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OFFICIAL OPENING REMARKS



I welcome all the participants of Baku Energy Week and wish this great event success. As was already mentioned, the Caspian Oil and Gas Exhibition laid the foundation for the energy development of modern Azerbaijan. As time passed, it transformed and became bigger, and now it is called Baku Energy Week, with numerous events and many very good ceremonies. As was correctly mentioned, the Shah Deniz contract, one of the biggest gas field contracts in the world, was signed almost exactly 30 years ago, in June 1996. And that actually opened a new chapter in Azerbaijan's modern gas development, providing energy security for a growing number of countries. The importance of this event is also reflected in the kind letter from U.S. President Donald Trump. This once again demonstrates that Baku Energy Week really is one of the leading events in the global energy arena. I'm very grateful to President Trump for his kind message and also very grateful to President Erdoğan of Türkiye and UK Prime Minister Starmer for their messages to the event. This once again demonstrates that Baku Energy Week really is one of the leading events in the global energy arena.

From the speech by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Mr. Ilham Aliyev at the opening ceremony of 31st Baku Energy Week



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The President of the Republic of Türkiye,
Recep Tayyip Erdoğan



The welcome letter from the President of the Republic of Türkiye, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, addressed to the participants and guests of Baku Energy Week was read by Alparslan Bayraktar, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Türkiye.



Dear participants, distinguished guests, I greet you all with my warmest regards and sincere affection.

I am very pleased to address this distinguished forum, which has brought together global energy leaders, investors, and companies for more than 30 years, even if only through this message.

Developments in our region once again demonstrate how well-founded the steps we have taken together with Azerbaijan in the field of energy have been. We continue to successfully implement many mega projects that were once considered dreams for our region, in cooperation with Azerbaijan. Projects such as the Baku–Tbilisi–Ceyhan, Baku–Tbilisi–Erzurum, and TANAP pipelines remain among the initiatives we launched together with Azerbaijan and completed with the contributions of another friendly country, Georgia. Through our partnerships in Azeri–Chirag–Gunashli and Shah Deniz, we see our cooperation with Azerbaijan deepening even further. Our new partnership in Shafag–Asiman serves as fresh evidence that this cooperation continues to advance without slowing down. The Igdir–Nakhchivan pipeline, which became operational last year, has strengthened and reinforced the energy supply security of the Nakhchivan region. Electricity interconnections between Türkiye and Azerbaijan continue to hold strategic importance for us. We hope that the implementation of the Green Electricity Transmission and Trade Project among Türkiye, Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Bulgaria will contribute to the energy security of our entire region.

Likewise, the gas supply to Syria, which began last August as a result of a joint initiative by Türkiye and Azerbaijan, has made undeniable contributions to that country's development and to regional security. There are significant opportunities ahead of us to further enhance cooperation regarding the export of Turkmen gas through Azerbaijan and Türkiye. We are witnessing the increasing use of the Baku–Tbilisi–Ceyhan pipeline for transporting Kazakhstan's natural resources to Western markets.

Distinguished participants, as Türkiye, we possess a vision aimed at ensuring effectiveness across all dimensions of energy—including renewable and green energy—while prioritizing efficiency and respect for the environment. We will reinforce our determination to be one of the leading and exemplary countries in global climate action through the COP31 Summit, which we will host in Antalya from November 9 to 20 this year. With these thoughts, I hope that Baku Energy Week will bring positive outcomes for our countries and our region. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the organization of this event, and I extend my warm greetings to my dear brother, President Mr. Aliyev, and to all participants.



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His Excellency Mr. Ilham Aliyev,
President of the Republic of Azerbaijan
Dear Mr. President,

I extend my congratulations to you and the people of Azerbaijan as you host the 31st Baku Energy Week. This achievement is a testament to Azerbaijan's leadership in energy security.

Our countries have a long history of cooperation in the hydrocarbon sector and share a commitment to affordable, abundant energy. The United States has been a tremendous supporter of Azerbaijan's oil and gas industry, and I strongly believe that our foundational partnership on global energy security that will only become more essential in the years ahead.

We charted a path forward when we met at the White House and delivered lasting peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan. As you know, regional energy integration is a key pillar of the historic August 8 Peace Summit. My administration looks forward to productive discussions on this topic in June. Together, we will advance peace, strengthen prosperity, and establish a more secure future for your region and the world. Once again, congratulations on the success of Baku Energy Week.



The President of United States of America
Donal Trump



The welcome letter from US President Donal Trump, addressed to the participants and guests of the Baku Energy Week was read by Caleb Orr, U.S Assistant Secretary of State for Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs

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The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Keir Starmer



The welcome letter from Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Keir Starmer, addressed to the participants and guests of the Baku Energy Week was read by David Reed, Trade Commissioner for Eastern Europe and Central Asia of the United Kingdom



Dear President Aliyev,
I am pleased to extend my warm greetings to everyone gathered for Baku Energy Week 2026.

At a time of global uncertainty, Azerbaijan remains a vital partner in strengthening energy security and resilience.

When I visited Baku to attend COP29 18 months ago, I was struck by the seriousness with which Azerbaijan was approaching the energy transition. Since then, plans have become actions, with accelerating production of energy from renewable sources and ambitious solutions for transporting green energy across land and sea. Your country has played a key role in boosting Ukraine's energy resilience in the face of Russia's sustained and illegal assault on its energy infrastructure. Your country has enabled European countries to build their energy resilience by enhancing the diversity of supply chains. And in the past year, your country has begun energy exports to Armenia, underpinning your commitment to lasting peace. As we work towards our shared climate goals, the United Kingdom remains committed to working alongside Azerbaijan to accelerate the global energy transition, which is central to this government's plans to strengthen our resilience and reach net zero by 2050. Our longstanding energy partnership, spearheaded by British industry, continues to serve as a cornerstone of our bilateral relationship and a catalyst for growth in both our countries. By combining our expertise in renewable energy and clean technologies, we can drive the innovation necessary to achieve net zero and secure a prosperous and sustainable future. I commend your leadership on this initiative and wish you and all participants a highly productive and successful event. //

COMPLIMENTARY REMARKS



These broad cooperation opportunities emerging in the Caspian basin once again confirm that Baku Energy Week will remain an important platform for discussing joint initiatives and building new partnerships in the long term. I am confident that our mutually beneficial cooperation will continue to make a significant contribution to the sustainable development of our countries and to ensuring energy security across a wider geography, while Baku Energy Week will continue to serve as a trusted platform for dialogue in building a sustainable energy future.

Parviz Shahbazov

Minister of Energy of the
Republic of Azerbaijan



This is my first time participating in Baku Energy Week, and I am deeply impressed by the high standard of its organization. Among the key topics being addressed at the Baku Energy Forum, energy security remains one of the most significant. We naturally hope that the solutions developed through these discussions will help stabilize the current situation and reduce existing risks.

Iqbal Hassan Mahmood

Minister of Power, Energy and Mineral
Resources, Government of the People's
Republic of Bangladesh

COMPLIMENTARY REMARKS



For many years, this forum has been a recognized world meeting point for the energy sector. Not only for the Caspian region but also for Europe and the wider international energy community. Baku has a long and distinguished energy history. But it's also a place where the future of energy partnerships is being discussed.

Cristina Lobillo Borrero

Director of Energy Security at the Director General for Energy of the European Commission



Baku Energy Week has brought together experts from Europe, Asia, and Africa in the capital of Azerbaijan. We have all gathered around the same table in Baku to discuss how we can support one another during these challenging times. I believe that the Baku Energy Forum has been organized at the right time and offers tremendous potential. Very interesting discussions and open dialogues with experts are taking place here.

Kiril Temelkov

Deputy Minister of Energy of the Republic of Bulgaria



Whenever I visit Baku for energy related events whether as a moderator or a speaker, I am consistently impressed by the high standard of preparation and execution of its energy forums and oil and gas exhibitions. This year is no exception. The quality of organization is clearly reflected in the distinguished lineup of panel participants and guests attending the Baku Energy Forum. It is the one of the most significant events in the oil and gas sector.

Damjan Krnjević Mišković

Chief of Staff to the Secretary General of the International Gas Union



I am confident that the discussions held and new partnerships established during Baku Energy Week, which for more than 30 years has brought together global industry leaders and partners, will make an important contribution to the just energy transition agenda, promote the implementation of innovative approaches, and further strengthen our joint efforts.

Rovshan Najaf

President of SOCAR

COMPLIMENTARY REMARKS



I would like to commend the excellent organization of Baku Energy Week. On the opening day at the Expo Center, President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev shared his perspective on the country's energy strategy and spoke about Azerbaijan's international agreements and partnerships. It was particularly symbolic that, on the same day, production of the first natural gas (NAG) commenced from the Azeri-Chirag-Gunashli field block. This asset is of global significance to the energy industry.

Gordon Birrell

Executive Vice President for Production and Operations at bp



At the Baku Energy Forum, important issues for the oil and gas industry are being discussed. We had a great opportunity to listen to speeches by leaders of global oil and gas companies — it was very useful. The issues raised at the forum highlight all the current challenges faced by the oil and gas and energy industries today. The forum is also important due to the growing role of Azerbaijan as a significant and reliable partner in the world.

Gary Guidry

President and CEO of Gran Tierra Energy



I firmly believe that events such as Baku Energy Week are both essential and highly valuable due to their international significance. Personally, I was pleased to participate in the Baku Energy Forum, as it provided an excellent platform for establishing new connections and reaching fresh agreements related to energy security.

Ulf Heitmüller

Chairman of the Executive Board of the German company VNG AG



Events of an international scale are important to us, and Baku Energy Week is such an event. We are grateful to the organizers for inviting us to Baku. Here we meet professional colleagues and discuss the most important processes taking place in the industry. The forum helps address both local and international issues. Our company is interested in the specifics of logistics and oil supply from the Caspian region, and such topics are being discussed here.

Nikolay Gorban

CEO of Caspian Pipeline Consortium

KEY TOPICS



➤ INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR A RESILIENT AND DIVERSIFIED ENERGY FUTURE

➤ EXECUTIVE TALKS: LEADERSHIP PERSPECTIVES ON ENERGY TRANSITION AND FUTURE STRATEGIES

➤ UPSTREAM – NEW HORIZONS

➤ GAS MARKETS – INFRASTRUCTURE, STRATEGY & GEOPOLITICS

➤ ENERGY BRIDGES: FROM GREEN POWER TO REGIONAL INTEGRATION

➤ THE FUTURE OF ENERGY: DATA CENTERS, HYDROGEN AND SMRS

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW

For the first time, the Forum welcomed John Wallace, Chairman and CEO of DeGolyer and MacNaughton, who gave an exclusive interview to John Defterios, a journalist with more than 35 years of experience at CNN, Reuters, and PBS Television in the United States.



SPEAKERS 2026



Parviz Shahbazov
Minister of Energy of the
Republic of Azerbaijan



Denys Shmyhal
First Deputy Prime
Minister and Minister
of Energy of Ukraine



Alparslan Bayraktar
Minister of Energy and
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the Republic of Türkiye



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Minister of Energy of the
Republic of Uzbekistan



Yerlan Akkenzhenov
Minister of Energy of the
Republic of Kazakhstan



Taalaibek Ibraev
Minister of Energy of
the Kyrgyz Republic



Karim Badawi
Minister of Petroleum and
Mineral Resources of the
Arab Republic of Egypt



Dorin Junghietu
Minister of Energy
of the Republic of
Moldova



**Iqbal Hassan
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Minister of Power, Energy
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Republic of Bangladesh



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Director of Energy Security
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Directorate-General for
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Commission



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Economy and Sustainable
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Deputy Minister of
Energy of the
Republic of Bulgaria



Erlind Sulo
Deputy Minister of
Infrastructure and Energy
of the Republic of Albania



**Sharif Safarali
Makhmadzoda**
Deputy Minister of Energy
and Water Resources of
the Republic of Tajikistan



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Connectivity Envoy
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International Renewable
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Director General,
International Renewable
Energy Agency (IRENA)



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Deputy Minister of
Energy of the Republic
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Deputy Minister of
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Orkhan Zeynalov

Deputy Minister of
Energy of the Republic
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Rovshan Najaf

President
SOCAR



Gio Cristofoli

Regional president for
Azerbaijan, Georgia
and Türkiye, bp



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Group Chief Executive
Officer & Chairman of
Advisory Board, GL Group



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Senior Vice President of
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EBRD



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United Nations Industrial
Development Organization (UNIDO)



**Sunniya
Durrani-Jamal**

Country Director for Azerbaijan,
Asian Development Bank (ADB)

SPEAKERS 2026



John Wallace

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Secretary of ESCAP



Philip Mshelbila

Secretary General
GECF



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General Manage
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Luca Vignati

Upstream Director
Eni



Chingiz Hajiyev

Vice president business
development Caspian, bp

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XRG



**Damjan Krnjević
Mišković**
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International Gas Union



Vitaly Yakovlev
Managing Partner
KPMG



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Agency (AREA)



Afgan Isayev
Vice President
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Development, ABB



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Board Advisor,
ICA Events Group



John Defterios
Board Member,
SEforAll

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PARTICIPANT COUNTRIES

COUNTRIES

38

DELEGATES

1312

COMPANIES

152



ALBANIA



ALGERIA



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AZERBAIJAN



BANGLADESH



BELGIUM



BULGARIA



CANADA



CHINA



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The Baku Energy Forum evening reception was sponsored by **SOCAR**.

EVENING RECEPTION WAS IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF EASY
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THE OFFICIAL PRESS CONFERENCE



A PRESS CONFERENCE DEDICATED TO THE OPENING OF THE BAKU ENERGY WEEK WAS HELD ON MAY 25 AT THE JW MARRIOTT ABSHERON HOTEL

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