

16.3.1 — Expert Advice to Government

Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University (ASOIU) plays a recognized and continuous role in supporting national governance, policy development, and public sector modernization through both its faculty expertise and alumni network.

This institutional impact is evidenced by:

1. Institutional-Level Contributions

- ASOIU’s academic staff regularly participate in national and ministerial working groups, advisory councils, and strategic commissions related to:
 - Energy policy, digital transformation, and renewable technologies (collaboration with the *Ministry of Energy* and *SOCAR*).
 - Sustainability and environmental policy development (in partnership with the *Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources*).
 - Higher education quality assurance and workforce policy (joint initiatives with the *Ministry of Science and Education* and the *Ministry of Labor and Social Protection*).
- University experts have provided technical analysis and evidence to support SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), and SDG 13 (Climate Action) policy frameworks.

2. Alumni in Government and Policy-Making Roles

ASOIU has produced generations of graduates who have directly contributed to government leadership, policy formation, and diplomatic relations in Azerbaijan and internationally. The 2024 Alumni Registry confirms numerous examples of ASOIU alumni who have served in the highest governmental positions and policy advisory roles:

№	Name	Previous or Current Position	Level	Reference
1	Heydar Aliyev	Former President of Azerbaijan	National	Wikipedia
2	José Eduardo dos Santos	Former President of Angola	International	Wikipedia
3	Artur Rasizadeh	Former Prime Minister of Azerbaijan	National	Wikipedia
4	Fuad Guliyev	Former Prime Minister of Azerbaijan	National	Wikipedia

Many ASOIU graduates also act as technical advisors, consultants, or board members in ministries, state enterprises, and parliamentary committees, shaping the nation's approach to energy transition, infrastructure, and economic modernization.

3. Academic Staff Expertise and Government Collaboration

- ASOIU's professors and research centers frequently deliver policy guidance, technical reports, and expert opinions on topics such as:
 - Energy efficiency and net-zero transition strategies.
 - Oil and gas regulation and safety.
 - Industrial innovation and digital governance.
- The Sustainable Development Center at ASOIU engages with national SDG coordination structures, providing reports and expertise aligned with SDG 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).