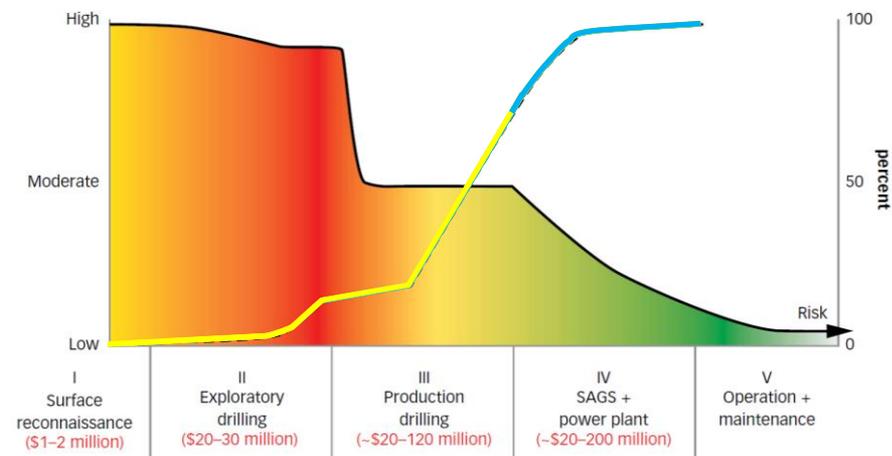
Cost Sharing Modalities

Development Stage	I Surface exploration	II Exploration drilling	III Production drilling	IV SAGS Power plant
Source of financing	Public funding			Private funding
Developer	Public →	Public →	Public →	Private →
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GDC steam sales model
ICE Costa Rica

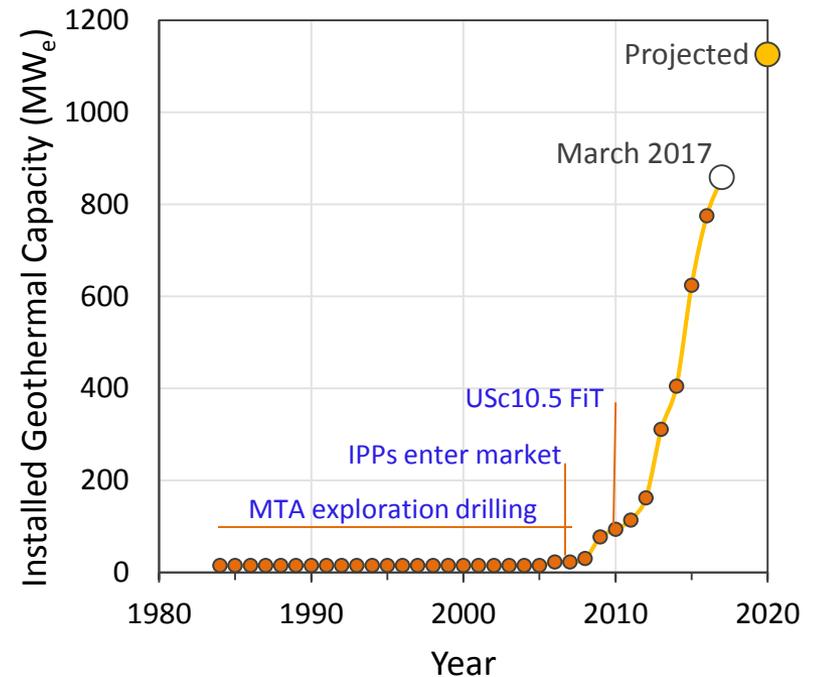
Turkey, Nicaragua, Kenya (Olkaria III)

USA, Japan, GRMF, GDF-LAC



The Turkish Geothermal Boom

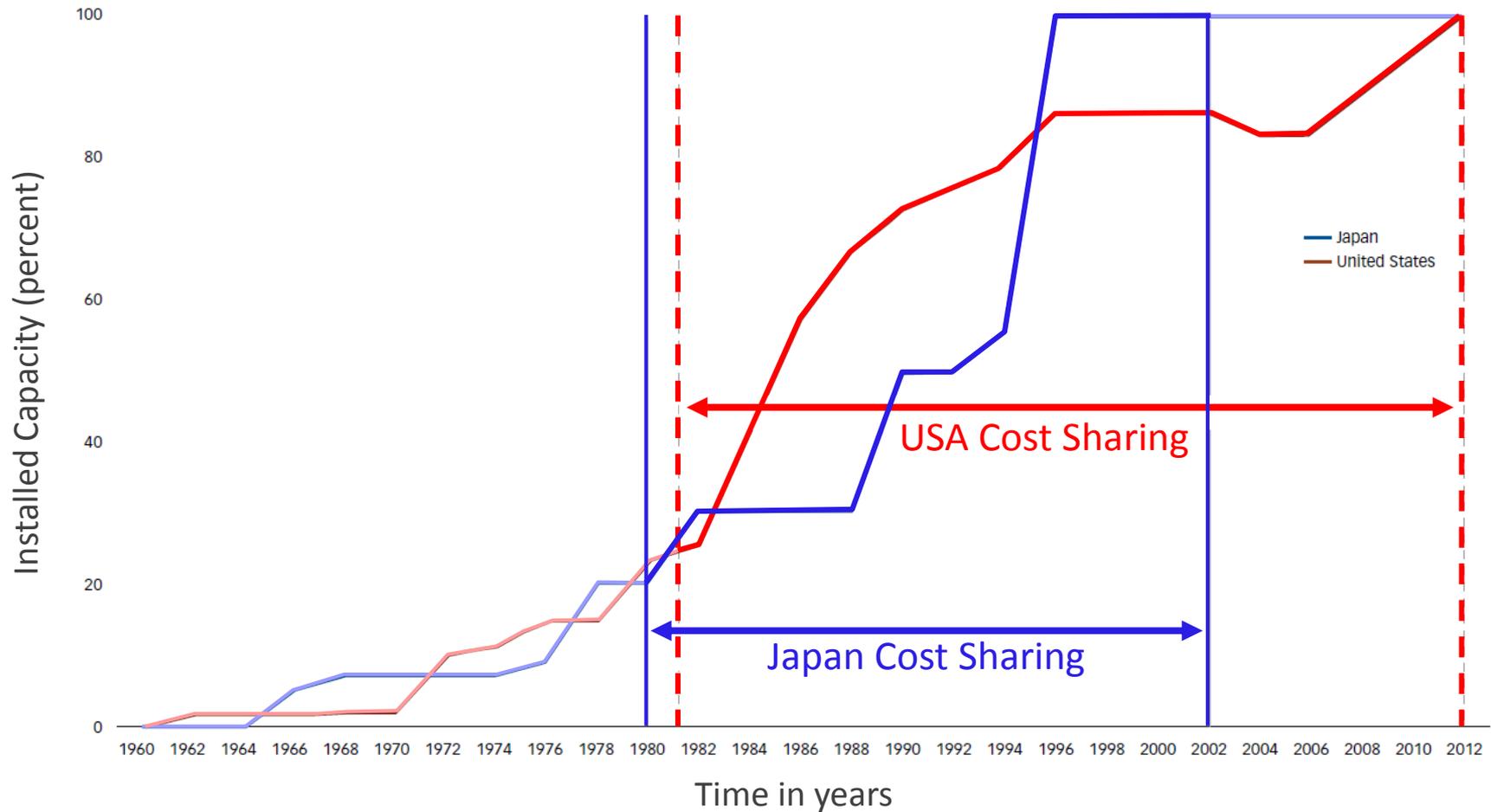
- The growth of the Turkish geothermal sector since 2007 is unparalleled
- Government target of 1000 MW before 2023 will surely be exceeded
- Several key enabling factors
 - Legal reform (Geothermal Law 2007)
 - Feed-in-Tariff (2010)
 - Strong local private sector
 - Technical and human capacity
 - Commercial financing for renewable energy projects (with support from IFIs)
 - Availability of publicly derisked geothermal fields through MTA exploration drilling



Based on: Alexander Richter (GeoLAC2017) -
Source: ThinkGeoEnergy Research (2017),
JESDER (2017), EnerjiAtlası (2017), IGA (2015)

Japan and USA – Two examples of successful cost sharing

CURVES SHOW GROWTH OF INSTALLED CAPACITY OVER TIME



Geothermal Resource Risk Insurance

- Insuring specific well productivity
- Successful modality has not been rolled out globally
 - Only a few tens of MWs developed using Resource Risk Insurance
 - Geothermal insurance fund in place in France
 - Examples of application in Germany
 - Failed attempts in US, Turkey,
- High premium and high transaction cost major obstacles
 - Small market and relatively high resource risk
 - Each project requires intense due diligence
- Efforts underway to explore different insurance scheme designs
 - Portfolio approach (insuring specific productivity of a number of wells)
 - Backstopping by public concessional funds (Mexico)

Early-Stage Fiscal Incentives

- Typically exemptions from import duties and taxes
- Akin to the cost sharing schemes
 - More modest impact on developers
 - No up-front public support (lost revenues)
- Widely used on different levels
 - Reduction in taxable income (Indonesia)
 - Tax deductions for investments (Mexico)
 - Exemptions of taxes on imported machinery (Indonesia and Philippines)
 - Exemption from all taxes other than income tax (Philippines)
- Hard to quantify impact
 - Likely accelerated development in some cases

Current MDB support to Geothermal Development

FOCUS ON UP-STREAM ACTIVITIES UNDER COST SHARING APPROACH

- **Strong focus on geothermal**

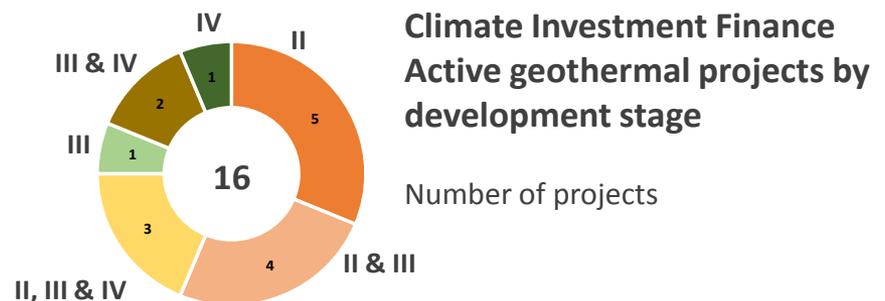
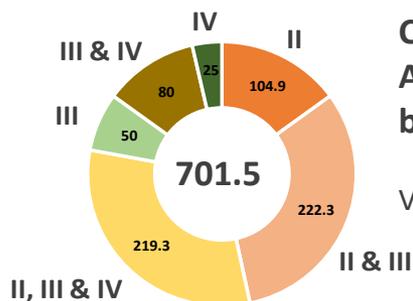
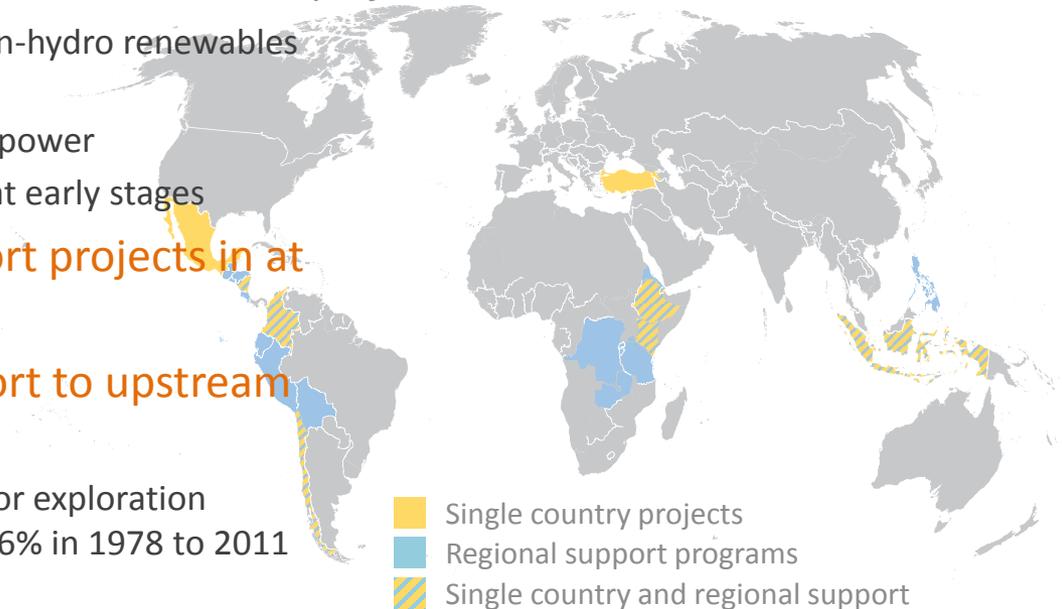
- Since 2011 ~14% of WB financing for non-hydro renewables to geothermal
- Understanding of the value of baseload power
- Understanding of the need for support at early stages

- **Currently active geothermal support projects in at least 33 countries**

- **Attention is shifting towards support to upstream activities**

- In 2012 to 2017 28% of MDB financing for exploration drilling and risk mitigation compared to 6% in 1978 to 2011

CIF projects and GRMF and GDFLAC



Key-messages

- High resource risk and relatively high upfront investment cost are the **key barriers** to scaling up of geothermal power development globally
- Development of geothermal resources for power generation at competitive costs **requires public intervention** to absorb some of the resource risk
- There are different ways to structure this intervention but some are effective than others at **scaling up** development
 - Cost sharing at exploration drilling stage
 - Public development at exploration stage
- **These approaches:**
 - Optimize the use of public resources
 - Leverage substantial private investments
 - Draw on the private sector technical expertise
- **MDBs increasingly promoting cost sharing as the appropriate approach to geothermal development**

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