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High level UN officials participated in the 7th Global Baku Forum

The 7th Global Baku Forum organised by Nizami Ganjavi International Centre brought together well-known statesmen, politicians, reputable public figures and government officials to discuss security, development, science and challenges of changing global politics. UN Assistant Secretary-General, UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States Mirjana Spoljaric Egger; Special Advisor to UN Secretary-General on Sustainable Development Goals, Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University Jeffrey Sachs and UN Resident Coordinator Ghulam M. Isaczai attended the forum. Officials delivered speeches in panel dedicated to Sustainable Development challenges.

During UN officials’ visit to Azerbaijan, the President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev met with Mirjana Spoljaric Egger and Jeffrey Sachs where they talked about achievements of UN and Government partnership and global projects of Azerbaijan, respectively. Read more

UNFPA and Kapital Bank to promote gender equality

UNFPA Azerbaijan and Kapital Bank signed a memorandum of understanding to implement joint projects and campaigns on combating gender-biased sex selection, as well as on promoting gender equality and women empowerment. The first project was a powerful thought-provoking campaign named “Missing girls” to advocate against son preference in Azerbaijan where the sex ratio of newborns is 114 boys per 100 girls. On 8 March, regarding posters displaying would-be-names of missed girls have been shared under #missinggirls hashtag and parents of girls joined to the movement by sharing their pictures with their girls with #qizimvar (I have a baby girl) on the social media. The movement is highly welcomed by the public and received positive engagement. Read more

WHO marks World Down Syndrome Day with an inspiring story

WHO in Azerbaijan organised a reading day with a group of children with down syndrome from the Centre for Rehabilitation of People in Baku, with support of Libralf bookstore chain and Three Apples Children’s Literature section of TEAS Press, a publishing house. Young writer Orkhan Adigozal read his book “Desires without barriers” to the children. The writer has a disability himself, having lost his ability to walk as a result of an accident. His book shares the important message that individuals with physical or intellectual disabilities should not be isolated from society. Read more
Football match to promote gender equality

To mark 8 March International Women’s Day, the United Nations (UN) officials, representatives of diplomatic missions accredited in Azerbaijan and female players from Azerbaijani national football team (U 17 and U19) played a friendly football match to support gender equality in the country. They played in uniforms highlighting SDGs & #play4equity hashtag that gives the message of #girldcan in all spheres of life. The event was organised by UN Office in Azerbaijan, Azerbaijan Football Federations Association (AFFA) and Head of Missions’ Spouses (HOMS).

Celebration of International Day of Nowruz in Azerbaijan

The UN office in Baku produced a joint congratulation video message on International Day of Nowruz by the UN Country Team in Azerbaijan. In the video, the UN Resident Coordinator Ghulam Isaczai and members of the country team versified one line from a small poem on Nowruz holiday in Azerbaijani language. The UN office in Baku shared the video on its social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube. The video reached out to a wide audience and received positive feedback.

UN Resident Coordinator also spoke at Nowruz celebration event organised by Turkish Embassy in Azerbaijan. Mr. Ghulam M. Isaczai called everyone to enjoy the spirit of Nowruz that promotes peace, harmony and friendship at the reception hosted by Turkish embassy and supported by Azerbaijan Ministry of Culture to celebrate the arrival of spring.

The event brought together Azerbaijani state officials and members of the diplomatic community. Guests visited buffet organised by the Azerbaijan Ministry of Culture, as well as embassies of Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

International Day of Nowruz was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly, in its resolution adopted on 23 February 2010, at the initiative of several countries that celebrate this holiday including Azerbaijan.

Photos of the Month

Participants of the friendly football match to support gender equality in Azerbaijan, March 2019. Photo/UNO Baku

Children with Down Syndrome participated in a reading day, March 2019. Photo/ WHO Azerbaijan

New Appointments

Vladimir Gjorgjievi of North Macedonia took up his appointment as a Chief of Mission of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Azerbaijan.

He has over 20 years of experience at the national and global levels in areas of procurement policy, processes and systems; international cooperation and partnership; operations, transport and freight logistics; legal affairs, disaster risk reduction and preparedness, as well as assisted voluntary return and reintegration programme for migrants.