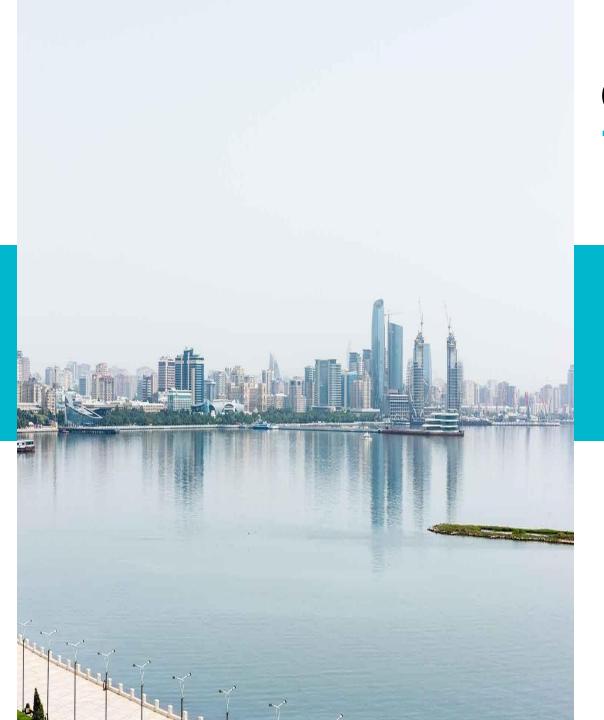
AZERBAIJAN-Bayil Plaza short (1).pdf Azerbaijan - Chinar Plaza short.pdf Azerbaijan.docx





## General information

Bulit in 2017

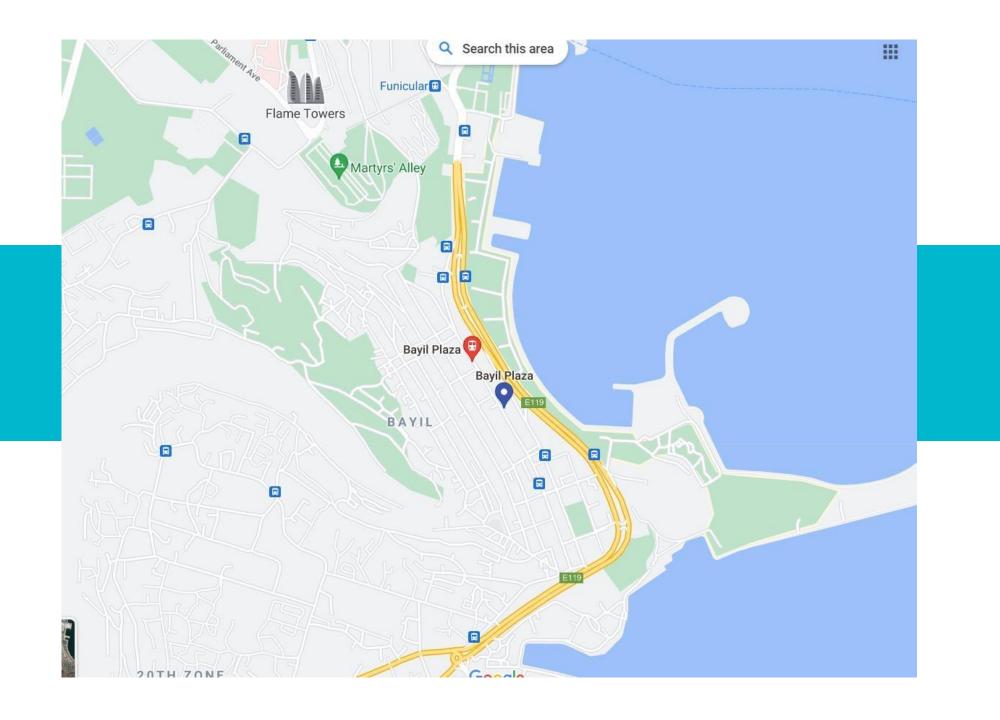
9 story building

Renovated

Indoor parking

Panoramic sea view

Opening windows









## Included services

Reception service

24 hour security

**CCTV** surveillance

Fire alarm system

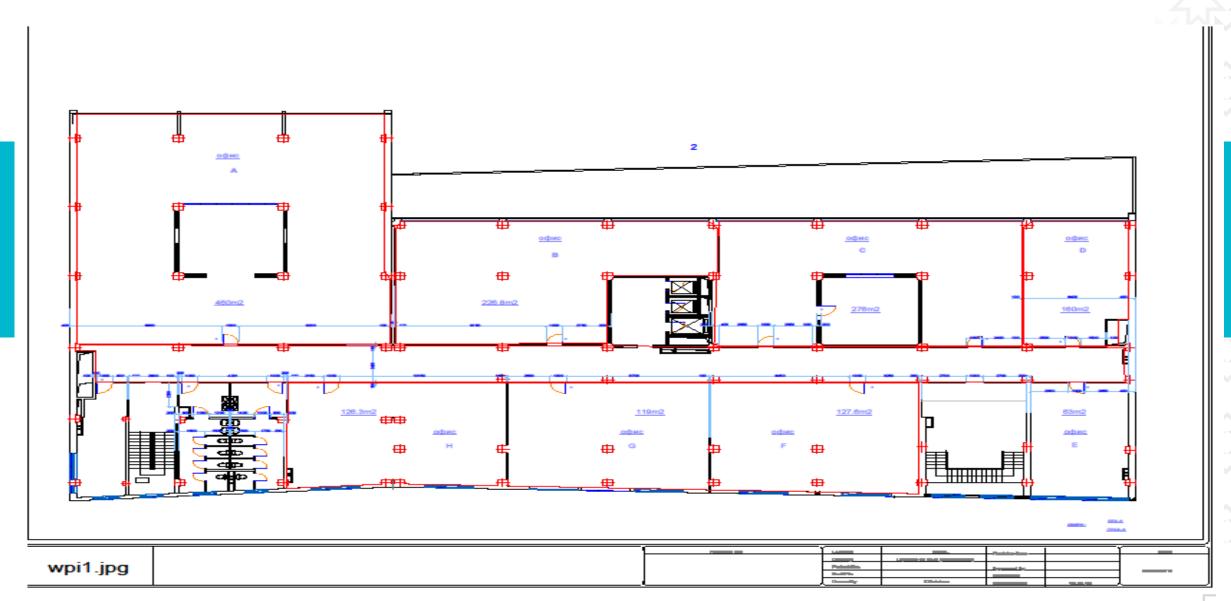
Maintenance services

Daily indoor and outdoor cleaning

Air conditioning

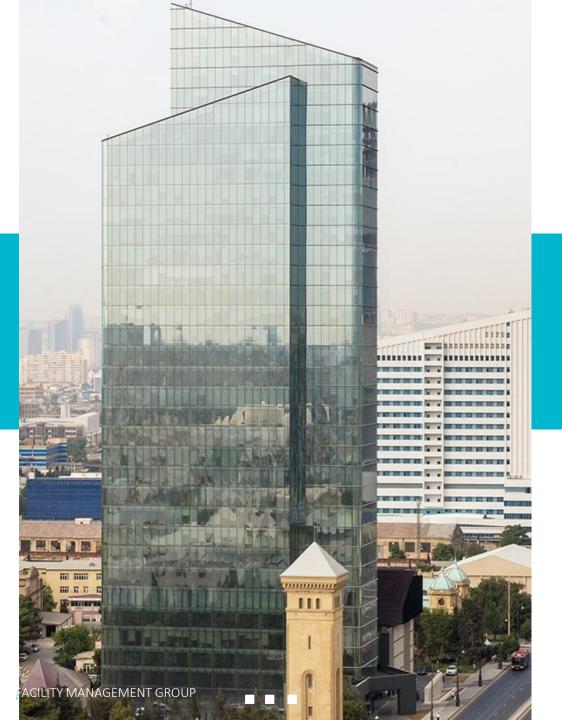
4

# Typical floor plan









## General information

Bulit in 2017

33 story building

Renovated

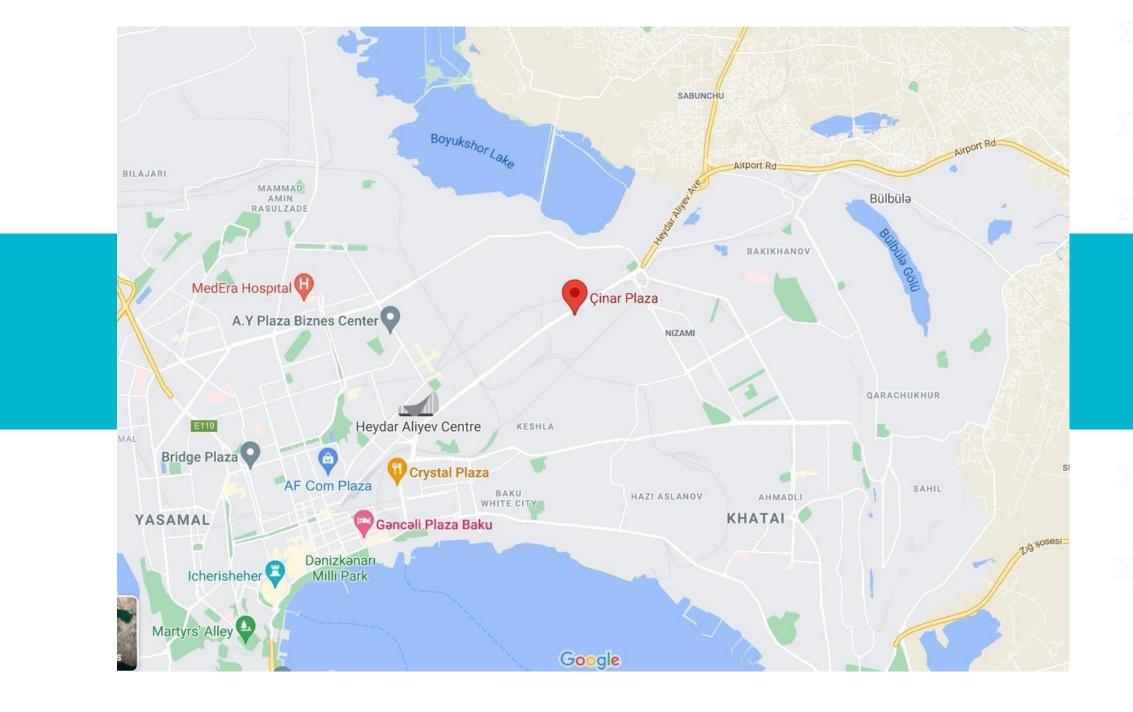
Indoor/ Outdoor parking

Restaurant

Canteen

Café

Conference hall for 240 people









### Included services

Reception service

24 hour security

**CCTV** surveillance

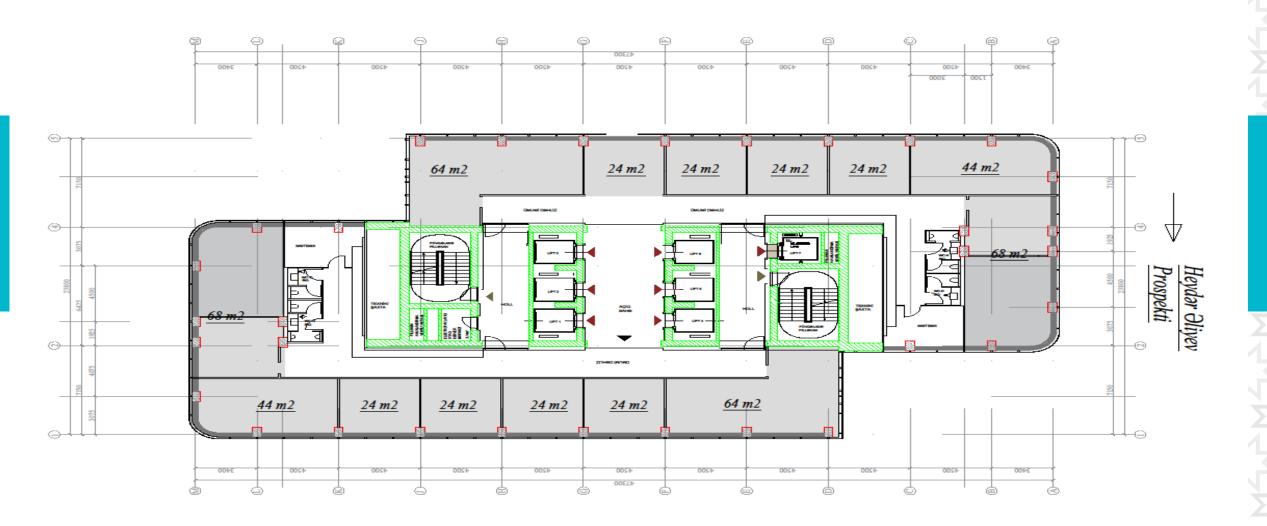
Fire alarm system

Maintenance services

Daily indoor and outdoor cleaning

Central air conditioning

# Typical floor plan







### **Selection matrix and application form for host-country**

### Submission form and criteria for applications regarding the hosting of the ECO Clean Energy Centre (CECECO)

The host country of the Secretariat of the ECO Clean Energy Centre (CECECO) will be selected in a competitive selection process. Interested Governments are invited to submit their official applications with Note Verbal to ECO as well as in electronic form by April 15, 2021 to ECO/UNIDO at the following email address: ECO darimov@eco.int and cececo@gn-sec.net. Applicants are asked to use this form to submit their applications. All applications require relevant national approvals and need to be signed by the authorised body (e.g. Ministry) of the Government. In the covering sheet please include the name of the institution and the lead contact.

Information that is relevant to prospective bidders is available at: <a href="https://www.gn-sec.net/cececo">https://www.gn-sec.net/cececo</a>. It is recommended that potential bidders review this information prior to contacting the tender managers.

Items for Evaluation	Country Response	
1. Eligibility of the offer and applicant (yes/no) – Offers which do not meet these requirements will be not further evaluated		
Application form received within the deadline	YES. Application form has been submitted within indicated deadlines	
<ul> <li>Offers submitted by an authorised Ministry of the Government of an ECO Member State (offers need to be officially signed and approved)</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>The offer is complete and includes technical and financial information as requested (incl. photos of the offered office space)</li> </ul>	YES	
<ul> <li>The offer confirms that the host country agreement can be signed within 6 months and the office space will be made available at latest in four months after the hosting decision.</li> </ul>		
2. Proximity of the proposed office space to regional/international air transportation and national/international institutions in the		

### host country (max. 10 points) - please include physical address • Proximity to airports and number of daily flights to major Baku, the capital of Azerbaijan is an important transport hub in the Eurasian hubs in ECO Member States and internationally (e.g. Europe, region. Baku is located on one of the most attractive and economically viable US, Middle East, Asia) ECO headquarters (max. 4 points) transit links along the East-West routes between Asia and Europe, as well as on the North-South routes. Apart from that, location of Azerbaijan provides Proximity to other governmental, diplomatic and conditions for easy transit to the Middle East, Central Asia and South Asia. Baku international organisations within the host country (max. 4 Heydar Aliyev International Airport, major regional transportation hub, is points) conveniently located 16 km from downtown Baku. Baku Airport is the 5<sup>th</sup> airport worldwide to be certified with the highest 5-Star COVID-19 Airport Safety Rating. Other comparative advantages of the location of the host global benchmark for defining safe travel assurance by international air transport country and office space. (max. 2 points) rating agency Skytrax. Baku, as a capital and largest city in Azerbaijan hosts governmental offices, diplomatic missions and representative offices of international organisations. Baku is the largest industrial, economic and scientific centre in the South Caucasus. As a unique mix of Western and Oriental traditions, Baku can be an excellent and vibrant location for the ECO-UNIDO Clean Energy Centre with its diverse, multicultural and multi-faith population of more than two million. Baku is a major international transport hub with direct air connections to Asia, Europe, America, Africa and the Middle East and world-class transport infrastructure. 50 countries with 50% of World consumers are located within 4 hours flight from Baku (medium-haul flight). The city has a great potential to become one of the world's best connecting places. Proposed office space for the Clean Energy Centre will be located in the state of the art building in the heart of the city, downtown Baku, and will provide direct access to all necessary services, as well as in close proximity to key stakeholders - government, international organisations and diplomatic missions. 3. Stability and quality of social and communication infrastructure in the host country/location (10 points) Political stability (max. 4 points) Azerbaijan is a politically stable country. It is widely known as a safe, visitor friendly destination with a very low crime rate and highly capable security Availability of sufficient social infrastructure (e.g. electricity framework. Political stability and security is among enabling factors, that allows supply health, education) (max. 2 points) Baku to host on continuous basis a number of global events in recent years -

- Availability of reliable communication and internet infrastructure (max. 2 points)
- Availability of suitable conference facilities and hotels in the host city for ECO operations (max. 2 points)
- Eurovision Song Contest (2012), Inaugural European Games (2015), Formula 1 Grand-Prix Baku (since 2016), 4 games of the UEFA 2020 European Football Championship. In 2023, Baku will host International Astronautical Congress, major scientific event attracting global businesses and innovators.
- As a major city, Baku has extensively developed social infrastructure in both densely populated urban areas and its less populated surroundings. According to World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Index 2021 Azerbaijan ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> in the World among 141 countries for electricity access (100% of population).
- Azerbaijan has a well-developed communication infrastructure. The sector has been growing at an average rate of 25-30% per annum since 2005. 100% penetration rate in wireless communication has achieved in Azerbaijan long ago, back in 2014. Internet penetration rate has reached 80% in 2019, with close to 100% in big cities. In comparison with neighbouring countries in Central Asia, Azerbaijan boasts the lowest prices for fixed and mobile broadband access in proportion to average disposable monthly income.
- As a major tourist destination and regional business hub, Baku has number of world-class conference and convention buildings/facilities, plethora of hotels to host various types of events and to provide conference services.
- 4. Size and quality of the offered office space at least for ten (10) full-time staff (max. 10 points)
  - Provide details on the size and quality features of the offered office space for the ECO Secretariat. Office space shall provide space for 10 full-time staff and should be expandable in the mid-term. Applications need to include photos and the GIS location of the office space. The more m2 the better the offer will be rated. (max. 3 points)
  - Provide details on the quality of the office space (new or refurbished office space will be rated better). (max. 3 points)
  - The inclusion of training facilities in the offer is an asset. (2 points)
  - The location of the office space in a green building

- The Azerbaijani side proposes two options for office space as below:
  - 1. BAYIL PLAZA. Bayil Plaza (29, Gurban Abbasov street; GIS location: 40.34860, 49.83646) offers a modern and convenient business atmosphere in downtown Baku on the coast of the Caspian Sea by providing all conditions necessary for business activities. 9-story building has a picturesque view of the Caspian Sea, which makes its location unique and creates an inspiring working environment. Built in 2017 and renovated recently, it has indoor/outdoor parking, restaurant, canteen, café, noiseless high-speed elevators. The building has 24/7 high speed internet, 24 hour CCTV surveillance, reception service, fire alarm system, 24 hour security, large conference rooms, fully furnished kitchens on each floor, maintenance and daily cleaning services, modern HVAC system. Office space offer is a whole floor around 380 sq.m and

integrating renewable energy and energy efficiency elements is an asset. (2 points)	with a panoramic sea view. Detailed presentation with the required information on office is attached.  2. CHINAR PLAZA. Chinar Plaza (152, Heydar Aliyev avenue; GIS location: 40.41442, 49.90366) is a modern and luxurious office building of futuristic design located in Baku's business district. 33 floors building provides all conditions for modern business life. It has a favourable location, large indoor parking, 2 restaurants, canteen, café, noiseless high-speed elevators. The building has 24/7 high speed internet, 24 hour CCTV surveillance, reception service, fire alarm system, 24 hour security, large conference rooms (for 27, 60 and 273 people), 2 kitchens on each floor, maintenance and daily cleaning services, modern HVAC system. Office space offer is one wing of the floor around 380 sq.m. Detailed presentation with the required information on office is attached.		
	<ul> <li>Proposed office space includes all the necessary services and amenities. It has indoor/outdoor parking, restaurant, canteen, café, noiseless high-speed elevators. The building has 24/7 high speed internet, 24 hour CCTV surveillance, reception service, fire alarm system, 24 hour security, large conference rooms, fully furnished kitchens on each floor, maintenance and daily cleaning services, modern HVAC system.</li> <li>Training facilities will be included in the office space. In addition, excellent training facilities of the Gobustan Experimental Polygon and its Training Center may be available upon demand for additional capacity building exercises.</li> </ul>		
5. Scope of cost-coverage of the offered office space (max. 10 points)			
<ul> <li>Office space shall be provided free of charge. The longer this arrangement will be provided to the Centre, the better the offer will be rated. (max. 3 points)</li> <li>Scope and duration of the covered running costs of the Centre's space (e.g. utilities – such as electricity and water, communication costs – such as internet). (max. 3 points)</li> <li>Training facilities are provided free of charge or at low rates</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Office space will be provided free of charge by the Government of Azerbaijan for an indefinite period, for whole period of functioning of the Centre.</li> <li>All running and operational costs of the centre, such as utilities – electricity, water, gas, internet, other communication costs will be fully covered by the Government of Azerbaijan.</li> <li>All training and capacity building facilities of the Centre will be provided free of</li> </ul>		

	to the centre. (max. 2 points)		charge by the Azerbaijani side.
	Office space is expandable in the mid-term (2 points)	•	Yes. Office space may be expandable in the short/mid/long-term depending on Centre's efficiency and its increased activities and workload.
6.	Provide office furniture and equipment, inclusive of desks, chairs, computers, audio-visual equipment for presentations, photocopy machine, printers, any other relevant equipment. (max. 10 points)		
	Provide details of what could be provided:	•	The Azerbaijani side will provide all necessary furniture, equipment and amenities for an efficiently functioning and flexible office ecosystem, including, but not limited to, fully-equipped and furnished workspaces (dedicated desks and team tables) as shared workspaces and private offices, equipped conference rooms, fully furnished kitchen, 24/7 high-speed broadband internet, hardware and software IT support, state-of-the-art VC equipment and more.
7.	Concessions, duty exemptions and tax exemptions for the centre, staff and their dependents (max. 10 points). The host country will grant CECECO as ECO regional centre, relevant diplomatic privileges and rights.		
	<ul> <li>Confirm exemptions for the operations of the centre (max. 5 points)</li> <li>Confirm diplomatic privileges and rights of the staff of the centre (max. 5 points)</li> </ul>	•	Yes. The Centre will be granted with certain privileges and rights, including certain exemptions for its operations, in line with relevant provisions of the projected host country agreement.  Yes. Diplomatic privileges and rights of the staff of the Centre to be further discussed in line with relevant provisions of the projected host country agreement.
8.	Demonstrate renewable energy and energy efficiency commitment of the host country/city (20 points)		
	<ul> <li>Adopted RE targets and policies (max. 5 points)</li> <li>Adopted EE targets and policies (max. 5 points)</li> </ul>	•	The Republic of Azerbaijan set target to increase the share of renewable energy sources in total installed capacity of electricity to 30% by 2030, as well as, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 35% by 2030 (INDC).
	<ul> <li>Major RE projects implemented or in the pipeline (max. 5 points)</li> </ul>		A clean environment and a country of "Green Growth" has been identified as one of five priorities in "Azerbaijan 2030: National Priorities for socio-economic

- Major EE projects implemented or in the pipeline (max. 5 points)
- Leadership in regional and international RE&EE processes (max. 5 points)

development", country's strategic development roadmap approved by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. This document focuses on green energy spaces as priority 5.1 as follows "...we must efficiently use energy in our country and give preference to new, sustainable energy sources. In order to better meet the needs of present and future generations, environmentally friendly green technologies must proliferate. Based on scientific and technological potentials, it is necessary in all sectors of the economy to increase the share of alternative and renewable energy sources in primary consumption and reduce their impact on climate change."

On July 12 2021, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan approved the Law on use of renewable energy for electricity production. Among other virtues, the new Law will allow holding auctions for renewable projects and will establish transparent and predictable rules for the investors/market players. The President of the Republic of Azerbaijan has also signed a Decree for setting up a favorable investment climate for renewables in May 2019. Currently additional guarantees is being provided for investors in renewables sector, such as, legislative protection, tax rebates for 7 years, including full exemption from VAT and customs duties for import of equipment, no property tax, guaranteed off-take and guaranteed connection.

Recent liberation of long-time occupied territories of Azerbaijan opened new opportunities for sustainable development in the region. Transformation of the liberated territories into a "green energy" zone has been identified as one of the main goals by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Azerbaijan wants to see foreign investors in the restoration process of Karabakh. The participation of foreign investors in the development of Karabakh as a "green energy" zone and high-tech projects promises beneficial prospects for everyone.

In July 2021, the Parliament of the Republic of Azerbaijan has adopted after third
reading the Law on the rational use of energy resources and energy efficiency and
has sent it for approval by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The draft
law was jointly developed with the technical assistance of the Energy Charter
Secretariat within the EU funded EU4Energy project. Among other provisions, the
new law stipulates the development of the first National Energy Efficiency Action

Plan (NEEAP). A broader analysis conducted by the Government of Azerbaijan in cooperation with the EU4Energy project identifies that gradual increase of energy efficiency in all sectors of the economy during 2021-2025 can bring the following cumulative benefits for Azerbaijan:

Savings of natural gas: 3.5-4.2 bcm;

Increased export revenue: \$666-787 mln;

CO2 emissions reduction: 4-10 million tons;

Reduction of budget subsidies: \$491-\$981 mln;

New jobs: 118,000-123,000.

 In December 2020, the Investment Agreement, Power Purchase Agreement and Transmission Connection Agreements on wind power plant project with a capacity of 240 MW have signed between the Government of Azerbaijan and "ACWA Power" of Saudi Arabia.

In March 2021, Investment Agreement, Power Purchase Agreement and Transmission Connection Agreements have signed between the Government of Azerbaijan and "Masdar" of the United Arab Emirates to develop and finance 230 MW solar photovoltaic project.

Thus, about 500 million USD worth of foreign investment will be directed to the renewable energy sector through these projects.

In February 2021, the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Azerbaijan and "BP" have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to cooperate in assessing the potential and conditions required for large-scale decarbonized and integrated energy and mobility systmes, including renewable energy projects in the regions and cities of Azerbaijan.

In addition to this, with the support of EBRD, auction rules are being developed in parallel to the main fundamental law. Subject to the approval of respective rules and procedures, first auction in the field of renewable energy is being to be organized either end of this year or early next year. These auctions will further contribute the development of the renewable energy industry in the country and support the engagement of private sector.

Moreover, fundamental principles of active consumer support mechanism (net metering application) is being developed with the support of EBRD and this direction is underlined within the renewable energy law.

In April 2021, the Ministry of Energy of Azerbaijan has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to cooperate on offshore wind development in the Caspian Sea.

In June 2021, the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Azerbaijan and bp have signed an Implementation Agreement on cooperation in the evaluation and implementation of a project to build a 240MW solar power plant in the Zangilan/Jabrayil region.

A pilot project to install floating solar panels is also being implemented with the support of the Asian Development Bank.

In general, the country's renewable energy potential is high, and currently holding auctions to attract investors to new renewable energy projects is another area of focus. At the same time, a legislative and regulatory framework is being established to develop the renewable energy sector and increase energy efficiency. All those steps are aiming to establish transparent and predictable market rules for investors, domestic and foreign alike, in order to attract more private financing to the sector.

 As a result of the development of legislative acts and regulatory documents on energy efficiency and energy saving, raising awareness on energy efficiency, penetration of modern technologies in electricity and thermal energy production, reconstruction of distribution networks and transmission lines the greenhouse gas emissions in Azerbaijan fell significantly between 1990 and 2020. Today, per capita greenhouse gas emissions are much lower in Azerbaijan compared to other developing countries, as well as average EU and US levels. Compared to 1990 the level of greenhouse gas emissions remained at 70% despite Azerbaijan's economic growth by 4 times. As a signatory of the Paris Agreement under the UNFCCC, Azerbaijan targets 35% reduction in the level of greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 compared to 1990/base year. Energy efficiency measures undertaken by the Government includes, but not limited to, energy efficiency in buildings (insulation and renovations), street lightning based on renewables, waste management and energy storage. As a 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of EU4Energy project the Action Plan for the Republic of Azerbaijan approved in June 2021 envisages development of secondary legislation and regulation in energy efficiency in Azerbaijan.

Azerbaijan is also an active participant of the EU-backed initiative — "Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy". Main targets include the implementation of energy efficiency actions, reduction of carbon dioxide gas emissions by enhancing the use of renewable energy sources, an appreciation of consistency corresponding to climate change, the strengthening of cooperation among municipalities, local and central executive authorities and ensuring the access to secure, sustainable and affordable energy for all. At present, Mingachevir municipality and Icheri Sheher State Historical and Architectural Reserve have joined the Covenant of Mayors

 Azerbaijan promotes and encourages deployment of sustainable and clean energy solutions in line with the Sustainable Development Goal 7 and UN Secretary General's initiative Sustainable Energy For All (SE4ALL). Azerbaijan became full member of International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) in 2014 and is an active and supportive member of the organization. Mainstreaming SDGs into the national development plans is also underway. The major step taken in this regard with the adoption of "Azerbaijan 2030: National Priorities for socio-economic development" strategic development roadmap which outlined green energy and

	clean environment among top five priorities.
9. Additional financial or in-kind contributions to the technical operations of the centre (20 points)	
<ul> <li>Secondment or cost-coverage for administrative and/or technical staff (max. 5 points)</li> <li>Financial contribution to the technical program budget of the centre (max. 5 points)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Azerbaijani side will consider secondment both for administrative and/or technical staff of the Centre. At the same time funds that will be available as indicated in Article X, of the Charter of the Centre may also be considered for covering above costs.</li> <li>The Azerbaijani side will consider additional contributions, both in financial and</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Financial contribution to the administrative budget of the centre (max. 5 points)</li> <li>Any other additional contribution (max. 5 point)</li> </ul>	in-kind form to support the activities of the Centre, including its technical progra budget. There is an understanding that the Centre's budget will also consist of tl donations/endowments by the other stakeholders, including donor organization
	<ul> <li>The Azerbaijani side will consider additional contributions to the administrative budget. There is an understanding that the Centre's budget will also consist of the donations/endowments by the other stakeholders, including donor organizations.</li> <li>The Azerbaijani side will explore opportunities for additional contributions to the</li> </ul>
	activities of the Centre, including in-kind contributions.