



International Association of Judges



Azerbaijan Union of Judges

PROGRAMME
67th Annual Meeting of the IAJ
Baku, Azerbaijan, 2025

11.10.2025 - 17.10.2025

All official meetings and sessions listed in the programme (conference included) will take place at the **Baku Convention Center**, which will serve as the main venue of the event.

The **Auditorium** will serve as the main hall, hosting the Opening Ceremony, International Conference, the Central Council meeting, the European Regional Group and any Study Commission.

Information on the exact location of the meeting rooms of the other Regional Groups will be communicated by the Azerbaijani colleagues as soon as possible.

Accreditation will be conducted in collaboration with our official partner hotels. Delegates staying at the following hotels will receive their badges and event pins upon check-in at the designated accreditation desks within these hotels:

- The Ritz-Carlton Baku
- Ibis Baku City
- Holiday Inn Baku
- Hilton Baku

Accreditation Process

1. Accreditation will primarily take place at the **four cooperating hotels: The Ritz-Carlton, Baku; Hilton Baku; Holiday Inn Baku; and Ibis Baku City Hotel**, where badges will be issued to delegates.
2. Delegates accommodated at **other hotels** will complete their accreditation at the **Baku Convention Center**, and badges will also be issued to them there. (**This applies only to delegates staying at hotels other than the four above mentioned cooperating hotels**).
3. The **list of registered delegates** will be available to all staff responsible for accreditation, both at the hotels and at the Baku Convention Center.
4. **Only registered delegates** will be issued the corresponding badges and granted access to the Baku Convention Center.

Note: Access to the Baku Convention Center will be through presentation of a valid badge (provided at the moment of the registration) and passport.

All participants are kindly requested to carry their **badges and passports with them at all times**.

Entry to the Baku Convention Center will only be possible upon showing both documents.

Transportation for all official events listed in the programme will be fully organized and provided by the Organizing Committee. Official event buses will provide transfers, with a special police escort ensuring smooth transit (see the annexed Transportation Plan of the 2025 IAJ Baku Meeting).

Transport schedule.

In addition, each transportation vehicle bringing delegations to their hotels will be accompanied by local representatives, who will assist you with guidance and coordination.

Dress Code

The dress code for both the Opening Ceremony and Welcome Party on 12 October as well as the International Conference on 14 October will be Business Formal.

All accompanying persons are welcome to join the opening ceremony, welcome party, excursion, gala dinner, and farewell dinner events.

Program Schedule

The detailed schedule, including departure times of shuttle buses and all logistical details, has been shared with participants.

This information will be published as well in the official website of the event (<https://www.iaj2025.com/>) Brochures will be provided to all delegates upon their arrival in Azerbaijan.

The **exhibition of “Judge robes and other symbols of the judiciary from around the world”** will take place at the atrium of the Supreme Court Building during the entire event from 11 to 17 October.

<u>Saturday, October 11</u>		
Arrival of Delegates		
<u>Sunday, October 12</u>		
09:00 - 15:00	Meeting of the European Association of Judges	10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break
09:00 - 15:00	Meeting of the Ibero-American Regional Group	13:00 - 14:00 Lunch
09:00 - 15:00	Meeting of the African Regional Group	
09:00 - 15:00	Meeting of the Asian, North American, and Oceanian Regional Group	
15:00 - 17:00	Meeting of the Presidency Committee (2 nd part)	
15:00 - 17:00	Meeting of the Council of Honorary Presidents	
17.00 – 19.00	Opening Ceremony (at the Auditorium at the Baku Convention Center) • Mr. Ramiz Rzayev, President of the Azerbaijan Union of Judges • Mr. Inam Karimov, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Azerbaijan • Mr. Farid Ahmadov, Minister of Justice of Azerbaijan. • Mr. Duro Sessa, President of the IAJ • Mr. Giacomo Oberto, Secretary-General of the IAJ, will present the 2025 Judicial Independence Award. At the beginning of the Opening Ceremony, the Azerbaijan promotional video will be shown. After the presentation of the 2025 Judicial Independence Award, a Cultural Program (approximately 30 minutes) is planned	
20.00 - 22:30	<i>Welcome Party hosted by the President of the Azerbaijan Union of Judges (Participants and Accompanying Persons) at the Gulustan Palace, in Baku (http://gulustansarayi.az/)</i>	

	Dedicated shuttle buses will transfer the participants directly from the Baku Convention Center immediately after the Opening Ceremony.	
Monday, October 13		
09:00 - 12:00	Meeting of the Central Council (1 st part)	10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break
13:30 - 15:00	Meeting of the Presidency Committee (3 rd part)	12:00 - 13:00 Lunch
13:30 - 15:00	Meeting of the Council of Honorary Presidents	
15:30 - 18:30	Meeting of the Study Commissions 1-4 (1 st part)	15:00 - 15:30 Coffee Break
09:00 - 17:00	Excursion for Accompanying Persons (which will be fully covered by the Azerbaijani colleagues, <u>except meals</u>. A designated contact person will be appointed for on-site coordination) <u>Programme:</u> Discover Baku – a truly contemporary city criss-crossed by history Destination: Baku city • Highland Park • Old City (İstiqlaliyyat Street, Oil Boom Architects, Central Baku, including the Shirvanshahs’ Palace Complex) • Lunch in the Old City • Baku Boulevard Additionally, we are pleased to inform you that on 16 October 2025, a joint excursion to Shamakhi and Gobustan is planned for both accompanying persons and delegations.	
Tuesday, October 14		
09:00 - 13:00	International Conference 09.00 – 09.30 Welcome Address and Opening of the Conference Ramiz Rzayev, President of the Azerbaijan Union of Judges (AUJ) Inam Karimov, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Azerbaijan 09.30 – 10.00 Prof. Latif Huseynov – Judge of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) Introduction of the Subject and Keynote Speech: Relations between the Judiciary and the other two Powers of the State 10.00 – 10.20 Duro Sessa – IAJ President Relations between the Judiciary and the other two Powers of the State from the European Perspective 10.20 – 10.40 Walter Barone – IAJ First Vice-President and President of the IAJ IBA Group Relations between the Judiciary and the other two Powers of the State from the Ibero-American Perspective 10.40 – 11.00 Marcelle Kouassi – IAJ Vice-President and President of the IAJ African Group Relations between the Judiciary and the other two Powers of the State from the African Perspective	13:00 - 13:30 Lunch

	11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break 11.30 – 11.50 Prof. Margaret Satterthwaite – UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers Relations between the Judiciary and the other two Powers of the State from the UN Perspective 11.50 – 12.30 Debate 12.30 – 13.00 Prof. Latif Huseynov – Judge of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) Conclusions 13.00 Closure of the Conference	
13:30 - 16:30	Meeting of the Central Council (2 nd part)	16:30 - 17:00 Coffee Break
17:00 - 20:00	Meeting of the Study Commissions 1–4 (2 nd part)	
<u>Wednesday, October 15</u>		
09:00 - 12:00	Meeting of the Central Council (3 rd part)	12:00 - 13:00 Lunch
13:30 - 14:30	The meeting point will be the Baku Convention Center , after the session of the Central Council meeting Excursion to the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan	
15:00 - 17:00	Excursion to the Milli Majlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Azerbaijan.	
17:00 - 19:30	Free time	
19:30 - 22:00	Dinner hosted by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Azerbaijan at Azerbaijan State Academic Philharmonic Hall named after Muslim Magomayev <i>(Participants and Accompanying Persons)</i>	
<u>Thursday, October 16</u>		
08:00 - 08:30	Departure to the regions	
08:30 - 13:00	Excursion to Gobustan Historical Reserve	
13:00 - 17:00	Discovering the ancient city and wine-tasting experience in Shamakhi A joint excursion to Shamakhi and Gobustan is planned for both accompanying persons and delegations	
18:00 - 21:00	Farewell Dinner in Shamakhi <i>(Participants and Accompanying Persons)</i>	
<u>Friday, October 17</u>		
Departure of Delegates		