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PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



Ms. Adila Sultanova

Finance Analyst, bp Azerbaijan

Adila Sultanova is working in finance, dealing with SD, and have over 10 years of experience at bp. She is passionate about broadening her core energy business knowledge and looks forward to the enriching experiences and learning opportunities that this program will offer.



Mr. Ahmet Sefa Dinleyici

Third Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Türkiye

Mr. Dinleyici worked as a legal counsel at the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources from 2021 to 2024, where he was involved in international arbitration cases filed against the Republic of Turkey in the field of energy disputes. In the summer of 2023, he represented the Ministry at the “1st International Summer Arbitration School” held in Baku. Since 2024, he has been serving at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as the 3rd Secretary at the Deputy Directorate General for Energy and Multilateral Transport.

Ahmet Sefa Dinleyici completed his undergraduate education at TOBB University of Economics and Technology Faculty of Law with a full scholarship in 2017. He obtained his master's degree in “International Energy Law and Policy” at the University of Dundee with a Government Scholarship between 2019–2020.



Mr. Amil Aliyev

Junior Engineer, SOCAR Upstream

Amil Aliyev began his geophysics career at the Institute of Geology and Geophysics, where he gained hands-on experience in fieldwork, seismic data analysis, and geological investigations. After completing military service, he returned to the Institute as an Engineer, contributing to projects on mud volcanoes and landslides.

In 2023, Amil was selected for SOCAR's competitive “Young Talents” internship, where he excelled in seismic interpretation, structural analysis, and subsurface modeling. His performance led to his current role as a Junior Subsurface Engineer at SOCAR Upstream Management International. He is proficient in software tools such as Petrel, Techlog, MBAL, Prosper, and Kingdom Suite, and holds certifications in Leadership, Professional Ethics, and Time Management.

Amil Aliyev holds a Bachelor's degree in Geophysics from Baku State University (2018) and a Master's degree in Geophysical Engineering from Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University (2022).



Dr. Ashfaq Ahmed

Professor, University of Sargodha

Dr. Ashfaq Ahmed is a Professor and Chairman of the Department of Politics and International Relations at the University of Sargodha. He is an HEC-approved Ph.D. supervisor and has extensive academic and research experience in the fields of strategic affairs, defence policy, and international relations.

Dr. Ahmed began his academic career at the University of Sargodha in 2013, serving as Lecturer and later Assistant Professor until 2018. He was appointed Professor on July 30, 2024. Over the years, he has played a pivotal role in developing academic programs and fostering research excellence in political science and international studies. Dr. Ahmed has participated in notable international fellowships, including the 8th and 9th ADA EU Summer Schools (2023–2024), the TSUULL Summer School (2024), and a research fellowship at ADA University, Baku, through AIDA (2021–2022).

He holds a Ph.D. in Strategic and Nuclear Studies from the National Defence University, Islamabad (2019), and an M.Sc./M.Phil. in Defence and Strategic Studies from Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad.



Ms. Aspasia-Sofia Papadopoulou

Third Secretary for Economic & Commercial Affairs, Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Aspasia Papadopoulou is a diplomat currently serving as a Third Secretary for Economic and Commercial Affairs at the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Her academic and professional focus lies in energy policy, regional cooperation, and sustainable development. Aspasia has held positions and internships at the European Parliament, the Permanent Representation of Greece to the EU, and the Hellenic Gas Transmission System Operator (DESFA), where she contributed to energy-related briefings, regional analyses, and EU-level negotiations.

She holds an MSc in Energy: Strategy, Law & Economics from the University of Piraeus and is a graduate of the National Centre for Public Administration & Local Government, where she completed her thesis on Greece's energy security and economic diplomacy.



Ms. Bojana Milković

Student, Zagreb School of Economics and Management

Bojana Milković is an undergraduate student at the Zagreb School of Economics and Management, where she is pursuing a degree in Economics and Management in English.

She has a keen interest in consumer behavior and brand management, further developed through international programs at Istanbul Aydin University and ISCTE Business School in Lisbon. Bojana has practical experience as a sales assistant at Azonprinter and is passionate about communication, organization, and continuous learning. She actively participates in academic competitions, humanitarian initiatives, and conferences related to business, science, and innovation.



Dr. Daria Isachenko

Researcher, SWP

Dr. Daria Isachenko is a political scientist specializing in Turkey, Armenia, Azerbaijan, the Russian Federation, and the wider South Caucasus region. Her research focuses on Turkey-Russia relations, regional cooperation and alliances in Eurasia, interstate and regional conflicts, and processes of statebuilding.

Dr. Isachenko has held academic and research positions at several prestigious institutions. She served as a Lecturer and Research Fellow at the European University Viadrina Frankfurt Oder (2017–2018) and the Otto-von-Guericke-University Magdeburg (2008–2011). From 2011 to 2015, she was the Academic Manager of the Berlin Graduate School for Transnational Studies. Earlier in her career, she worked as a Research Fellow at the Institute for Social Sciences at Humboldt University of Berlin (2004–2008) within the Volkswagen Foundation-funded Junior Research Group “Micropolitics of Armed Groups.”



Ms. Dinara Khalilova

Process Engineer, bp Azerbaijan

Dinara is an IChemE-accredited Process Engineer with over 12 years of experience in the oil and gas industry. She currently serves as the Facility Support Squad Lead at the Sangachal Terminal Gas Plant. Dinara has successfully led cross-functional teams in agile environments, driving improvements in vulnerability management, planning alignment, and the development of junior engineers.

She has played a key role in major projects and investigations, including the bp Aim4 Methane Measurement Initiative, Shah Deniz 1 Hot Oil System Remediation, Export Condensate Composition Issues, and the East Azeri Single Train Operation Transformation. With deep expertise in process simulation, safety assessments, and lifecycle engineering, Dinara consistently delivers impactful, technically sound solutions for complex operational challenges.



Ms. Farida Allahverdiyeva

Deputy Head of Logistics and Business Development Department, SOCAR

Farida Allahverdiyeva is an accomplished energy professional with over a decade of experience in natural gas export operations, marketing, and commercial strategy at the State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR). She currently serves as Deputy Chief of the Marketing, Logistics, and Business Development Division within SOCAR's Gas Export Department, where she plays a key role in managing complex gas sales agreements, export pricing, and commercial operations — including transactions under ISDA and SWAP agreements.

She holds both Bachelor's and Master's degrees with distinction in Legal Regulation of the Economy from Azerbaijan State University of Economics (UNEC), where she is also pursuing a PhD. Her doctoral research focuses on improving the economic and legal mechanisms for regulating passenger transport in Azerbaijan.



Ms. Fidan Salim-zade

Reservoir Engineer, bp Azerbaijan

Fidan Salim-zade is a Reservoir Engineer at bp Azerbaijan with 8 years of experience working on the Azeri-Chirag-Deepwater Gunashli (ACG) field. Her work focuses on data integration and reservoir management, and she thrives in multi-disciplinary and cross-functional environments.

She holds a bachelor's degree in Petroleum Engineering from Baku Higher Oil School in collaboration with Heriot-Watt University, and an MBA in Engineering and Risk Management from Azerbaijan State University of Economics.



Mr. Garakhan Shirinli

Risk and Business Process Director, Azerbaijan Supermarket

Garakhan Shirinli is a seasoned risk management and compliance professional with over a decade of experience in the financial and retail sectors. He currently serves as the Risk and Business Process Director at Azerbaijan Supermarket, where he leads strategic initiatives in risk assessment, internal controls, and business process optimization. He also shares his expertise as an Adjunct Lecturer at Baku Higher Oil School.

Garakhan began his career as an Audit Assistant at Deloitte and held progressively senior roles at Demir Bank, including Deputy Head of Product Development. He later transitioned into internal audit and compliance roles, rising to head-level positions at Azerbaijan Supermarket.

A member of ACCA, Garakhan holds both bachelor's and master's degrees with distinction in International Economics from the Special Talents Group of Azerbaijan State Economic University. He is a winner of the prestigious Yukselish competition and a recipient of the Azerfon scholarship, awarded through the Azerbaijan Business Case Competition. His academic development includes certifications from Duke University in Project Appraisal and Risk Management and participation in international programs such as the Winter School in Finance and Banking at Charles University.



Ms. Gunay Dadashli

Geologist, SOCAR

Gunay Dadashli is a geophysicist currently pursuing a PhD at the Oil and Gas Scientific Research and Design Institute of SOCAR. She works as a geologist at SOCAR's Geophysics and Geology Department, a position she has held since August 2023 following her successful completion of the company's highly competitive "Young Talents" internship program.

During the internship, she gained hands-on experience in seismic interpretation, structural analysis, and subsurface modeling. Her performance earned her distinction and certificates in leadership, ethics, oil and gas geology, and time management. She also participated in the "Green Jobs Ideathon for Youth" at COP, engaging in discussions on sustainable energy.

Gunay has strong expertise in geophysical and geological analysis, including seismic interpretation, reservoir studies, and stratigraphic correlation. She is proficient in tools like Petrel, Kingdom Suite, and ArcGIS for exploration and development work.

She holds a Bachelor's degree in Physics from Baku State University (2021) and a Master's degree in Geophysical Engineering from the Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University (2023).



Ms. Gunay Sultanova

Lead Advisor at the International Cooperation Department, the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Gunay Sultanova is an experienced international relations specialist currently serving as a Chief Consultant in the Power and Heat Energy Department at the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Since joining the Ministry in 2019, she has held progressive roles, contributing to the development and coordination of international energy projects, including negotiations, document analysis, and the organization of high-level international events.

Her responsibilities have spanned strategic cooperation with foreign governments and organizations, translation and preparation of project documentation, and active participation in working groups and conferences focused on power plant construction and energy collaboration.

Prior to her civil service career, Gunay completed an internship in the Ministry's International Cooperation Department and held a leadership role as President of the International Relations Faculty at ADA University's Student Government, where she represented student interests and liaised with academic leadership. She holds both a Master's and a Bachelor's degree in International Relations from ADA University in Baku.



Ms. Gunel Mahmudova

Finance Advisor, bp Azerbaijan

Gunel is a Finance Advisor at BP with over 15 years of experience in financial planning, performance management, and investment governance within the energy sector. She is responsible for supporting strategic initiatives through commercial insights, financial modeling, and decision support to leadership. Known for a strong focus on continuous improvement, stakeholder collaboration and efficient planning processes.



Ms. Hien Anh Pham

Executive Assistant to CEO, PetroVietnam Fertilizer and Chemicals Corporation

Pham Hien Anh is a seasoned professional with over 22 years of experience in the oil and gas industry. She currently serves as Executive Assistant to the CEO at PetroVietnam Fertilizers and Chemicals Corporation (PVFCCo). Driven by a passion for new challenges, Anna has consistently taken on pioneering roles throughout her career.

She was instrumental in establishing PetroVietnam's Representative Office in the Middle East and served as Deputy Representative and later Chief Representative of PV Oil in Abu Dhabi. A trailblazer in her field, Anna was also the first international sulphur trader representing Vietnam on the global stage. From 2013 to 2024, she managed the Commercial Division at PetroVietnam Chemicals Corporation (PVCHEM), overseeing international trade operations and strategic commercial development.

Anna holds a Master of Business Administration from the State University of Management in Russia (1995–2000). Her diverse experience, international leadership, and deep industry knowledge continue to shape Vietnam's presence in the global oil and gas sector.



Mr. Jackson Lopez

Geopolitical Analyst, Regional Centre for Strategic Studies

Jackson Lopez is a geopolitical analyst at the Sri Lanka-based Regional Centre for Strategic Studies, specializing in the foreign policy of South and Southeast Asia. He has been awarded fellowships for the American Enterprise Institute's Summer Honors Program, the Hudson Institute's Political Studies Program, and the Hertog Foundation's Security Studies Program. His work on foreign policy has appeared in the Washington Examiner.

He received his Bachelor of Arts in Global Studies from Bard College in 2024. Jackson is from San Francisco, United States.



Ms. Jamila Jamilova

Senior Project Consultant, APP Consultoría

Jamila Jamilova is a Senior Planning Engineer with over 15 years of experience in project management consulting, specializing in energy project development, risk mitigation, and strategic planning for large-scale oil, gas, and renewable energy initiatives. She possesses extensive expertise in delay analysis, risk assessment, and forensic schedule auditing.

Throughout her career, Jamila has delivered strategic planning and risk management solutions for major energy and infrastructure projects across Europe, the Middle East, and the Caucasus. With a strong technical and analytical background, she has contributed to high-profile projects including offshore developments, pipeline construction, and green energy initiatives.

She holds a Master's degree in Production and Operations Management (MBA) and has earned certifications in Oracle Primavera P6 solutions, Deltek Acumen Risk, and project control systems. A graduate of SOCAR Energy School (2025, Third Term), she is deeply engaged in topics such as energy security, market dynamics, and sustainability.



Mr. Javid Huseyn-Zada

Engineering team leader, bp Azerbaijan

Javid is engineering team leader in bp's major projects department; Currently responsible for delivering the engineering for Sangachal Terminal Electrification Project, which enables bp's Sunrise large-scale solar project (first by bp in the region).

He's a MSc graduate from Imperial College London and passionate about applying technology and engineering for solving complex business problems in the energy industry.



Mr. Joshgun Jafarov

Lead Economist, SOCAR

Joshgun Jafarov is a leading economist with a strong background in economics, data science, and business intelligence. He currently serves at the State Oil Company of the Republic of Azerbaijan (SOCAR), where he focuses on macroeconomic analysis, developing econometric models, and coordinating internal benchmarks to support strategic decision-making.

Before joining SOCAR, Joshgun led the Efficiency Assessment Division at the Center for Analysis of Economic Reforms and Communication (CAERC), where he was instrumental in developing monitoring and evaluation frameworks for assessing public policy and government initiatives. His earlier roles at CAERC—from Junior to Senior Analyst—provided him with extensive experience in policy assessment and large-scale data analysis.

He also worked in the private sector as a Business Intelligence Specialist at Kapital Bank OJSC, where he focused on BI system integration and advanced SQL-based reporting. Additionally, he gained valuable software development insights through a back-end development internship at Pronet OJSC.

Joshgun holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. A high-achieving student, he was awarded a Presidential Scholarship and graduated with honors. His academic commitment is further demonstrated through several publications in Scopus-indexed journals, primarily on monetary policy and energy-related topics. He continues to build on his technical skills through professional certifications, including Google Data Analytics.



Mr. Juan Carlos Salazar Alvarez

Head of Mission, Embassy of Chile in Azerbaijan

Mr. Juan C. Salazar Alvarez is a seasoned Chilean diplomat with over three decades of service in international relations, peacebuilding, and multilateral diplomacy. A member of the Chilean Foreign Service since 1991, he currently serves as Chargé d’Affaires at the Embassy of Chile in Azerbaijan (since May 2025).

Mr. Salazar has held senior roles at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile, including Deputy Director positions in International Security, Regional Integration, and Human Development. His extensive overseas postings span the United Nations in New York and Vienna, and embassies in Austria, Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador, Brazil, and Sweden—where he also served as Consul General.

He holds multiple advanced degrees in Political Science, International Administration, Defence and Security Studies, and International Commerce, and has specialized training in peacekeeping, conflict resolution, and human rights from institutions across Latin America and Europe.



Mr. Kamran Tahirov

Financial Planning advisor, bp Azerbaijan

Kamran is Financial Planning advisor at BP, supporting business decisions through budgeting, forecasting, and strategic analysis. His role involves close collaboration across regional teams to help drive performance and efficiency in the company.



Ms. Lucia Casals

Intelligence & International Advisory team, bp

Lucia Casals is a member of bp’s Intelligence & International Advisory team, where she has worked since mid-2024. Based in London, she specializes in assessing geopolitical risks, security threats, and strategic opportunities with a regional focus on Central Asia.

Originally from Spain and the United States, Lucia moved to London to pursue her studies in Economics, History, and Politics at University College London (UCL), and has since built her career in the UK.



Ms. Nazrin Yusifova

Legal Consultant, PwC Azerbaijan

Nazrin Yusifova is a dedicated legal consultant currently working at PwC Azerbaijan. Throughout her career, Nazrin has gained valuable experience through internships at the Nasimi District Prosecutor's Office and the Baku Administrative Court. These roles allowed her to engage in legal research, review statutes, and attend court hearings, providing her with a solid foundation in legal practice.

At PwC Azerbaijan, Nazrin has transitioned from an intern to a legal consultant, where she now plays a role in advising clients on a wide range of legal matters. Her expertise includes but not limited to conducting legal due diligence, providing counsel on corporate regulations and business-related issues.

Nazrin's journey in the legal field began with her academic pursuit of a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) at ADA University, where she honed her skills and knowledge in law.



Mr. Nijat Mammadov

Production Supervisor, Taghiyev Operating Company

Nijat is a Production Supervisor with over 5 years of experience in the oil and gas industry. His main responsibilities include overseeing daily production operations, optimizing workflows, and ensuring health and safety procedures are followed in the field.

Currently at TOC LLC, a key asset of GL Group, Nijat plays a key role in maintaining stable production, solving operational issues, and supporting his team on site.

His has Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from Baku State University and a Master's degree in Project Management from Baku Higher Oil School, helping him effectively manage both technical and organizational tasks.



Mr. Nurlan Malikov

Leading Specialist, Azerenergy JSC

Nurlan Malikov is an experienced electrical engineer with a strong background in Azerbaijan's energy sector. He has worked at both "Azerishiq" OJSC and currently serves as a leading specialist at "Azerenergy" OJSC. His work focuses on energy systems, sustainable energy supply, and environmental protection. Over the course of his career, he has been actively involved in projects aimed at energy optimization, enhancing energy efficiency, and reducing environmental impact. With a continuous interest in innovation, Nurlan is currently deepening his expertise in modern energy practices and sustainable technologies.

He holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree in Electrical Engineering from the Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University.



Mr. Orkhan Shamilzada

Project Manager and Capex Coordinator, NORM JSC

Orkhan Shamilzade currently works as a Project Manager and Capex Coordinator at NORM OJSC, where he oversees capital projects in the construction materials, renewable energy industries.

His 7 years of professional background combines expertise in project management and structural engineering, with experience across both construction and oil & gas sectors. Orkhan has managed complex infrastructure projects, leading multidisciplinary teams with a focus on strategic planning, capital budgeting, and sustainable development. He is particularly interested in energy transition, innovative project delivery, and the role of infrastructure in supporting a sustainable energy future.

He holds a Bachelor's degree from AACU, a Master's degree from Wuhan University, and an Executive MBA from SDA Bocconi.



Mr. Peter Costantine Serikali

Renewable Energy Engineer, TANESCO

Peter Costantine Serikali is a Tanzanian mechanical engineer specializing in renewable energy, energy policy, and project management. He currently serves as a Mechanical Engineer in the Research Section of the Project & Investment Business Unit at TANESCO Headquarters. His work focuses on energy efficiency, feasibility studies, investment coordination, and the integration of clean energy solutions.

Peter has previously held several roles within TANESCO, including Acting Manager of Renewable Energy and Mechanical Engineer in the Renewable Energy and Gas Plant units. He has contributed to major solar PV projects in Dodoma and led technical assessments for Tanzania's energy diversification and decarbonization efforts.

He holds a Master of Science in Energy and Policy from Ajou University (South Korea), and a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology. He is a registered Professional Engineer in Tanzania and has completed specialized training in solar energy, energy auditing, and financial modeling.



Ms. Roya Iskandarova

Legal Associate, Deloitte Azerbaijan

Roya Iskandarova is a legal professional with hands-on experience in corporate law, energy regulation, compliance, and contract analysis. She currently works as a Legal Associate in the Tax and Legal Department at Deloitte in Baku, where she supports corporate restructuring, migration projects, and provides legal opinions on energy projects, including licensing in the upstream and midstream sectors and regulatory analysis of renewable energy initiatives.

Roya holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from ADA University in Baku, Azerbaijan (June 2024), graduating with a GPA of 3.13/4.0. Her coursework included Conflict of Laws, Commercial Law, Energy Law, International Business Law, Tax Law, Fintech, and Legal Research and Writing, equipping her with a strong foundation for legal practice in business and energy sectors.



Mr. Ruslan Huseynov

Head of the Marine Services Department, Baku International Sea Trade Port

Ruslan Huseynov is the Head of the Marine Services Department at the Baku International Sea Trade Port.

He has extensive professional experience in the maritime transport sector, including service in port operations, maritime administration, and shipping. Throughout his career, he has led various departments and has been actively involved in the implementation of key national maritime projects.

In 2005, he earned his bachelor's degree, and in 2009, he graduated with honors from the Azerbaijan State Maritime Academy with a master's degree in Navigation and Ship Operation.



Ms. Saima Kausar

Lecturer, University of Sargodha

Ms. Saima Kausar is a visiting lecturer at the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Sargodha, Pakistan. She is a researcher with numerous national and international publications to her credit.

Ms. Kausar holds a Master's degree in Defense and Strategic Studies and an MPhil in International Relations. Her MPhil research focused on "Azerbaijan's 44-Days War and Lessons for Modern Military Strategy," highlighting her expertise in contemporary warfare and regional conflict analysis. Currently, she is pursuing a PhD in Political Science, with her doctoral research centered on "Azerbaijan's Strategic Positioning in the Dynamic Landscape of Energy Geopolitics."



Mr. Sakhavat Rafiyev

Electrical Team Leader, SOCAR Polymer

Sakhavat Rafiyev is a seasoned Electrical Team Leader with over 12 years of experience across the power generation, oil & gas, and petrochemical industries. He has a strong track record in supervising high-voltage systems (220kV+), electrical maintenance, protection systems, and plant operations, with proven leadership in managing teams, ensuring safety compliance, and delivering technical excellence.

Currently serving at SOCAR Polymer, he leads electrical operations and maintenance while ensuring project safety and performance. His previous roles include senior supervisory positions at TASNEE, SOCAR Polymer, BP, and Sumgait Power Plant, where he oversaw preventive maintenance, electrical systems diagnostics, and energy infrastructure upgrades.

Sakhavat holds dual master's degrees in Electrical Engineering from George Washington University and ADA University (2023–2024), and a prior M.Sc. and B.Sc. in Power and Electrical Engineering from Azerbaijan Technical University. He is certified in electrical safety, preventive maintenance, ABB systems, and has advanced proficiency in SAP and power plant technologies.



Ms. Sara Aghamaliyeva

Senior Legal Associate, VLM and Partners

Sara Aghamaliyeva is a Senior Legal Associate at VLM and Partners with extensive experience advising domestic and international clients in renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, M&A, intellectual property, and cross-border transactions. She specializes in complex regulatory matters, multi-jurisdictional deal structuring, and high-value commercial agreements.

She has played a key legal role in Azerbaijan's renewable energy sector, advising on major solar and wind projects, including drafting and negotiating PPAs, EPCs, TCAs, and O&M contracts. Sara also leads legal work on Azerbaijan's first pharmaceutical manufacturing project, focusing on licensing and technology transfer agreements.

She holds an LL.M. in International Commercial Arbitration Law from Stockholm University, awarded with the prestigious Swedish Institute Scholarship for Global Professionals. She also earned an LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law and an LL.B. from Baku State University, both with Governmental Scholarships for Academic Excellence.



Ms. Sevdal Asadova

Business Development and Project Specialist, SOCAR

Sevdal Asadova began her professional career in July 2022 as a Junior Audit Specialist at HLB Azerbaijan LLC. In January 2023, she joined Ernst & Young Holdings CIS (BV) in the same capacity. After completing her contract in April 2023, she interned in the finance department at Pasha Property LLC from June to August 2023.

In October 2023, Sevdal returned to Ernst & Young as an Audit Specialist and later transitioned to the Climate Change and Sustainability Services Department, where she worked as a Sustainability Consultant for seven months. In May 2024, she joined the State Oil Company of the Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR) as a Business Development and Project Specialist in the Low Carbon and Green Business Management Department, where she currently works.

She received her bachelor's degree in Finance from Baku Engineering University (formerly Qafqaz University) in 2021, graduating with honors. She later earned a master's degree in Business Administration and Management from ADA University in 2023.



Mr. Seymur Nasrullayev

Leading Specialist, Azerenergy JSC

Seymur Nasrullayev is an energy specialist with over six years of experience at Azerenergy JSC. He has been actively involved in power systems and infrastructure development, contributing to the modernization of Azerbaijan's energy sector. His current work focuses on the integration of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and Wide Area Monitoring and Controlling Systems (WAMS/WACS) into the national grid.

He holds a Bachelor's degree in Power Engineering from Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University and a Master's degree jointly completed at George Washington University and ADA University.

Mr. Shamil Hasanov

Hydraulic Engineer, Tamiz Shahar

Shamil Hasanov is a Hydraulic Engineer with over eight years of experience in hydraulic component application, system design, and field operations. Since 2015, he has been working at Tamiz Shahar OJSC in Baku, where he oversees hydraulic infrastructure projects, supervises technical teams, and manages lake and canal monitoring systems.

He has participated in international training programs, including at South Korea's Sihwa Lake Tidal Power Station, and contributed to the Lake Boyukshor bottom cleaning project in collaboration with Dutch engineers.

Ms. Sofia Lugović-Ionidis

Student, Zagreb School of Economics and Management

Sofia Lugović-Ionidis is a dynamic and creative professional currently pursuing a degree in Business Mathematics and Economics at the Zagreb School of Economics and Management. With a strong foundation in graphic design, digital marketing, and content creation, she brings over a decade of hands-on experience in visual communication, branding, and media production.

Sofia has worked across various industries as a freelance designer, trend scout, and educator, developing skills in web design, SEO, social media strategy, and multimedia storytelling. Her diverse background includes retail and event work, language instruction, and active involvement in creative projects and volunteering.

Ms. Tamara Makinskaya

Senior Legal Advisor, SOCAR

Tamara Makinskaya is an experienced legal professional in international oil and gas transactions. She currently serves as a Senior Legal Advisor at the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR), where she provides legal support on a wide range of international transactions in the oil and gas sector, including upstream, midstream, and downstream projects. Tamara is particularly focused on gas-related matters and contracts, including gas sales, transportation, and swap agreements with international partners. Tamara also supports on M&A transactions and legal due diligence.

Prior to joining SOCAR, she worked at Capital Legal Services law firm as a Senior Associate, advising local and international clients on corporate, commercial, and regulatory matters. She is a member of the Azerbaijani Bar Association and holds an LL.M. in International Business Law from Ghent University.



Mr. Teymur Rahimov

Project Manager, bp Azerbaijan

Mr. Teymur Rahimov is holding position of Project Manager at BP with more than 10 years of experience in Oil & Gas projects. Prior to his current position, he worked with several prominent companies including SOCAR, JGC and WOOD.

He holds bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Fatih University and master's degree in business management from Warwick University. Mr. Rahimov is a member of Energy Institute(EI), Certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and 4th "Yüksəliş" Competition Winner.



Mr. Thomas Ward

Advisor to Head of Country, Netherlands, bp

Thomas is a graduate of International Relations and Languages, and currently is an advisor to Head of Country, Netherlands. He has been with bp for 5 years working across the UK, Netherlands and France.

He is passionate about energy, geopolitics and cultures and enjoys connecting with new people across the globe.



Mr. Tural Muradli

Junior Automation Engineer, Salyan Oil LTD

Tural is a junior Automation Engineer with a year of hands-on experience in the oil and gas industry. Specializing in instrumentation, control, and monitoring systems, he has contributed to successful system integration and project execution. Currently at Salyan Oil LTD, he plays a key role in overseeing the installation and maintenance of field automation and monitoring systems, while providing technical support throughout all project stages, including procurement, installation, and commissioning.

Tural has achieved notable milestones during his time at Salyan Oil and will soon receive his bachelor's degree from Baku Higher Oil School. He plans to pursue a master's degree in Automation, further developing his expertise and contributing to the industry.



Ms. Tuğba Arık

Senior Environmental Engineer, TANAP Natural Gas Transmission Company

Tuğba Arık is a senior environmental professional with 18 years of experience in major international energy infrastructure projects in Türkiye, including the BTC and TANAP pipelines. For the past decade, she has worked at TANAP, focusing on environmental compliance, biodiversity action plans, biodiversity offset projects, carbon management, methane emissions reduction, and broader sustainability initiatives. Her professional interests include sustainable development, the green energy transition, and advancing gender inclusion in the energy sector.

She holds a BSc in Environmental Engineering from Marmara University and an MSc in Environmental Sciences from Wageningen University in the Netherlands, where she studied with a full scholarship awarded by the Dutch government.



Mr. Veaceslav Cociu

Vice President, Consultancy on Technological Innovation and Cybersecurity

Veaceslav Cociu is a multilingual entrepreneur and consultant with over 20 years of experience across Europe in business development, international trade, and energy sector representation. He has co-founded and managed companies in Milan, including a translation and legal services agency and a commercial firm representing Italian manufacturers in the CIS region. He also served as the EU representative for AzMeCo during the launch of one of Azerbaijan's key methanol projects. Currently, he is the founder of Profit Commerce OU, focusing on emerging technologies, AI, and fintech.

His expertise is backed by a strong academic foundation: a Bachelor's degree in Construction Engineering from the Industry and Construction College of Chişinău, specialized in heat and gas supply systems; a Master in Energy Finance from MIP Politecnico di Milano; and an Executive Course in Lobbying and Institutional Relations from LUISS Business School in Rome.



Mr. Yashar Farzullayev

Sangachal Terminal Campaign & Outage Squad Lead, bp

Yashar Farzullayev is a seasoned energy professional who has been with bp since 2011. He currently serves as Campaign and Outage Squad Lead, operating in a role beyond his formal grade. Yashar thrives in complex environments, where he applies his problem-solving skills to deliver strategic outcomes and operational excellence.

Recognized as a trusted expert across the organization, he is most engaged when leading change, sharing knowledge, and driving meaningful impact.



Mr. Yerlan Tuyakbayev

Senior Electrical/Instrumental Engineer, Kalamkas-Khazar Operating

Yerlan Tuyakbayev is a seasoned electrical and instrumentation engineer with over a decade of experience in the oil and gas sector, specializing in offshore and onshore drilling operations. He currently serves as a Senior Electrical/Instrumentation Engineer in the Drilling Department at Kalamkas-Khazar Operating, where he is responsible for complex electrical systems, automation, and safety compliance on drilling platforms.

Yerlan has previously worked with the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan (SOCAR), KMG Drilling and Services, and MAEK-Kazatomprom, where he gained extensive hands-on expertise in power equipment operations, instrumentation maintenance, automated control systems, and energy management. His experience includes leading preventive maintenance programs, overseeing compliance with industrial safety standards, and managing drilling rig instrumentation systems such as Amphion, ACS, and fire/gas detection networks.

He holds a Master's degree in Energy Enterprise Management from Moscow Power Engineering Institute, a Bachelor's degree in Electricity and Power Supply from Almaty University of Power Engineering and Telecommunications, and has completed a certificate program in Petroleum Fundamentals at the Oil and Gas University by General Electric.



Ms. Zahra Huseynova

Analyst, State Oil Fund of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Zahra Huseynova is a driven professional with a strong foundation in financial management and strategic analysis. Since January 2025, she works as an Analyst/economist in the Strategic Projects Department at the State Oil Fund of the Republic of Azerbaijan, where she plays a key role in shaping the nation's energy strategies. Zahra brings a deep understanding of economic modeling and financial reporting, helping to optimize projects and navigate the complexities of the energy market.

Zahra holds a Bachelor's in Economics from ADA University where she graduated with distinction. Her academic excellence has been recognized with multiple awards, including placements on both the Rector's and Dean's honor lists. Additionally, she has Master's degree in Financial Management from Azerbaijan State University of Economics.



Ms. Zibeyda Aliyeva

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