

## ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN ACCELERATING CARBON MARKETS IN AZERBAIJAN

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# COP29 achieved full implementation of Article 6 of Paris Agreement - Unlocks International Carbon Markets



#### "Finance COP"

At COP29 in November 2024, the role of the private sector was a central focus, as governments acknowledged that public financing alone is insufficient to meet global climate goals.

New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG): Countries agreed to a new, more ambitious climate finance target for developing countries. Developed nations committed to mobilizing at least \$300 billion annually by 2035.

Broader financing ambition: A parallel roadmap sets a long-term goal of scaling up total climate finance, including private funding, to \$1.3 trillion per year by 2035.





#### **Engagement of Private sector**

Green energy zones and pledges

Support for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

Incentives for private investment in "Green" **Green finance** regulations

#### National initiatives and private sector engagement

#### **Incentives for private investment in "Green"**

10 years from the date of registration of the resident in the industrial or technological parks 50 %
exemption on
profit (income)
tax and fully
exemption
from property
and land taxes

'Startup' certificate



#### National initiatives and private sector engagement



#### **Engagement of Private sector**





### THE GREEN TAXONOMY

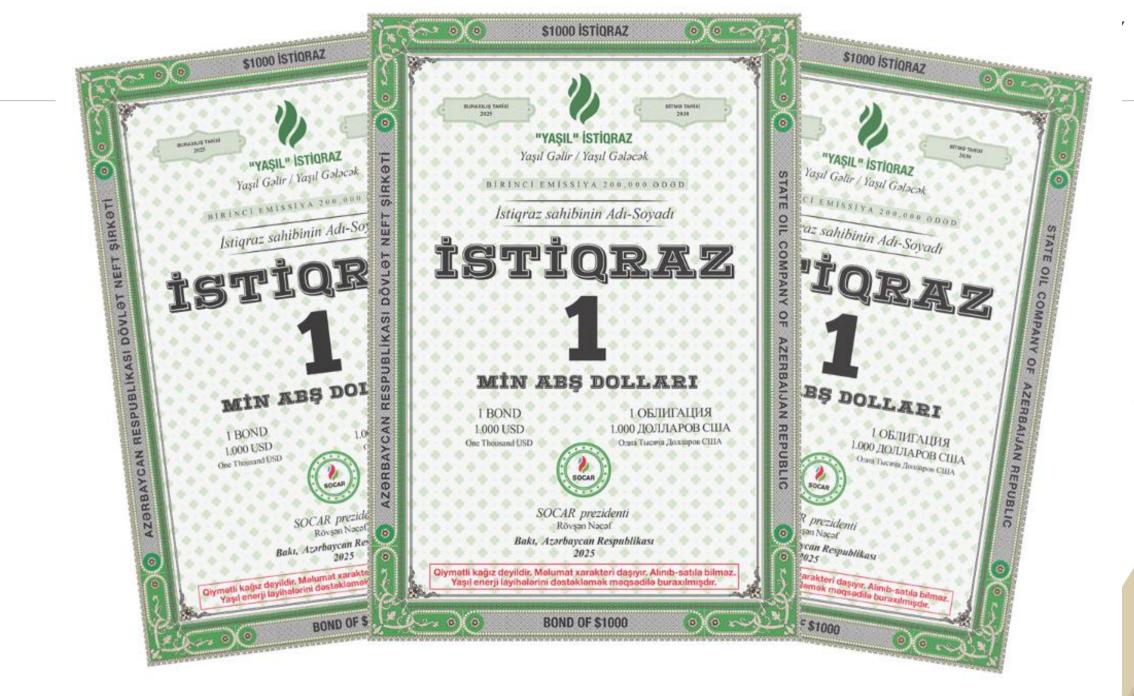
- The Central Bank of Azerbaijan introduced a new green taxonomy to guide sustainable investments, helping to align private capital with national climate objectives.
- The Azerbaijani banking sector also pledged \$1.2 billion for green projects by 2030.

#### **Main users of the Taxonomy**



Banks and non-bank credit institutions, credit unions	<ul> <li>Develop green finance products (e.g., green loans).</li> <li>Align lending portfolios with national and international green standards.</li> <li>Assess the sustainability of projects before financing.</li> <li>Support the adoption of sustainable economic activities through financing.</li> <li>Monitor and disclose the environmental and sustainability impact of loan portfolios and investment portfolios for relevantly licensed banks.</li> </ul>
Stock market participants (investment companies, investment funds, fund managers, etc.)	<ul> <li>Structure investment portfolios and funds focused on green assets.</li> <li>Use the Taxonomy to align securities offerings (e.g., green bonds) with environmental and sustainability standards.</li> <li>Monitor and disclose the environmental and sustainability impact of investment portfolios.</li> <li>Guide fund allocations toward green investments.</li> </ul>

Public institutions, government institutions and non-governmental organizations	<ul> <li>Raise awarenessof relevant parties for Taxonomy-aligned practices and technologies.</li> <li>Develop policies to enable green finance, economic decarbonization and sustainability, to mitigate and manage related risks.</li> <li>Use the Taxonomy to guide tax policies and other policy incentives.</li> </ul>
Auditing, assurance and certification institutions	<ul> <li>Verify alignment with the Taxonomy criteria and standards.</li> <li>Ensure accuracy and transparency of green or sustainability reports and disclosures.</li> <li>Provide third-party verification for sustainable financial instruments and green projects.</li> </ul>
Other legal entities	<ul> <li>Raise funds for green projects or investments through green financial products (e.g., green bonds, loans).</li> <li>Align their business activities with the Taxonomy to meet environmental and sustainability standards.</li> <li>Use the Taxonomy to showcase the environmental impact and sustainability of their projects.</li> </ul>







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