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The 4th Baku Conference on SME

Roadmap for developing small entrepreneurship

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AGENDA

(Languages: Azeri, English)

09.00 – 09.30	Registration
09.30 – 09.45	<p>Opening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Sabit Bagirov, Entrepreneurship Development Foundation</i> <p>Welcome address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Vahid Ahmedov, Member of Parliament</i>- <i>Zaur Gasimov, Head of Entrepreneurship Department, Ministry of Economic Development</i>- <i>Aytan Gahramanova, USAID</i>
09.45 – 11.15	<p>Panel 1: Development of Entrepreneurship in Azerbaijan: Current Situation and what reforms are required for improvement SME environment.</p> <p>Chairman: <i>Vahid Ahmedov, Member of Parliament</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Business inspections Survey. Gasan Huseynov, International Finance Corporation, Baku office;</i>- <i>OECD SME Index on Azerbaijan. Ilkin Garayev, director of Center for Support to SME;</i>- <i>Economic Freedom Index on Azerbaijan (Heritage Foundation and Fraser Institute). Aykhan Nasibli, EDF;</i> <p>Q & A</p>
11.15 – 11.35	Coffee, Tea

11.35 – 12.35	<p>Panel 2: Foreign experience on SME development</p> <p>Chairman: <i>Zaur Gasimov, Head of Entrepreneurship Department, Ministry of Economic Development</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>EU Business Law and its implementation in Azerbaijan, Dr.Ragib Guliyev, Professor of Economics, Technical University;</i> - <i>Turkish SME development policy, Dr. Necla Haliloglu, director of Entrepreneurship Development Department, KOSGEB;</i> - <i>Georgian SME development policy. Dr. Paata Sheshelidze, Director of New Economic School, Georgia;</i> <p>Q & A</p>
12.35 – 12.45	Short Break
12.45 – 13.30	<p>Panel 3: Presentation of Micro-Enterprise Support Project (MESP)</p> <p>Chairman: <i>Dr. Ragib Guliyev, Professor of Economics, Technical University</i></p> <p>Presenters: <i>Dr. Sabit Bagirov, president of EDF, Dr.Gubad Ibadoglu, Chairman of Economic Research Center, Dr Azer Mehtiyev, Chairman of Centre for Support to Economic Initiatives</i></p> <p>Q & A</p>
13.30 – 14.30	Lunch
14.30 – 15.45	<p>Panel 4: Discussions on SME development in Azerbaijan and MESP</p> <p>Chairman: <i>Dr.Gubad Ibadoglu, Chairman of Economic Research Center</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Nazim Mammadov, economist;</i> - <i>Melani Shultz, Head of ACT project;</i> - <i>Israyil Isgenderov, Umid SCO;</i> - <i>Sevgim Rahmanov, Chairman of Union of Traders and Producers;</i> - <i>Conference participants</i>
15.45 – 16.00	<p>Closing remarks</p> <p><i>Sabit Bağırov</i></p>