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UN Resident Coordinator attended global RCs meeting in New York

18-22 November 2019: UN Resident Coordinator (RC) in Azerbaijan, Mr. Ghulam Isaczai attended a global meeting of the UN RCs in New York. The UN Secretary-General, Mr. Antonio Guterres and Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Amina Mohammed met with RCs and discussed with them the UN reform process and implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with particular focus on climate change actions.

Mr. Isaczai also attended a panel discussion on UN Secretary-General's prevention agenda and spoke about the preparation process of the Voluntary National Review in Azerbaijan.

UN Country Team in Azerbaijan participates at international regional exercise on earthquake response

5-8 November 2019: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) and the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Azerbaijan held an international regional exercise on “Response to earthquakes”. INSARAG Africa-Europe-Middle East Regional Earthquake Response Exercise aimed to improve the level of preparedness on disaster response.

The purpose of the simulation, held with the participation of the UN Country Team, was to learn flexible methodologies in the field, to improve the coordination and integrated response capacity of international organisations with the support of host country actors.

As part of activities, the exercises are conducted primarily to increase awareness and practice INSARAG disaster response methodologies amongst national and local authorities in the host country, and international responders as endorsed by the INSARAG Guidelines.

Business leaders in Azerbaijan discuss embedding UN Global Compact principles and SDGs into their operations and strategies

26 November 2019: The role of business in delivering the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was the focus of the UN-organised conference that brought together some 80 participants from the government agencies, businesses, international organisations, civil society and the media.

Co-organised by the UN Resident Coordinator’s Office, UNICEF, UN Global Compact, UN Women and UNDP, the conference underlined the importance of integrating the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact on human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption into business policies and practices.

The event also featured the Children’s Rights and Business Principles developed by UNICEF, the UN Global Compact and Save the Children towards a new age of corporate respect and support for children’s rights. Read more
First ever UNDP Accelerator Lab Launched in Azerbaijan

29 November 2019: The first ever Accelerator Lab in Azerbaijan was launched in the presence of numerous Government, civil society, private sector and international community representatives. This Accelerator Lab will be joining the 60 labs set up in 78 countries around the world to test and scale new solutions to global challenges like climate change, poverty and soaring inequality.

These Labs, launched by UNDP, Germany and Qatar, will bring together grassroots ideas with new sources of real-time data and experimentation to meet the fast-changing realities of 21st century development.

One of the big ideas behind the Accelerator Lab initiative is – as the name suggests – to speed up the testing and implementation of solutions. Read more

A roundtable discussion held in Ganja on World Antibiotic Awareness Week


The purpose of the event was to bring together partners to discuss the antimicrobial resistance and to identify effective solutions to increase public awareness.

The World Antibiotic Awareness Week, held each year in November, aims to increase global awareness of antibiotic resistance, to promote proper use of antibiotics and to encourage best practices among the general public, health workers and policy makers to avoid the further emergence and spread of antibiotic resistance. Read more

UNFPA, MLSPP launch awareness raising campaign to promote active ageing in Azerbaijan

19 November 2019: UNFPA Azerbaijan and Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population (MLSPP) organised the launch event of the awareness raising campaign to promote active ageing at Baku Book Center. The event was dedicated to promoting the idea of active ageing and inclusion of elderly persons in the social life.

The representatives of UNFPA Azerbaijan country office, MLSPP, State Statistical Committee, as well as Sustainable and Operative Social Security (DOST) Agency functioning under the ministry, State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovations under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan (ASAN), “Uchuncu Bahar” Initiative Group and elderly persons aged 65 and above attended the event. Read more

EU, UNDP introduce a modernised vocational education workshop in Jalilabad

5 November 2019: The European Union (EU), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Azerbaijan’s Ministry of Education and the State Agency on Vocational Education opened a newly reconstructed vocational education workshop in Jalilabad district, in continuing their support for the enhancement of vocational education and development capacity in the country.

The newly renovated workshop has been introduced as part of the EU-funded initiative on Modernising Vocational Education and Training (VET) Centres in Azerbaijan. Now, the Regional VET Centre of Excellence in Jalilabad offers hands-on practices to 440 students enrolled in various programmes. Read more
Gender-Based Municipal Academy launched in Baku to support women leaders in decision-making processes

22 November 2019: EU, UNDP and the State Committee on Family, Women and Children Affairs launched a Gender-Based Municipal Academy in Baku. This Academy is a non-formal education platform for women to increase their knowledge and skills in areas such as local governance, leadership and election observation.

Main goal of the Academy is to provide capacity-building and learning opportunities to help increase the number of women running for municipal elections in December 2019. The Academy is part of a project on Promoting Gender-Inclusive Municipalities for Implementation of the SDGs implemented by the Women for Development of Municipalities Public Union. Read more

16 Days of Activism on combating gender-based violence launched in Azerbaijan

25 November 2019: The UN Office in Azerbaijan, together with the State Committee for Family, Women and Children Affairs, launched the 16 Days Activism campaign to combat violence against women and girls (VAWG). The campaign aims to draw public attention to the VAWG phenomenon and runs throughout 16 days between 25 November and 10 December each year.

This year the organisers will try to attract the public’s attention to the problem of VAWG via a series of awareness-raising activities over the upcoming 16 days. Thus, the first day of the campaign was marked with an inception conference with participation of the representatives from government agencies, international organizations and civil society functioning in the sphere of combatting VAWG. Read more

ILO, Government of Azerbaijan held a conference on the project results for promoting decent work and inclusive economic growth

27 November 2019: International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the Government of Azerbaijan organised a conference to share the results of project “Increased progress in attaining SDGs through the promotion of decent work and inclusive economic growth in rural and urban areas in Azerbaijan”. The Conference brought together the Deputy Director of the ILO Decent Work Technical support country office Moscow, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Protection (MLSPP), the representatives of social partners, UN agencies and international organizations. The project focused on the implementation of actions aimed at strengthening the capacities of ILO social partners in the country including MLSPP, National Confederation of Trade Unions (AHIK) and Confederation of Entrepreneurs (Employers’) (ASK).

A roundtable discussion held on UNHCR assistance to internally displaced persons in Azerbaijan

1 November 2019: The Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Azerbaijan organised an event to discuss the assistance provided by the agency in the nineties and current support programmes for internally displaced persons (IDPs), as well as projects for the prevention and response to gender and gender-based violence and legal assistance activities.

Along with UN officials, head of the State Committee for Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons, the Commissioner for Human Rights and deputy chair of the State Committee for Family, Women and Children participated in the event.
Innovative programmes to be realised in the field of Children’s Rights


UNICEF and ASAN plan to support social development and protection of the rights of children in the country, through joint projects ranging from raising public awareness on the issues of child rights and early childhood development, to use of innovation and existing platforms of ASAN to create solutions to social unmet needs in such areas as education, child protection, youth and adolescent development and participation. Some example of joint work will include raising awareness on child rights with the support of ASAN volunteers and through ASAN platforms. Memorandum was signed by the Chairman of the State Agency Ulvi Mehdiyev and UNICEF Representative Edward Carwardine. The signing ceremony was followed by a tour of child rights drawing exhibition. Read more

OHCHR organises informative training sessions for legal communities and students

6 November 2019: The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) hold series of training sessions for civil society organizations, representatives of the legal community and law students. The participants received information on specialized UN agencies and their mandates, legal analysis of the final records and observations of UN treaty bodies, as well as the mechanisms of participation of national partners in the promotion of human rights in the UN space. They were also provided publications translated into Azerbaijani language by OHCHR. The training sessions were organised within the framework of the enhancing the capacity of national actors in promoting and protecting human rights project implemented by the OHCHR with financial support of EU.

IOM publishes toolkit for preventing violent extremism through youth advocacy

6 November 2019: IOM Azerbaijan published translation of a special toolkit within the framework of its collaboration with Youth Houses under the ‘Public Action for Resilience’ (PAR) Activity, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). A toolkit for preventing violent extremism through informing youth is developed by the European Youth Information and Counselling Agency (ERYICA). It includes tools for preparing young people with the resilience and critical thinking skills to help them to assess information sources, without the risk of censorship or further alienation. The online version is available at IOM Azerbaijan’s website. Download here
Within 16 Days of Activism on combating gender-based violence, informative posters are displayed on public places in Baku and regions. Photo/ UNFPA Azerbaijan

UN House in Azerbaijan hosted pupils of Evrika lyceum, Baku. UN RC met with schoolchildren and answered their questions on global challenges and SDGs. Baku, 13 November 2019. Photo/ UNO Baku