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Dr. Zefi Dimadama, Director General of the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), attended the 23rd annual session of the Crans Montana Forum, with title “Addressing a Changing World! Which Energy for Which World?” that was organised under the higher patronage of the President of Azerbaijan, in Baku, on 28-1 July 2012.

ICBSS Director General participated as a speaker on “Greening the Black Sea: environmental governance, energy and climate change”, within the framework of the *Implementing Energy Efficiency* Session, that was held on 30 June 2012. During her speech, Ms. Dimadama underlined the active role of ICBSS as an important actor of the wider Black Sea region.

In the margin of the conference, Ms. Dimadama had the opportunity to discuss issues of common interest with Mrs. Merihban Aliyeva, First Lady of Azerbaijan and Goodwill Ambassador of UNESCO and ISESCO who is actively involved in the environmental campaign for Baku. The Conference was attended by high level distinguished speakers from around the world; country leaders and ministers; while a special session was dedicated on human rights, gender equality and education and the role of Africa, in cooperation with UNESCO.

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About the ICBSS: The International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) was founded in 1998 as a non-profit organisation. It has since fulfilled a dual function. On the one hand, it is an independent research and training institution focusing on the wider Black Sea region. On the other hand, it is a related body of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and serves as its acknowledged think-tank. Thus, the ICBSS pursues applied, policy-oriented research, promotes knowledge on the Black Sea region both within and outside its boundaries, and offers policy advice with the aim to foster multilateral cooperation among the BSEC member states as well as with their international partners.

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