



## ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

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### DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS IN AZERBAIJAN

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## AGENDA

(Languages: Azeri, English)

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| 09.30 – 10.00 | Registration  |
| 10.00 – 10.25 | <p>Opening.<br/><i>Sabit Bagirov, president of Entrepreneurship Development Foundation</i></p> <p>Welcome address:<br/><i>H.E. Mr. Roland KOBIA, Ambassador, Head of European Union Delegation to Azerbaijan.</i></p>   |
| 10.25 – 11.25 | <p>Panel 1: Development of Entrepreneurship in Azerbaijan: Current Situation<br/>Chairman: <i>Nazim Mammadov, Member of Parliament</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Legislative improvements to the development of small and medium enterprises in Azerbaijan. Ali Masimli, Member of Parliament</i></li> <li>- <i>Macroeconomic assessment of the impact of the crisis on business and competitive environment. Some results of empirical research. Gubad Ibadoglu, chairman of Economic Research Center</i></li> <li>- <i>Azerbaijan vs. EU Economies: Global Competitiveness Perspective. Fuad Aliyev, deputy chairman of Azerbaijan Marketing Society</i></li> </ul> <p>Q &amp; A</p> |
| 11.25 – 11.55 | Coffee, Tea   |

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| 11.55 – 13.00 | <p>Panel 2: Development of Small and Medium Enterprise: In what direction should we move?</p> <p>Chairman: <i>Raqib Quliyev, professor of Azerbaijan Technical University, Head of Department of Economic Theory, former head of State Committee for Support to Entrepreneurs</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Some problems in the development of SMEs. Ilkin Garayev, director of Center for Support to SME</i></li> <li>- <i>Access to finance for small businesses. Ruslan Atakishiyev, chairman of SCO "Analysis of economic resources"</i></li> <li>- <i>Protection of property rights. Fuad Agayev, lawyer</i></li> <li>- <i>Social dialogue. Fuad Rasulov, Head of Department of Economic of Xazar University</i></li> </ul> <p>Q &amp; A</p> |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | Lunch   |
| 14.00 – 14.50 | <p>Panel 3: Azerbaijan's entry into the WTO: what is the situation</p> <p>Chairman: <i>Ali Masimli, Member of Parliament</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>What is the situation? Elmar Mammadov, First Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i></li> <li>- <i>Challenges for the Agricultural Sector. Elkhan Mikailov, Head of USAID program on support to reform of trade system and investment</i></li> <li>- <i>Azerbaijan's entry into the WTO: losses and gains. Vugar Bayramov, president of Economic and Social Development Center</i></li> </ul> <p>Q &amp; A</p>   |
| 14.50 – 15.00 | Short Break   |
| 15.00 – 16.00 | <p>Panel 4: Development of SME: Role of Business Associations</p> <p>Chairman: <i>Sabit Bagirov, president of Entrepreneurship Development Foundation</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Rashad Rasullu, general secretary of Azerbaijan Turkey Business Association</i></li> <li>- <i>Jale Hajiyeva, director of Association of Microcredit Organisations</i></li> <li>- <i>Fatima Agamirzayeva, president of Association of Carpets Producers</i></li> <li>- <i>Sevgim Rahmanov, chairman of Union of Traders and Producers</i></li> </ul> <p>Q &amp; A</p>   |
| 16.00 – 16.20 | <p>Closing remarks on National Business Agenda.</p> <p><i>Sabit Bagirov</i></p>   |