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Dr. Zefi Dimadama, Director General of International Centre for Black Sea Studies, (ICBSS), participated in the International Conference on *“Energy Efficiency: Economic & Institutional Aspects and Perspectives”*, that was jointly organised by the **Center for Strategic Studies under the President of Azerbaijan (SAM)** and the **International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)**, in Baku, on 21 November 2012.

ICBSS Director General participated as a speaker on *“The Green Cluster of Black Sea Knowledge Institutions on energy efficiency and use of renewable energy schemes”*, within the framework of the Energy Efficiency: Potential, Economic and Financial Viability Session.

Opening remarks at the conference were delivered by Dr. Farhad Mammadov, Director of the Centre for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and Dr. Zefi Dimadama, ICBSS Director General. Two panels were organized within the plenary session where moderators were highly reputable persons in their areas. The Conference hosted high level officials from Azerbaijan, representatives from international and civil society organizations, as well as, others as participants.

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