SEMINAR ON
“REGIONAL ENERGY CO-OPERATION IN
CENTRAL ASIA AND THE ROLE OF THE
ENERGY CHARTER PROCESS”

PROGRAMME

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Energy Charter Secretariat

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DAY ONE (Tuesday 23 September 2003)

09.30 Registration and Coffee

10.00 – 10.45 Opening Session

Introductory keynote addresses by:

• Mr Elyor Ganiev, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan
• Dr Ria Kemper, Secretary General, Energy Charter Secretariat

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 13.00 Session I Oil and Gas Transit in the Central Asian Region

Chairman and Keynote Speaker: Mr Shavkat Majitov, Chairman of Uzbekneftegaz

• The Energy Charter’s Transit Regime – What does it mean for Central Asia and its neighbours? (Dr Andrei Konoplyanik, Deputy Secretary General, Energy Charter Secretariat)
• The Importance of Secure Transit in an Open, Competitive Energy Market (Dr Ann Eggington, Director, International and Infrastructure Directorate, Energy Markets Unit, Department of Trade and Industry, United Kingdom)
• Energy Co-operation in the Eurasian area – an Iranian perspective (Mr Nejad Hosseinian, Deputy Minister of Petroleum, IR Iran)
• Russia’s gas export expansion strategy – looking eastward and southward (Mr Vladimir Volokitin, Director, “Gazinvest”)

13.00 – 14.15 Lunch jointly hosted by Uzbekneftegaz and Uzbekenergo

14.15 – 16.00 Session II Perspectives on Developing Central Asia’s Oil and Gas Potential

Chairman and Keynote Speaker: Mr Alimjon Zakirov, Deputy Chairman, Uzbekneftegaz

• Specific features of developing the oil and gas sector in the Republic of Kazakhstan (Mr Kairgeldy Kabyldin, Managing Director, KazMunaiGaz)
• EU security of supply issues and the role of the Energy Charter (Mr Pierre Borgoltz, Co-ordinator for Assistance to Central Asia and Southern Caucasus, the Directorate General for External Relations of the European Commission)
• Oil and gas opportunities in Central Asia – an industry view (Mr Howard Chase, Director for European Government Affairs, BP Europe, Brussels)
• Central Asia’s oil and gas potential – a Turkish perspective (Mr. Hakki Akil, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turkey)

16.00 – 16.15 Coffee break

16.15 –18.00 Session III Electricity Issues in Central Asia

Chairman and Keynote Speaker: Mr Ergash Shoismatov, Chairman of Uzbekenergo

• The role of the Energy Charter in promoting regional electricity trade (Mr Erik Sorensen, Director for Energy Efficiency and Investments, Energy Charter Secretariat)

• Reforming electricity markets – the Kyrgyz experience (Mr Ularbek Mateev, Director, State Energy Agency of Kyrgyzstan)

• Developing Tajikistan’s potential as an electricity producer (Mr Saidmumin Sharipov, Deputy Minister of Energy of Tajikistan)

• Co-operation between CIS states on electricity issues and the role of the Energy Charter (Mr Vladimir Djangirov, Executive Secretary, CIS Electric Power Council)

Evening of day one – buffet reception for all participants hosted by the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan
DAY TWO (Wednesday 24 September 2003)

09.30 – 11.15   Session IV Investment Climate Issues

Chairman and Keynote Speaker: Dr Andrei Konoplyanik, Deputy Secretary General, Energy Charter Secretariat

- EBRD’s Energy-related Activities in Central Asia (Mr. Kenji Nakazawa, Head of the EBRD Tashkent Office)
- Investment opportunities in the oil and gas sector of Uzbekistan (Mr Ulugbek Nazarov, Director, Institute “UzLITI”, Uzbekneftegaz)
- Energy sector investments as a component of sustainable development in Central Asia (Mr Raghu Sharma, Lead Expert, Infrastructure and Energy Department, World Bank)

11.00 – 11.15  Coffee break

11.15 – 13.00   Session V Energy Co-operation in the Wider Asian Area

Chairman and Keynote Speaker: Mr Kazuyuki Katayama, Director of Energy Resources Division, Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan

- The situation of China’s energy supply and demand and its outlook (Mr Zhen Wang, First Secretary, Embassy of People’s Republic of China in Uzbekistan)
- Mongolia’s view on regional energy co-operation (Mr Otgonbayar Davaasambuu, Chairman, Petroleum Authority of Mongolia)
- Co-operation with Central Asian countries - IEA's view on Non-member relations (Mr Christof Van Agt, Non-Member Countries Division, International Energy Agency)

13.00 – 14.30   Lunch jointly hosted by Uzbekneftegaz and Uzbekenergo
14.30 – 16.00  Session VI Energy Efficiency in Central Asia

*Chairman and Keynote Speaker: Mr Bulat Yessekin, CAREC*


- Japan’s experience in the area of energy efficiency co-operation in Central Asia (Mr. Koichi Eguchi, Director, International Cooperation Center, NEDO, Japan)

- Uzbekistan’s strategy for increasing energy efficiency (Mr Timur Salikhov, Director, Institute for Energy and Automation, Vice- President of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan)

16.00 – 16.15  Coffee break

16.15  Session VII Conclusions

Concluding addresses by Mr Elyor Ganiev, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Uzbekistan and Dr Ria Kemper, Secretary General of the Energy Charter Secretariat

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