



Office in Baku

***Seminar on
International Best Practices for the
Legal and Regulatory Framework of
Renewable Energy***

Baku, Landmark III, 14-18 December 2009

Time	Day 1: Renewable Energy Technologies (Part 1) 14 December 2009
10.00 – 10.30	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Welcome Remarks</i></u></p>
10.30 – 11.15	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session I</u></p> <p>Introduction by the OSCE Office in Baku</p> <p><i>Seminar Part I: Renewable Energy Technologies</i></p> <p><u>Speaker: Mr. Jonathan Buick</u> <i>Renewable Energy Consultant (United Kingdom)</i></p> <p>Introduction to Renewable Energy Technologies</p>
11.15 – 11.45	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee Break</p>
11.45 – 13.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session II</u></p> <p>Wind Energy</p>
13.00 – 14.30	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch</p>
14.30 – 15.15	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session III</u></p> <p>Photovoltaic and Solar-Thermal Energy</p>
15.30 – 16.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee Break</p>
16.00 – 17.15	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session IV</u></p> <p>Bio-mass and Small Hydro Power</p>

Time	Day 2: Renewable Energy Technologies (Part 2) 15 December 2009
10.00 – 11.15	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session I</u></p> <p>Geo-Thermal Energy, Wave- and Tidal Energy</p>
11.15 – 11.45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.45 – 13.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session II</u></p> <p>Small Scale Applications and Island Solutions; Usage of Renewable Energy for Desalination</p>
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 15.15	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session III</u></p> <p>Grid Integration, Grid Management, and Storage of Electricity</p>
15.30 – 16.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16.00 – 17.15	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session IV</u></p> <p>Application of Different RE Technologies in the Context of Azerbaijan</p>

Time	Day 3: International Best-Practice for the Legal Framework of RE (Part 1) 16 December 2009
10.00 – 11.15	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session I</u></p> <p><i>Seminar Part II: International Best-Practice for the Legal Framework of RE</i> <u>Speaker: Mr. David Jacobs</u> <i>Environmental Policy Research Centre, Free University Berlin, Germany</i></p> <p>Introduction to Renewable Energy Support Mechanisms</p>
11.15 – 11.45	Coffee Break
11.45 – 13.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session II</u></p> <p>Best Practice Tender Schemes and Quota-Based Mechanisms (RPS and TGC)</p>
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 15.15	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session III</u></p> <p>Best Practice Feed-in Tariffs I: Basic Feed-in Tariff Design Including Net Metering</p>
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break
16.00 – 17.15	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session IV</u></p> <p>Best Practice Feed-in Tariffs II: Advanced Feed-in Tariff Design – Market Integration</p>

Time	Day 4: International Best-Practice for the Legal Framework of RE (Part 2) 17 December 2009
10.00 – 11.15	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session I</u></p> <p>Feed-in Tariff Design for Developing Countries and Emerging Economies</p>
11.15 – 11.45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.45 – 13.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session II</u></p> <p>Additional Tax and Investment Incentives</p>
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 15.15	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session III</u></p> <p>Removing Grid Related Barriers and Administrative Barriers</p>
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break
16.00 – 17.15	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session IV</u></p> <p>Comparing Support Mechanisms for Renewable Electricity: Effectiveness and Efficiency</p>

Time	Day 5: International Best-Practice for the Legal Framework of RE (Part 3) 18 December 2009
10.00 – 11.15	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session I</u></p> <p>Conclusion: Recommendations for a Possible Legal and Regulatory Framework in Azerbaijan</p>
11.15 – 11.45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.45 – 13.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session II</u></p> <p>Detailed Analysis of Legal Texts for Feed-in Tariffs (Examples: Germany, Spain, Czech Republic, South-Africa, Kenya)</p>
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 15.15	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session III</u></p> <p>Conclusions and Hand-Over of Certificates</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.

The development of a significant RE sector in Azerbaijan, and indeed in any country, carries several potential benefits. First, RE is considered to be a crucial element in tackling the problem of climate change by offering environmental-friendly alternatives for generating electricity, heat as well as powering the transport sector. Second, RE generated hundreds of thousand of new jobs in the OSCE area and has proven to be a driving force for technological innovation. Third, RE increases the energy security of a country by reducing its dependency on exhaustible fossil fuels.

International experience proves that a crucial precondition for the large scale-application of renewable sources of energy is a favorable legal and regulatory framework. The OSCE Office in Baku strives to contribute to the further development of RE in Azerbaijan, by organizing a five-day training seminar on this topic.

Objective:

The objective of the seminar is to share international best-practice for the legal and regulatory framework governing the use of RE.

It is important to note that the creation of a legal framework conducive to the development of RE requires a good understanding of the specific characteristics of the various existing RE technologies. For this reason, the seminar will – in addition to sharing international best-practice for the legal framework of RE - provide a comprehensive overview on available renewable energy technologies, latest developments in the field as well as prospects for future solutions.

Beneficiaries:

The conference mainly addresses relevant policy makers from various Ministries, employees and Members of the Parliament as well as representatives of energy companies.

Logistical Arrangements

The event will take place on the 3rd floor of the Landmark III building, 96 Nizami Street, on 14-18 October 2009. The international experts will provide their presentations in English. Simultaneous interpretation into Azerbaijan language will be provided. The sessions will last for approximately six hour on each day. Refreshments and lunch will be provided by the OSCE Office in Baku.

Please note

Participants are strongly encouraged to engage in an active discussion and will be given the opportunity to raise questions at the end of each session. Kindly note that participants should be committed to full participation of the whole 5-day period of the seminar.

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