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New Opportunities for Developing Renewable Energy in Azerbaijan



HARDTALK

AGENDA

Thursday, 19 October 2017 Hard Talk – Part 1 – Expert Dialogue

Participation is by invitation only

Venue: State Agency for Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources
Baku, AZ1000 40, Uzeyir Hajibayov Str., Government House, 5th entrance, 9th Floor

08.30 – 09.00 **REGISTRATION**

09:00-10:30 **OPENING SESSION**

- Welcome address by Mr Jamil Malikov, Deputy Chairman, **State Agency for Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources**
- Welcome address by Mr Gianluca Sambucini, Secretary of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy, Sustainable Energy Division, **UNECE**
- Objectives of the Hard Talk by Mr Nazir Ramazanov, Advisor to Chairman, **State Agency for Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources & Chairman of Expert Groups for Renewable Energy of the UNECE Sustainable Energy Committee**
- Presentation of key issues for discussion - Discussion Paper “Recommendations for unblocking investments in renewable energy” by Ms Emily Koulouvaris, Managing Director & Mr Vassilis Triantafyllos, Legal & Regulator Advisor, **Revelle Group**

10:30–11:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:00-13:00 **SESSION 1: POLICIES AND REGULATIONS TO SUPPORT RENEWABLE ENERGY DEPLOYMENT**

Moderators:

- Mr Nazir Ramazanov, Advisor to Chairman, **State Agency for Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources & Chair of the UNECE Group of Experts on Renewable Energy** & Ms Emily Koulouvaris, Managing Director, **Revelle Group**

Scene-setting presentation:

- Overview of policy and regulatory environment for Renewable Energy – Mr Haji Jalilzade, Legal Advisor, **The Department of Law and International relations, State Agency for Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources**

Interventions on how to improve the policy / regulatory environment (comprehensive RES law, new grid code, clear action plans, climate change & environmental considerations, etc.)

Debate

13:00-14:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30-16:30 SESSION 2: IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY INVESTMENTS

Moderators:

- Mr Gianluca Sambucini, Secretary of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy, Sustainable Energy Division, **UNECE** & Ms Emily Koulouvaris, Managing Director, **Revelle Group**

Scene-setting presentation:

- Strategic Road map - Targets – Pipeline of Projects under development – Opportunities for Foreign Investors – Mr Rauf Gurbanov, Deputy Head of Economy and State Programme Department, **State Agency for Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources**

Interventions on how to improve the investment environment (bankability, project development, wider economic issues)

Debate

16:30-17:00 SESSION 3: SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

Moderators:

- Mr Gianluca Sambucini, Secretary of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy, Sustainable Energy Division, **UNECE** & Ms Emily Koulouvaris, Managing Director, **Revelle Group**

Input from participants on revisions to the Discussion Paper for the next day's policy talk in line with debates of the preparatory workshop.

Closing remarks by State Agency for Alternative and Renewable Energy Sources

17:00 – 17:30 REFRESHMENTS / END OF FIRST DAY

Friday, 20 October 2017

Hard Talk – Part 2 - High-level Policy Dialogue on Renewable Energy

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09.30 – 10.00 REGISTRATION

10:00-12:30 OPENING SESSION

Welcome Addresses

- Welcome address by **State Agency for Renewable Energy Agency**
- Welcome address by **Cabinet of Ministers**
- Welcome address by Gianluca Sambucini, Secretary of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy, Sustainable Energy Division, **UNECE**

Presentation of Discussion Paper “Recommendations for unblocking investments in renewable energy” updated on the basis of the Preparatory Workshop by Ms. Emily Koulouvaris, Managing Director, **Revelle Group**

Moderators:

- Mr Gianluca Sambucini, Secretary of the Group of Experts on Renewable Energy, Sustainable Energy Division, **UNECE** & Ms Emily Koulouvaris, Managing Director, **Revelle Group**

High-level Interventions from Azeri Stakeholders on Discussion Paper recommendations

Open Discussion

Summary and Conclusions by State Agency for Renewable Energy Agency & UNECE

12.30 –14.00 REFRESHMENTS

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