



SCHOOL OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT (SPM)

Background paper



The School of Project Management (SPM) was established by BP and its co-venturers in January 2011 as part of their commitment to supporting the country's capacity-building efforts.

The SPM is designed to develop the project management capability of individuals in both the private and public sectors, by providing globally-recognized, comprehensive project management training. It focuses on the simultaneous goals of improving immediate project management performance and establishing long term project management capability in the country.

The SPM was initiated, in partnership with the Khazar University, which provides the project administration, and ESI International, a leading project management training and solutions company, which implements the project.

The curriculum of the programme consists of seven modules and leads to globally recognized certification "Masters Certificate in Project Management", awarded by the George Washington University: Managing Projects, Project Leadership, Management and Communication, Risk Management, Scheduling and Cost Control, Quality for Project Managers, Project Management Applications, and Project Management Professional (PMP) Exam Preparation. The training programme is managed by ESI International's experienced instructors from France, UK, Sweden and US.



The project has been implemented in three phases. In 2014 SPM has its 3rd graduation with 80 graduates to receive certificates on 28 November 2014. This year's graduates represent organisations from a wide range of public and private sectors including the government, oil and gas, insurance, telecommunications, construction, banking, embassies, tourism and education.

SPM key facts since the start:

- Total spent to date: over \$2 million (by BP and its coventurers)
- Total Participants: 298
- Total Associates Certificates awarded: 122
- Total Masters Certificates awarded: 176
- Organizations represented: 109
- BP graduates: 55