

Renewable Energy: International Best-Practice and Prospects for the Development in Azerbaijan

Landmark, Rotunda Conference Centre, 12-13 October 2009

Time	Day One, 12 October 2009
10.00 – 10.30	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Welcome Remarks</u></p> <p><i>Ambassador Bilge Cankorel, Head of OSCE Office in Baku</i></p> <p><i>Deputy Minister Gulmammad Javadov,, Ministry for Industry and Energy</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Andreas Obersteller, Head of Department for European Affairs and EU Twinning Project, German Federal Ministry for Economy and Technology,</i></p>
10.30 – 11.15	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session I: Renewable Energy – The International Perspective</u></p> <p>1) Key Note Speaker: PhD Mr. Wolfgang Palz (World Council for Renewable Energy) Topics: <i>Overview on the development of renewable sources of energy in Europe</i></p> <p><i>Importance of the regulatory and legal framework for the development of renewable energy – The European experience</i></p>
11.15 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 13.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session II: Renewable Energy in Azerbaijan</u></p> <p>2) Current State and Prospects for the Development of Renewable Energy in Azerbaijan <i>Speaker: Mehdi Seyidov, Head of the Department for Renewable Energy, Ministry of Industry and Energy</i></p> <p>Open Discussion: Current and Planned Projects in the Field of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency by Bilateral and International Donor Organizations</p>

13.00 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 16.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session III: Wind Energy in Azerbaijan – Natural Conditions and Practical Application</u></p> <p>3) The Natural Conditions for Wind Energy in Azerbaijan <i>Speaker: Rauf Mustafayev, AzerEnergy Elektro-Energetika Institute</i></p> <p>4) Practical Application of Wind Energy in Azerbaijan</p> <p><i>Windfarm Shurabad</i> <i>Mr. Nazir Ramazanov, Caspian Technology Company</i> <i>Mr. Stephan Simon, ALPHA New Technology Services GmbH</i> <i>Mr. Karl Heinz Fatrdla, VESTAS, Director Sales Eastern Europe</i></p> <p><i>Sumqayıtelektrişəbəkə ASC (Sumgayit Network Operator)</i> <i>Speaker: Mr. Nariman Mahmudov, Technical Director</i></p> <p><i>Mitaki Project GmbH and AirWerk GmbH</i> <i>Speaker: Mr. Hagan Teymurov</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion</p>

Time	Day Two, 13 October 2009
10.00 – 11.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session IV: Prospects and Challenges for Promoting Renewable Energy in Transition Countries</u></p> <p>5) Key Note Speaker: PhD Mr. Wolfgang Palz</p> <p>6) “Ecology Park Project” by the State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR) <i>Speaker: Mr. Rashid Ziyadli, SOCAR</i></p>
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 12.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session V: Small Hydro Power Plants, Wind and Solar Energy – Further Pilot Projects</u></p> <p>7) Potential for Small Hydro Power Plants in Azerbaijan <i>Speaker: Tahir Javarov, Head of the Department for Energy Production, Ministry of Industry and Energy</i></p>

Background Information

The topic of renewable sources of energy has gained greater importance in Azerbaijan in recent years. This is reflected, for instance, by Azerbaijan's accession to the newly-established *International Renewable Energy Agency* (IRENA) on 10 June 2009, the decree by H.E. President Ilham Aliyev on the creation of a *National Renewable Energy Agency* on 16 July 2009 as well as the adoption of the *State Programme on the Use of Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources in the Azerbaijan Republic*; approved by Presidential Decree on 21 October 2004. However, there are only a few examples to date of the practical application of renewable sources of energy other than hydro power.

In order to contribute to the further development of the renewable energy sector in Azerbaijan, the OSCE Office in Baku - in co-operation with the Ministry of Industry and Energy and the EU Twinning Project on *Legal Approximation and Structural Reform in the Energy Sector of Azerbaijan* - organizes a conference on international best-practice in creating a legal and regulatory framework conducive to the development of renewable energy. The event also intends to give a comprehensive overview on the current state of the renewable energy sector in Azerbaijan, including the legal, political and economic conditions, and provides an opportunity to discuss possible future developments.

The conference addresses relevant Azerbaijani government agencies, civil society organizations, private sector representatives as well as International Organizations. The event is part of the OSCE Office in Baku's efforts to strengthen a multi-stakeholder dialogue on energy policy in Azerbaijan and promote the wider application of renewable sources of energy.

Please note:

Participants are strongly encouraged to engage in an active discussion. In addition, the organizers suggest that participants share information on any current or planned projects in the field of renewable energy or energy efficiency. The OSCE Office in Baku will compile this information and disseminate it through the conference report.

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