

# BSES 2023 TENTATIVE PROGRAM

1 July, SATURDAY

## ARRIVALS

2 July, SUNDAY

09:30 – 12:00

City Tour with Mr. Fuad Akhundov

12:30

Lunch

17:00

Departure to Retro Resort

18:00

**Welcome reception at Retro Resort, Bilgeh**

3 July, MONDAY

10:00 – 10:30

## WELCOMING REMARKS

Ambassador Hafiz Pashayev, Rector of ADA University

H.E. Parviz Shahbazov  
Minister, Ministry of Energy

Mr. Rovshan Najaf  
President, State Oil Company of the Republic of Azerbaijan (SOCAR)

Mr. Gary Jones  
bp Regional President for Azerbaijan, Georgia, Türkiye

## OIL AND GAS FUNDAMENTALS

*This session will focus on the geological aspects of oil and natural gas production, discussing conventional methods and supply trends, as well as the expanding production of unconventional oil and gas. Given the environmental burden this entails, the session will also cover related technological innovations in the field.*

Lead Instructor: Mr. Nazim Abdullayev  
Senior Exploration Geoscientist, bp AGT Region and Prospect Analysis  
Advisor for Eastern Hemisphere

\*The program content may be subject to change.

10:30 – 11:30

**Hydrocarbon cycle: formation, exploration, transportation, and consumption**

Coffee Break

11:45 – 13:00

**Unconventional hydrocarbons: blessings of technology and problems of environment**

Luncheon

14:00 – 15:15

**Historical milestones in the development of the Caspian hydrocarbon resources**

Mr. Elchin Baghirov  
Deputy Chief Geologist, SOCAR

## 4 July, TUESDAY

### **ECONOMICS OF OIL AND GAS**

*The session will analyze the determinants of energy prices as well as their economic impact. It will investigate the economics of upstream, midstream, and downstream segments of the oil and gas industry.*

Lead Instructor: TotalEnergies Professeurs Associés

10:00 – 11:15

**Economics of oil and gas: exploration and production (Upstream)**

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:45

**Economics of oil and gas: transportation and storage (Midstream)**

Luncheon

14:00 – 15:15

**Economics of oil and gas: refining and sales (Downstream)**

Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:15

**Avenues for growth in the energy market: GL Ltd**

Mr. Asif Zeynalov  
Chief Executive Officer, GL

## 5 July, WEDNESDAY

### **OIL AND GAS LAW**

*Oil and gas contracts play a major role in the energy exploration and production and there are a number of different instruments available to producing states and investing companies, each with different economic and political implications. The session will examine the role of the legal framework in the energy industry.*

Lead Instructor: TotalEnergies Professeurs Associés

10:00 – 11:15	<b>Legal framework in the energy industry</b>
Coffee Break	
12:00 – 12:45	<b>Joint ventures in the energy industry: a key feature of the industry</b>
Luncheon	
14:00 – 15:15	<b>Life and termination of joint ventures</b>
Coffee Break	
15:30	Departure from ADA University to Heydar Aliyev Museum <b>Heydar Aliyev Museum</b>

**6 July, THURSDAY**

**GOVERNANCE OF OIL AND GAS REVENUES**

*When managed prudently, oil, gas, and mining investments and the vast revenues they generate can sustain development efforts and make a lasting positive impact on the life of citizens. However, without proper policies, frameworks, and oversight, these same investments have the potential to destabilize public financial management systems, bring negative economic, environmental, and social impacts. The session will be dedicated to natural resource governance, including the “resource curse” concept. A special focus will be on natural resource revenues governance in Azerbaijan.*

10:00 – 11:15	<b>Natural resources and economic development</b> Dr. Sarvar Gurbanov Assistant Professor, ADA University
Coffee Break	
11:30 – 12:45	<b>Investment strategies</b> Dr. Vitaliy Baylarbayov Deputy Vice-president of SOCAR for Investments and Marketing
Luncheon	
14:00 – 15:15	<b>Natural resource revenues governance in Azerbaijan</b> Mr. Israfil Mammadov CEO, State Oil Fund of Azerbaijan (SOFAZ)
Coffee Break	
15:30 – 16:45	<b>Energy transition plan: Equinor’s perspective</b> Mr. Alibaba Aliyev

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Manager Communications & External Affairs, Equinor Azerbaijan

17:30

**Barbecue Evening and Networking with Energy Industry Professionals**

**7 July, FRIDAY**

**ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

*Energy affairs, sustainable development and climate change are closely interrelated. This session will examine the transformation of the global energy system through the lens of sustainable development and climate change. It will also study how the global climate change might impact the Caspian region and Azerbaijan in particular.*

10:00 – 11:15

**Sustainability, climate change, and transition in global energy**

Mr. Chingiz Mammadov

UNDP Senior Program Advisor / Focus area: Energy, environment, climate change and resilience

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:45

**The effects of the global climate change on the Caspian basin and Azerbaijan**

H.E. Mukhtar Babayev

Minister, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources

Luncheon

14:00 – 15:15

**Regional Cooperation for Sustainable Development: An Engineering Perspective**

Mr. Barış Altıparmak

General Manager, Kolin Azerbaijan

Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:45

**Diversifying Azerbaijan's Energy Mix**

ACWA Power

**8 July, SATURDAY**

**FERRY TRIP TO AKTAU, KAZAKHSTAN**

**9 July, SUNDAY**

City Tour in Aktau

10 July, MONDAY

10:00 – 11:15

**WELCOMING REMARKS**

Ambassador Hafiz Pashayev, Rector of ADA University

Minister

Ministry of Energy, Kazakhstan

Dr. Elnur Sultnaov

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy, Azerbaijan

**GOVERNANCE OF OIL AND GAS REVENUES. THE CASE OF KAZAKHSTAN**

*In this session there will be a different perspective on the oil and gas revenue governance. It will be covering the Kazakh approach on the natural resource governance and how Kazakhstan is dealing with “resource curse” dilemma*

**Natural Resource and Economic Development in Kazakhstan**

KazMunaiGas Representative

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:45

**Natural Resource Revenues Governance in Kazakhstan**

Kazakhstan National Fund Representative

Luncheon

14:00 – 15:15

**Current Energy Policy of Kazakhstan**

Mr. Marat Karatayev

Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:45

Trip to Becket-Ata Mosque

11 July, TUESDAY

**GEOPOLITICS OF OIL AND GAS**

*The session will examine the use of energy resources to promote political and security goals and peace. Particularly, it will discuss whether there is an “oil weapon” and a “natural gas weapon.” The sessions will look at the conditions under which supply relationships are vulnerable to political use. It will also study the attempts to use energy infrastructures as tools for conflict resolution, including the so-called “peace pipelines.”*

Lead Instructor: Dr. Brenda Shaffer

Professor, Georgetown University

10:00 – 11:15

**Geopolitics of Energy**

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:45

**Energy as a Political Weapon**

Luncheon

14:00 – 15:15

**Simulation: Geopolitics of the Caspian Energy**

Coffee Break

15:30

**The role of bp in developing the Azerbaijan's energy**

Dr. Bakhtiyar Aslanbayli

bp Vice President for the Caspian region, Communications and Advocacy

**12 July, WEDNESDAY**

**ECONOMICS AND GEOPOLITICS OF CASPIAN ENERGY**

*This session provides an overview of the key trends and forces shaping the Caspian energy landscape. It particularly focuses on economics and geopolitics of the Caspian oil and gas resources and their implications for regional developments.*

10:00 – 11:15

**Caspian Energy; Azerbaijan's Energy Policy from regional perspective**

Dr. Elnur Soltanov

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Energy

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:45

**Energy Diplomacy and the role of the US in the realization of the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) Pipeline**

Ambassador Steven Mann

Senior Counselor for International Affairs ExxonMobil (retired)

Luncheon

14:00 – 15:15

**Caspian's potential to resolve the paradox on climate change and need for fossil fuels**

John Roberts,

Director and Chief Analyst, Natural Gas Europe

Coffee Break

15:30

Trip to Mangystau Regional Local History Museum

## 13 July, THURSDAY

First half-day

Back to Baku and free time

*Morning flight*

### **GREEN ENERGY AND RENEWABLES**

*The session studies green energy, as well as the economics of renewable energy sources and their role in global energy transition.*

13:00 – 14:15

#### **Renewables, legislation, challenges and opportunities**

Mr. Javid Abdullayev

Director of the Azerbaijan Renewable Energy Agency

Coffee Break

14:30 – 15:45

#### **Presentation on solar energy by “Masdar” of United Arab Emirates**

Mr. Murad Sadikhov

Country Manager, Masdar Azerbaijan

Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:15

#### **Economics of renewables**

Mr. Ahmad Humbatov

Instructor, ADA University

## 14 July, FRIDAY

### **THE EUROPEAN ENERGY CRISIS: A MAJOR ROLE FOR THE CASPIAN?**

*The European continent is currently in the middle of a historical energy crisis, mostly driven by high gas prices. The war in Ukraine and sanctions on Russia has further exacerbated the problem and fostered the EU's ambitions to improve its energy security and diversify energy supplies. The session studies Europe's energy crisis and examines the potential role of the Caspian in addressing it.*

10:00 – 11:15

#### **The EU energy crisis: how did we get here and what are the solutions?**

Representative of the European Union Delegation to Azerbaijan

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:45

#### **Expansion of the Southern Gas Corridor: Prospects and Challenges**

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Mr. Elshad Nasirov  
SOCAR Vice President for Investments and Marketing

Luncheon

14:00 – 15:15

**Azerbaijan-EU energy relations**

H.E. Jeyhun Bayramov  
Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Coffee Break

**Certificate Ceremony**

Presented by Ambassador Hafiz Pashayev, Rector of ADA  
H.E. Jeyhun Bayramov, Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Dr. Bakhtiyar Aslanbayli, bp Vice President for the Caspian region,  
Communications and Advocacy

18:30

Departure from ADA University campus for farewell dinner

19:00

**Farewell dinner at the Shirvanshah Museum Restaurant**

15 July, SATURDAY

**DEPARTURES**