

## **Scientists to shed light on UK's underground energy technologies**

New £31m research facilities will see UK scientists gather critical data on the use of geenergy technologies to help meet energy needs.

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## **World's top magma minds embark on journey into molten Earth**

Some of the world's leading volcanologists and geothermal engineers have signed up to a US\$100m magma drilling project in a bid to help protect millions of people, towns and cities across the world from volcano disasters; and to make a strategic step in scaling up the use of geothermal energy.

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## **UK-Italian earthquake collaboration gets a Royal audience**

A seismologist from the British Geological Survey (BGS) and another from the National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology in Italy (INGV) met with Prince Charles in Amatrice today. The scientists were among the international team that updated him on the on-going collaboration and reconstruction efforts since the earthquake struck in August last year.

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## **African Union Commission places geodata at the forefront of development**

The British Geological Survey, in partnership with African Union Commission (AUC) and the Uganda Chamber of Mines and Petroleum (UCMP), organised a two-

day workshop at the Imperial Resort Beach Hotel, Entebbe, Uganda, under the theme, "A New Beginning: a collaborative partnering approach towards African geodata".

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## **GeoSciML data standard becomes official**

On 15 March 2017 the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC®) announced that GeoSciML was approved and published with full documentation as an OGC Standard. The OGC GeoSciML Standard defines a model and the encoding for geological features commonly described and portrayed in geological maps, cross sections, geological reports and databases.