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During July 2026, the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Clean Energy Centre (CECECO) advanced its institutional agenda through strategic partnerships, high-level engagement, and capacity-building initiatives that promoted sustainable energy across the ECO region. Throughout the reporting period, the Centre expanded its network of partners and contributed to dialogue on renewable energy, energy efficiency, and innovation.

A major achievement of the month was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ADA University's Institute for Development and Diplomacy during the 20th Baku Summer Energy School, creating a foundation for joint activities in research, education, and professional development.

On July 24, CECECO hosted the inaugural GN-SEC webinar, "The Role of Youth as Drivers for a Just Energy Transition," bringing together representatives of sustainable energy centres, UNIDO, the private sector, and young professionals to exchange perspectives on empowering the next generation of clean energy leaders.

Meeting at SOCAR Green focused on identifying opportunities for future joint initiatives in renewable energy and energy efficiency, while discussions at the Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation explored the application of clean energy solutions for cultural heritage preservation.

CECECO also shared its institutional experience with the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office in Turkmenistan in support of ongoing efforts to establish the Regional Climate Technology Center for Central Asia, demonstrating the Centre's growing contribution to institutional development and regional collaboration.

The activities carried out during July reinforced CECECO's role as a regional platform for dialogue, expertise, and partnership, while creating new opportunities to advance clean energy initiatives and strengthen cooperation across the ECO region.

Meeting at the Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation

CECECO representatives visited the Turkic Culture and Heritage Foundation (TCHF). During the meeting with Prof. Aktoty Raimkulova, President of the TCHF, opportunities for cooperation at the intersection of clean energy, climate action, and cultural heritage preservation were explored. Prof. Raimkulova presented the Foundation's mission, ongoing international projects, and its efforts to preserve and promote the cultural heritage of the Turkic World.



CECECO and TCHF representatives discussed the role of clean energy and energy-efficient solutions in safeguarding cultural heritage sites from the impacts of climate change, while also exploring opportunities for joint initiatives, expert exchange, and collaboration on international platforms.

Meeting at SOCAR Green



CECECO Executive Director Ms. Aysel Yagubova met with Mr. Elmir Musayev, General Director of SOCAR Green, to discuss opportunities for collaboration in renewable energy and energy efficiency. During the meeting, Ms. Yagubova presented CECECO's strategic priorities and key initiatives. Mr. Elmir Musayev provided an overview of SOCAR Green's ongoing projects and future plans. The discussion focused on identifying areas of mutual interest, exploring potential fields of cooperation, and considering joint initiatives that could support the advancement of clean energy development in Azerbaijan.

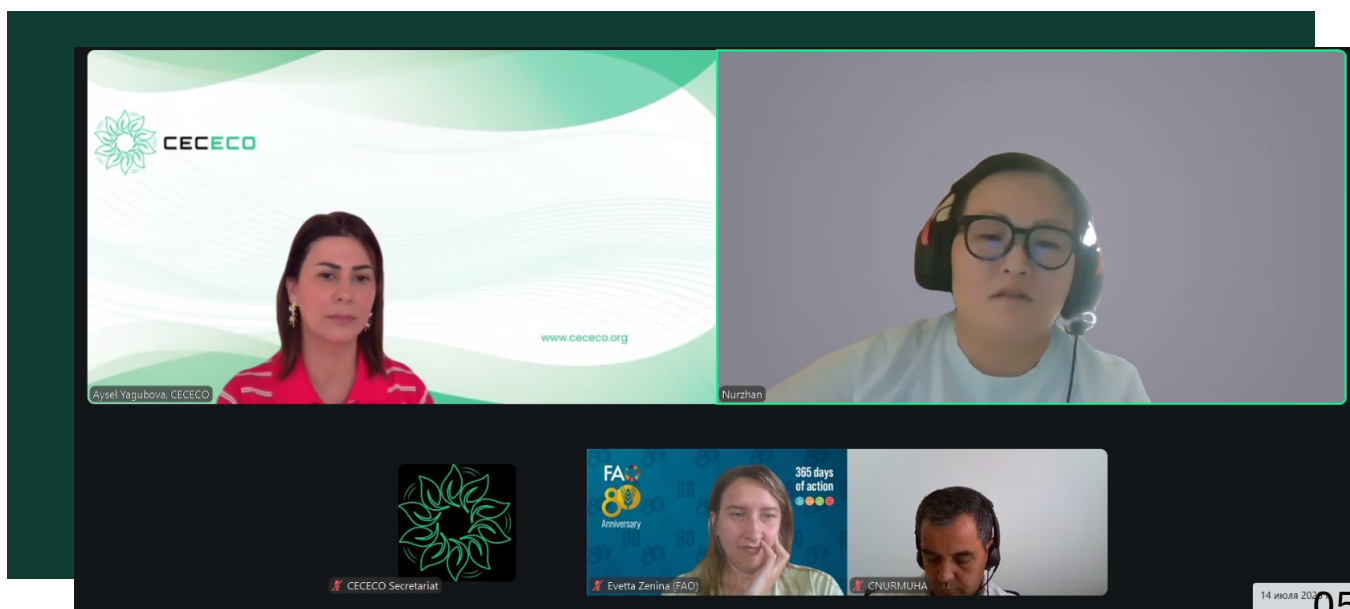
Meeting with knowledge partners

During their visit to the CECECO premises, Ms. Ellen Wasylina, President and Founder of the Trocadéro Forum Institute, and Prof. Dr. Haitham Saad Mohamed, Head of the Decarbonized Hydrogen and Sustainable Mobility Hub at the University Marie and Louis Pasteur (UMLP), were briefed comprehensively on the Center's mandate, ongoing activities, and key areas of work. The meeting provided an opportunity to exchange views on potential areas of cooperation and to explore future joint initiatives and projects in clean energy and sustainable development.



Meeting with UN Resident Coordinator's Office in Turkmenistan

CECECO Executive Director Ms. Aysel Yagubova met with representatives of the United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office in Turkmenistan to share CECECO's institutional experience and exchange views on the establishment of the Regional Climate Technology Center for Central Asia. Ms. Yagubova presented the Centre's governance structure, legal framework, operational model, and institutional development process, highlighting CECECO's experience as a regional platform for clean energy cooperation. The discussion explored key institutional and operational considerations for the establishment of the new Centre, including governance arrangements, legal foundations, and stakeholder engagement. The meeting also provided an opportunity to exchange experiences and discuss approaches that could support the successful development of the Regional Climate Technology Center for Central Asia.



Inaugural GN-SEC Webinar: “The Role of Youth as Drivers for a Just Energy Transition”



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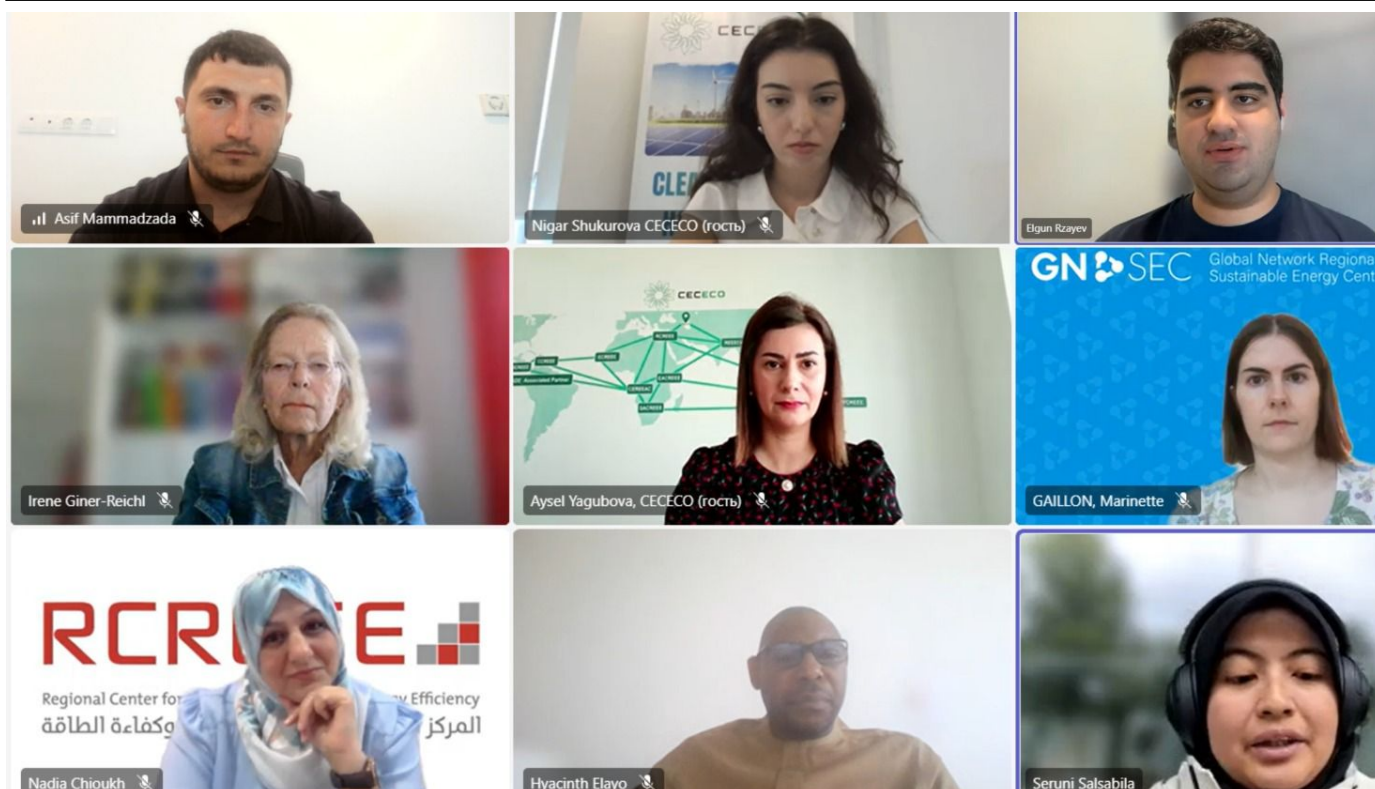
WEBINAR

GN-SEC WEBINAR SERIES

CECECO co-hosted and led the organization of the inaugural webinar of the GN-SEC Webinar Series, “The Role of Youth as Drivers for a Just Energy Transition,” in collaboration with the Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE), the East African Centre of Excellence for Renewable Energy and Efficiency (EACREEE), and the ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE).

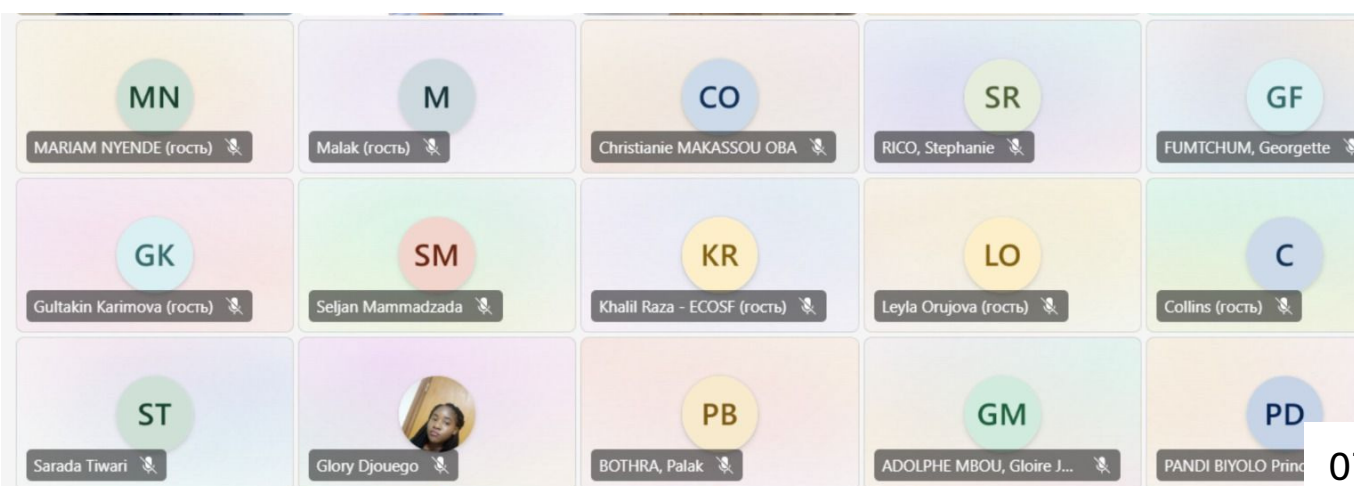
The webinar brought together representatives of the Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centres (GN-SEC) Secretariat, the UNIDO Youth Advisory Group, regional sustainable energy centres, the private sector, and young professionals to exchange perspectives on empowering youth as innovators, entrepreneurs, researchers, and future leaders of the energy transition. Discussions highlighted the importance of strengthening youth leadership, promoting innovation and entrepreneurship, and creating greater opportunities for young professionals to contribute to sustainable energy development.

The programme opened with an introduction by Ms. Marinette Gaillon, Project Administrator at UNIDO, followed by opening remarks from Ms. Irene Giner-Reichl, GN-SEC Goodwill Ambassador, and Ms. Aysel Yagubova, Executive Director of CECECO. In her speech, Ms. Seruni Salsabila, representative of the UNIDO Youth Advisory Group, emphasized the importance of youth leadership and active participation in advancing a just energy transition.



The panel discussion moderated by Ms. Nigar Shukurova, Project Coordinator at CECECO, featured Mr. Hyacinth Elayo, Sustainable Energy Policy Officer at the ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE); Mr. Talib PB Latio, Sustainable Energy Officer at the East African Centre of Excellence for Renewable Energy and Efficiency (EACREEE); Mrs. Nadia Chioukh, Director of International Cooperation & Strategic Partnerships at the Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE); and Mr. Elgun Rzayev, Grand Prix winner of the CECECO Clean Energy Hackathon 2026. They explored regional perspectives on the opportunities and challenges facing young professionals in the clean energy sector, while highlighting the importance of innovation, capacity building, entrepreneurship, and cross-regional collaboration in accelerating a just energy transition.

By co-hosting the inaugural webinar, CECECO contributed to the successful launch of the GN-SEC Webinar Series and reaffirmed its commitment to promoting regional dialogue, strengthening collaboration among regional sustainable energy centres, and fostering meaningful youth engagement in advancing the clean energy transition.



Knowledge Partner of 20th Baku Summer Energy School

CECECO was the knowledge partner of the Baku Summer Energy School 2026 (BSES2026) organized by ADA University's Institute for Development and Diplomacy in partnership with the ADA University Foundation, the State Oil Company of the Republic of Azerbaijan (SOCAR), bp Azerbaijan, GL Group, KOLIN, and CECECO. This edition had brought together 53 participants from 14 countries — Azerbaijan, USA, Brazil, Pakistan, Vietnam, Türkiye, Italy, UK, Poland, Israel, Croatia, Switzerland, Oman, and Uzbekistan.



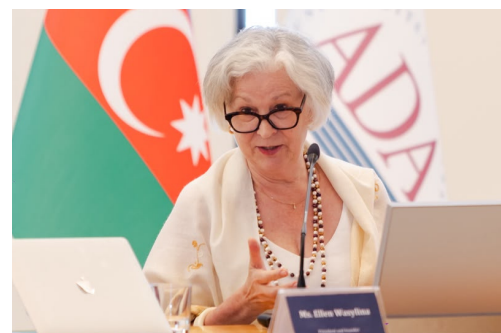
Through a series of expert-led lectures and panel discussions, CECECO contributed to the programme by sharing perspectives on regional energy cooperation, emerging clean energy technologies, and energy diplomacy.

On 9 July, Ms. Aysel Yagubova, Executive Director of CECECO, delivered a lecture entitled "The Caspian Energy System: Actors, Projects, and Strategic Priorities." The presentation explored regional energy dynamics, renewable energy, energy efficiency, connectivity, and clean energy innovation, while examining the key actors, projects, and strategic priorities shaping the Caspian energy landscape.



On 13 July, Prof. Dr. Haitham Saad Mohamed Ramadan delivered a presentation on "Emerging Energy Technologies: Hydrogen, Storage, and Grid Evolution – Can Technology Solve Energy Constraints?". He analyzed the role of hydrogen, energy storage, and grid evolution in addressing energy constraints. He also participated in the panel discussion "Can Renewable Systems Deliver Energy Security?", highlighting how emerging technologies can strengthen renewable energy integration and enhance energy system resilience.

On 14 July, Ms. Ellen Wasylina, President and Founder of the Trocadéro Forum Institute, delivered a session on "Energy Diplomacy," highlighting the importance of strategic energy corridors, cross-border connectivity, and international partnerships in advancing energy security, regional trade, and sustainable economic development.



Through its contribution to BSES2026, CECECO strengthened its partnership with ADA University and the Institute for Development and Diplomacy, while supporting a platform that brought together policymakers, academics, industry experts, and young professionals to exchange knowledge and discuss the future of sustainable energy.

Memorandum of Understanding between CECECO and the ADA University IDD

CECECO and ADA University's Institute for Development and Diplomacy (IDD) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) establishing a framework for cooperation in areas of common interest related to clean energy and sustainable development. The MoU aims to strengthen collaboration between the two institutions by providing a basis for the development and implementation of joint activities.

Under the Memorandum, the Parties agreed to cooperate in the development of joint research projects and policy studies, the joint development, translation, and publication of research materials in the field of clean energy, and the design and implementation of joint programmes. The MoU also provides for the organization of conferences, seminars, workshops, and other events of mutual interest, as well as other mutually agreed activities that promote knowledge exchange and collaboration in the fields of energy, sustainability, and regional development.





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