

**National Meeting on Strategic Role of Energy Statistics in  
National Policies and Improving Energy Statistics through  
Division of Labour and Data Sharing, Baku, Azerbaijan,  
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## **BACKGROUND**

This Report provides a summary of the national meeting on the strategic role of energy statistics in national policies and improving energy statistics through division of labour and data sharing, which was held on September 20, 2013, from 9:00 -12:30 PM at the Ministry of Energy and Industry of the Azerbaijan Republic (MEI) during the 1<sup>st</sup> Technical Assistance mission conducted from 16 – 20 September, 2013 in Baku, Azerbaijan by the INOGATE Expert Team on Energy Statistics.

The meeting which gathered 24 participants from the State Statistical Committee of the Azerbaijan Republic (SSC), MEI, National Assembly, Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Finance, major energy companies e.g. SOCAR, BP, Azerenergy, other bodies such as State Oil Fund etc. is a horizontal activity common to all INOGATE Partner Countries, and defined in the Energy Statistics Action Plan under *RA 1 (Regional Activity 1): Development/improvement of the legal and institutional framework*. To achieve more efficient and maximum use of Component D resources, sub-tasks *D2-3: Support to the organisation of national meetings to coordinate division of labour among different stakeholders involved in the energy statistics system and D2-4: Support national meetings to raise awareness on the importance of available, reliable, timely and transparent energy statistics and why energy data is important to national development*, were combined in one meeting.

## **OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING**

The objectives of the meeting were:

- To raise awareness on the importance of reliable, comparable and transparent data in the development of sound national energy policies
- To facilitate and encourage the establishment of coordination mechanisms within the energy statistics system, which will improve the allocation of tasks and responsibilities among the main stakeholders, avoid duplication of work and

ensure that the system is based on minimum costs and efficient use of resources.

- To support the implementation of activities under TA-1 (Technical Assistance-1) of the ESAP i.e. *Development/improvement of the legal and institutional framework.*

## **PARTICIPANTS**

**Energy Statistics Stakeholders:** See Annex 1: Participants List

**ITS team:** Ms. Gloria Aguinaldo (Key Expert, Energy Statistics), Ms. Alenka Kinderman Loncarevic, Mr. Damir Pesut (Senior Expert, Energy Statistics), Mr Tomasz Trus (Junior Expert, Energy Statistics)

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## **SUMMARY**

- Mr. Ramiz Rzayev, Head of Investment and Reconstruction of Industrial Enterprises Department, Ministry of Energy and Industry (MEI), and INOGATE Country Coordinator for the Azerbaijan Republic welcomed all participants of the meeting and reiterated his appreciation for the good cooperation between the MEI and the INOGATE, which has existed for many years. Energy Statistics has always been a high priority of the state in Azerbaijan and he was pleased with the progress of the INOGATE project in this area.
- Ms. Gloria Aguinaldo, KE4 in Energy Statistics, on behalf of the ITS Expert Team thanked Mr. Rzayev for his warm words of welcome; the Ministry of Energy and Industry for hosting the meeting and its excellent organisation; and all participants with extensive representation of major energy companies and other relevant stakeholders, which was a strong indication that these organisations recognise the importance of energy statistics.

- The ITS Team provided a brief overview of the activities undertaken during the 1<sup>st</sup> Technical Assistance Mission in the context of the adopted Energy Statistics Action Plan.

As background for the round table discussions, two presentations were prepared by the ITS Expert Team on:

- *Importance of reliable and comparable energy statistics and energy efficiency indicators in national policies.*
- *Improving energy statistics through enhanced division of labour and data sharing.*

## **CONCLUSIONS**

Conclusions from the round table discussion on: *Importance of reliable and comparable energy statistics and energy efficiency indicators in national policies:*

- Energy Statistics are used as basis in the development of strategies in the energy sector, and Azerbaijan recognises the importance of high quality, reliable and comparable energy statistics in policy and decision-making. Therefore, it has been of paramount importance for the state to support the work of the State Statistical Committee in achieving these objectives. As a consequence, Azerbaijan could be considered as one of the most advanced countries in the field of energy statistics in the INOGATE region.
- The Ministry of Energy and Industry considers the further improvement of energy statistics, balances and energy efficiency indicators as a continuous process, and technical assistance from the INOGATE is invaluable in the pursuit of closer harmonisation with European and international standards.
- The National Assembly representative reiterated the commitment of the state in supporting activities in the further improvement of energy statistics, as it is an

essential input for making sensible policies in the energy sector. Although Azerbaijan is a country rich in energy resources, such resources will not last forever, and there is a need for the country to invest in alternative sources of energy.

- Likewise, representatives from energy companies expressed to continue cooperation with the State Statistical Committee in providing reliable and good quality energy data.

Conclusions from the round table discussion on: *Improving energy statistics through enhanced division of labour and data sharing:*

- The energy statistics reporting system of Azerbaijan is characterised by clear and concise division of labour wherein the SSC is empowered by law to collect energy statistics and compile energy balances, while the MEI is the governmental body responsible for policy and decision-making.
- Administrative data are used in few instances, as for example, use of exports and imports data from the Customs Office. The SSC is looking into other possible uses of administrative information to supplement existing data in order to reduce costs and respondent burden.
- The INOGATE recommended increased division of labour and data sharing and continuation of dialogue, which was initiated during this meeting, eventually through the establishment of a permanent Energy Statistics Working Group (ESWG), which consists of representatives from SSC, MEI, Energy companies, other ministries and other users of data. It was suggested that the MEI would have the coordinating role, due to its close contact with major energy companies.

Mr. Rzayev concluded the meeting by thanking the INOGATE for the useful information provided in the presentations as well all participants for their productive and active participation in the round table discussions.

## **RESULTS ACHIEVED**

The National Meeting was successfully implemented and constructive dialogue among major energy statistics stakeholders was facilitated and enhanced. A continuation of the constructive dialogue, which was initiated during this meeting, is expected to be sustained through the ESWG, which will be established through the initiative of the MEI and SSC.

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