



Baku Declaration on Energy Cooperation

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We, the Ministers of Energy and Hydrocarbon of the Member States of the Developing-8 Organization for Economic Cooperation (D-8), representing the Republic of Azerbaijan, the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Republic of Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and the Republic of Türkiye convened in Baku on 1 June 2026 on the occasion of the 1st Meeting of the D-8 Ministers of Energy dedicated to the theme “Enhancing cooperation in Hydrocarbon, Energy Transition and Energy Connectivity sectors”.

We express our sincere appreciation to H.E. Ilham Aliyev, President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, for his leadership, and acknowledge the Government of Azerbaijan's generous hospitality and continued commitment to advancing economic collaboration within the D-8 framework.

In this context, we hereby:

Reaffirm the central role of energy cooperation as set forth in the D-8 Decennial Roadmap (2020–2030), and recognize its critical role in supporting energy security, industrial development, economic diversification, and long-term stability and sustainable resilience across the Member States;

Acknowledge the importance of maintaining stability and predictability in energy markets through strengthened energy diplomacy, and express concern over recent developments contributing to increased market volatility, which are affecting energy security, investment planning, and economic resilience of the Member States;

Take note of the evolving global energy architecture and emphasize the importance of pragmatic and resilient approaches that embrace energy security, affordability, accessibility, and sustainability in line with national priorities and development strategies of the Member States;

Recognize the strategic geographic position of the D-8 region as a bridge connecting major energy-producing areas, international transit corridors, and global consumer markets;

Recognize that enhanced interaction and cooperation among D-8 Member States creates opportunities for optimizing the utilization of energy resources, strengthening institutional and technical capacities, and facilitating mutually beneficial investments across diverse energy systems;

Being mindful that just energy transition is a key pillar of modern energy systems and **emphasizing** that such a transition should be realistic and aligned with the capabilities and available resources of the Member States while ensuring universal access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy in line with the attainment of SDGs by 2030.

In pursuit of our shared vision through practical and results-oriented cooperation, we agree to:

1. Enhance Clean Energy Cooperation

Expand the share of cleaner energy sources within the national energy portfolios of the Member States in accordance with domestic priorities and resource endowments. Encourage the development of clean energy projects and replication of the successful initiatives and best practices across the Member States.

Identify infrastructure needs to enable the integration of renewable energy and diversification of energy supply sources to contribute to the security of supply and to the affordability and accessibility of energy in the Member States.

2. Advance Energy Connectivity

Encourage collaboration in conducting studies of cross-border energy interconnectors, where geographically and economically viable, with a view to supporting the development of interconnected green energy

corridors, regional electricity markets, and transit pathways linking different regions and exploring the role of D-8 Member States as energy hubs and bridges between major producing areas, transit corridors and consumer markets. In this regard, further encourage the exchange of expertise and best practices in grid modernization, advanced grid management technologies, as well as in minimizing energy losses during transmission and distribution. Promote cross-border electricity trade, grid interconnection, and the development of regional balancing mechanisms in order to enhance system flexibility, reliability, and efficient power exchange among Member States including for integrating higher shares of variable renewable energy in a secure and affordable manner. Emphasize that such efforts should facilitate the efficient transmission of clean energy across borders, enhance system reliability, and ensure the provision of affordable, accessible and sustainable energy to regions with the greatest need, in accordance with national priorities and capacities.

Underscore the importance of regional energy security, market stability, and the development of resilient interconnected energy infrastructure to ensure reliable and predictable energy flows, in order to ensure the sustainability of energy security supply and green development.

3. Enhance Cooperation in Hydrocarbons

Reaffirm the continued importance of hydrocarbons in the energy mix of Member States and their role in supporting energy security through diversification of sources, routes and transit linkings. Encourage cooperation across the hydrocarbon value chain, including the exchange of technical expertise in application of carbon capture technologies to improve efficiency and reduce emissions, as well as collaboration on regional infrastructure for the transmission, transit, storage, and exchange of oil, gas, and petroleum products among Member States to support interconnected and stable energy storage systems across Member States. Promote practical engagement through joint refining and petrochemical initiatives, technical cooperation programs, and knowledge-sharing mechanism that contribute to industrial development, energy accessibility, and long-term energy security.

4. Enhance Investment Facilitation and Private Sector Engagement

Encourage participation of the private sector and international financial institutions in realization of energy projects in the Member States in order to strengthen collective efforts to advance practical, inclusive, and forward-looking cooperation. Deepen cooperation with relevant international organizations/financial institutions/donors, to ensure that financing of the energy sector across the Member States is timely, adequate, and responsive to national needs and priorities in order to support sustainable development.

5. Technologies, Innovations and Capacity Building

Reinforce cooperation in the areas of energy efficiency, carbon management solutions, and the digitalization of energy systems in order to translate collaboration into practical and implementable outcomes. Also facilitate cooperation in the areas of applied technologies, strengthening industry-academia partnerships, joint feasibility studies and development of human capital to enhance capacity-building, technical expertise, foster innovation, and strengthen institutional capacity.

6. Operationalization of the D-8 Energy and Climate Center (D-8 ECC)

Commend the Republic of Azerbaijan for its initiative to establish and host the D-8 Energy and Climate Center in Baku. The Centre will facilitate the development and implementation of regional projects, and provision of technical assistance in the areas related to cleaner, low-carbon technologies, renewable energy and energy efficiency across the Member States.

7. Strengthen Intra-D-8 Coordination and Implementation Mechanisms

Reaffirm commitment to enhancing coordination within the D-8 framework through practical and results-oriented mechanisms to promote collaboration in the areas of renewable energy integration, energy efficiency, digital energy systems and other related areas of mutual interest. Support in this regard the establishment of a D-8 Energy Senior Officials Group (SOG) and the convening of its meetings on a periodic basis to review progress and guide implementation of associated activities and decisions.

8. Strengthening Collaboration with the Mining Sector

Being aware of the close interlinkage between the energy and mining sectors, as the mining is among the largest industrial consumers of energy and heavily relies on secure, reliable, and affordable energy supplies, we will strengthen collaboration with the mining sector. In this regard, cooperation in the areas such as energy infrastructure, fuel supply, and technology exchange remains essential to maximizing the economic value of mineral resources for Member States.

Conclusion

Express appreciation to the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Azerbaijan for the successful organization of this inaugural Ministerial Meeting, which establishes a solid, practical and forward-looking foundation for structured, inclusive and results-oriented cooperation in the energy sector among D-8 Member States.

Together, we are determined to strengthen our energy cooperation for the benefit and prosperity of our people and countries and to advance a just, orderly and inclusive energy transition that leaves no one behind.

Adopted in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, on 1 June 2026.