



bp, SOCAR host AGMR site visits, workshops in Azerbaijan

In December 2023, bp and SOCAR signed a methane MoU, agreeing to co-lead an industry project under the AGMR initiative. The first activation of this MoU was a series of events, held in Baku in April 2024, with a focus on methane measurement and abatement. Approximately 20 companies – largely the primary target audience of local oil and gas operators – participated in the main workshops.

The workshops were supported by a number of MGP supporting organizations, including UNEP, World Bank, IEA, IOGP, EDF, OGCI and others. Prior to the workshop, site visits were arranged for local oil and gas operators and selected guests. First, SOCAR hosted visitors at the historic Oil Rocks facility on a man-made island in the Caspian Sea with a long and important history: the world's first offshore well was drilled there in 1949.



(Visitors ready for their trip to the historic Oil Rocks)



During the site tour, SOCAR representatives connected this history with the company's modern-day successes in leak repair. The next day, bp hosted the same guests at bp's Sangachal Terminal, which included a short visit to the ACE control room, bp's first offshore platform that can be fully operated from onshore.

The following week, bp and SOCAR hosted two workshops. The first one focused on methane measurement and the second on methane abatement. The workshops consisted of a series of short, impactful presentations by experts, with open discussion and exchange by the 60+ attendees. The intent was for local operators to hear about different source- and site-level measurements and possible abatement pathways. A post-workshop survey has been developed to help drive actions from the workshops.



(Guests at bp's Sangachal Terminal)