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DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN AZERBAIJAN Conference

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PRESS RELEASE

Baku, Park Inn Hotel, **November 14, 2018** - The conference on "Women's Entrepreneurship Development" was held within the Global Entrepreneurship Week with the support of the USAID.

Women entrepreneurs from Baku and regions, representatives of women's business associations, ministries, diplomatic missions, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, USAID, National Confederation of Entrepreneurs (Employers') Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan, government and civil society representatives, journalists and experts attended the conference. More than 50 participants attended the conference.

Sabit Bagirov – president of the Entrepreneurship Development Foundation welcomed conference participants. The first panel of the conference was devoted to the development of women entrepreneurship in Azerbaijan. Member of Milli Majlis Vahid Ahmedov chaired the panel.

U.S. Chargé d'Affaires William Gill welcomed the participants and gave speech about the importance of women entrepreneurship development.

In the first panel, Nadir Adilov - Deputy Chairman of the Board – Small and Medium Business Development Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Sakina Babayeva - chairwoman of the Association of Azerbaijani Women Entrepreneurs, representatives of the Ministry of Economy and Ministry of Agriculture spoke about the development of women's entrepreneurship in Azerbaijan.

The second panel of the conference was dedicated to the ways of development of women's entrepreneurship in Azerbaijan. This panel was chaired by Sabit Bagirov - president of the Entrepreneurship Development Foundation.

In the second panel, Jala Hajiyeva - Executive Director of Azerbaijan Micro-finance Association and Member of the Presidium of the National Confederation of Entrepreneurs, Natavan Mammadova - Executive Director of American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) in Azerbaijan, Natalia Otel Belan - Deputy Regional Director of Center for International Private Enterprise, Murat Shukru Soykan - Director, International Relations Directorate, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Organization (KOSGEB) of the Republic of Turkey, Nargiz Mukhtarova - Chairwoman of Women Resource Center in Masalli spoke about the ways of development of women entrepreneurship in Azerbaijan.

Then, Ilkin Garayev - the Director of the Small and Medium Enterprise Development Support Center presented the results of the survey conducted among 500 entrepreneurs.

At the end of the conference, Question & Answer session was held among conference participants and speakers.

Lunch was provided for the participants of the conference.