



THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN

National progress, achievements and challenges with respect to the 2030 Agenda





PROGRESS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Azerbaijan joined the Millennium Declaration in 2000. To accelerate progress towards the MDGs, a number of the state programmes, which were addressing a wide range of economic and social development issues, was endorsed and successfully executed. Specifically,

- ❖ *The State Programme on Poverty Reduction and Economic Development in the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2003-2005 (SPPRED)*
- ❖ *The State Programme on Poverty Reduction and Sustainable Development in the Republic of Azerbaijan for 2008-2015 (SPPRSD)*





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*Absolute poverty rate dropped from **49.0%** to **4.9%**;*

*Share of the poorest quintile in consumption rose from **12.2%** to **15.4%**;*

*Share of underweight children under 5 years of age dropped from **6.8%** to **0.6%**.*

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*Literacy rate of 15-24 year olds rose to **100%**;*

*Net enrollment rate in primary education rose to **99.8%**;*

*Primary completion rate increased from **92.8%** to **100%**.*

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*Unemployment rate among women dropped from **12.7%** to **5.9%**;*

*Gender Parity Index was **0.99** in primary education, **0.99** in secondary education and **1.07** in tertiary education;*

*Proportion of seats held by women in the Parliament rose from **10.7%** to **16.8%**.*

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*Under-five mortality rate per 1,000 live births dropped from **30.5** to **13.3**;*

*Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births dropped from **16.4** to **11.0**;*

*Measles immunization rate among 1-year olds equaled **98.1%**.*

MDGs





*Maternal mortality rate (per 100,000 live births) dropped from **37.6** to **14.4**;*

*Share of births attended by skilled medical staff rose from **92.1%** to **99.8%**.*

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*Incidence of malaria per 100,000 population dropped from **19.4** to **0**;*

*Incidence of tuberculosis (per 100,000 population) dropped from **178.6** to **101.1**, new cases of tuberculosis dropped from **64.3** to **41.9** and death rate from tuberculosis dropped from **14.9** to **5.1**.*

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MDGs

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*Proportion of the population with access to drinking water sources reached **89.2%** in 2015;*

*Percentage of the population with access to sanitation rose to **94.3%** in 2015.*

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*Number of Internet users per 100 population rose from **8** to **77**;*

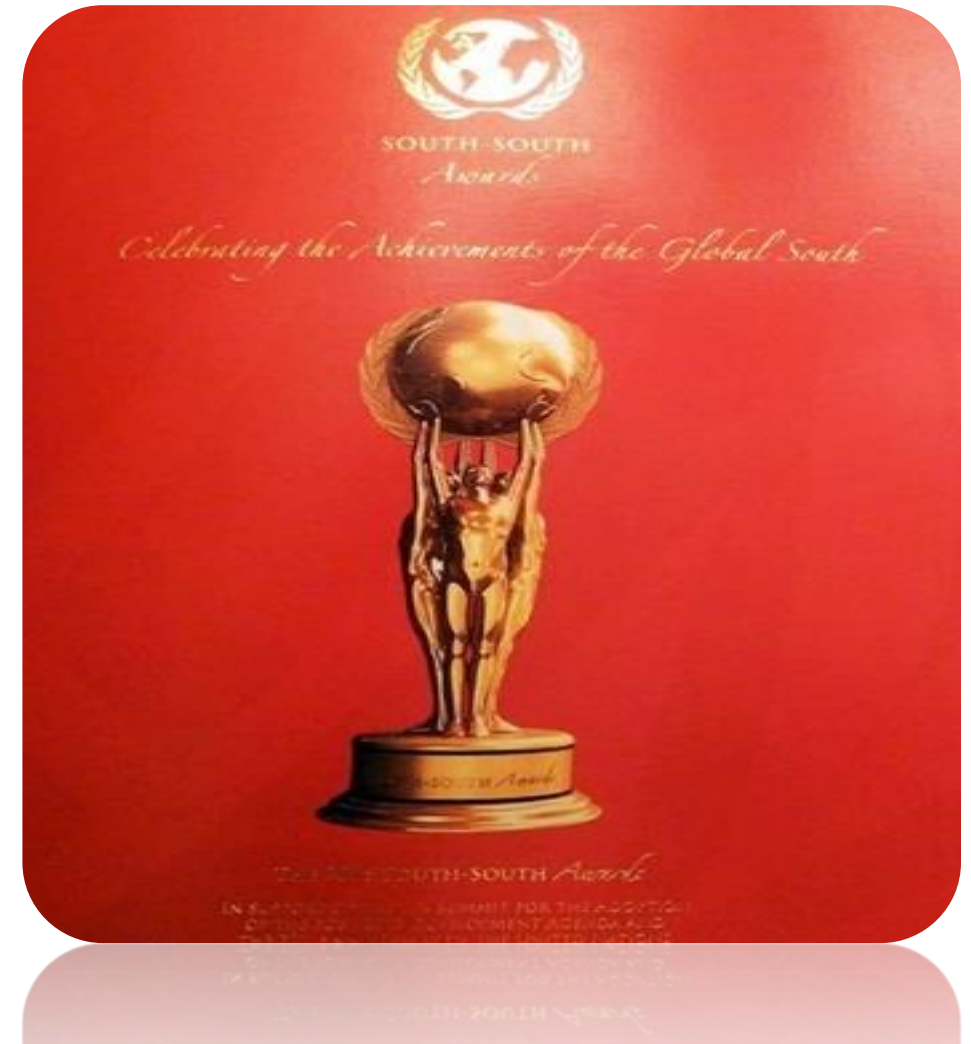
*Youth unemployment rate (15-24 years olds) dropped from **22.0%** to **13.4%**. The rate decreased among female youths from **25.4%** to **15.8%**.*





PROGRESS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In recognition of its outstanding achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, Azerbaijan received the **2015 South-South Award**

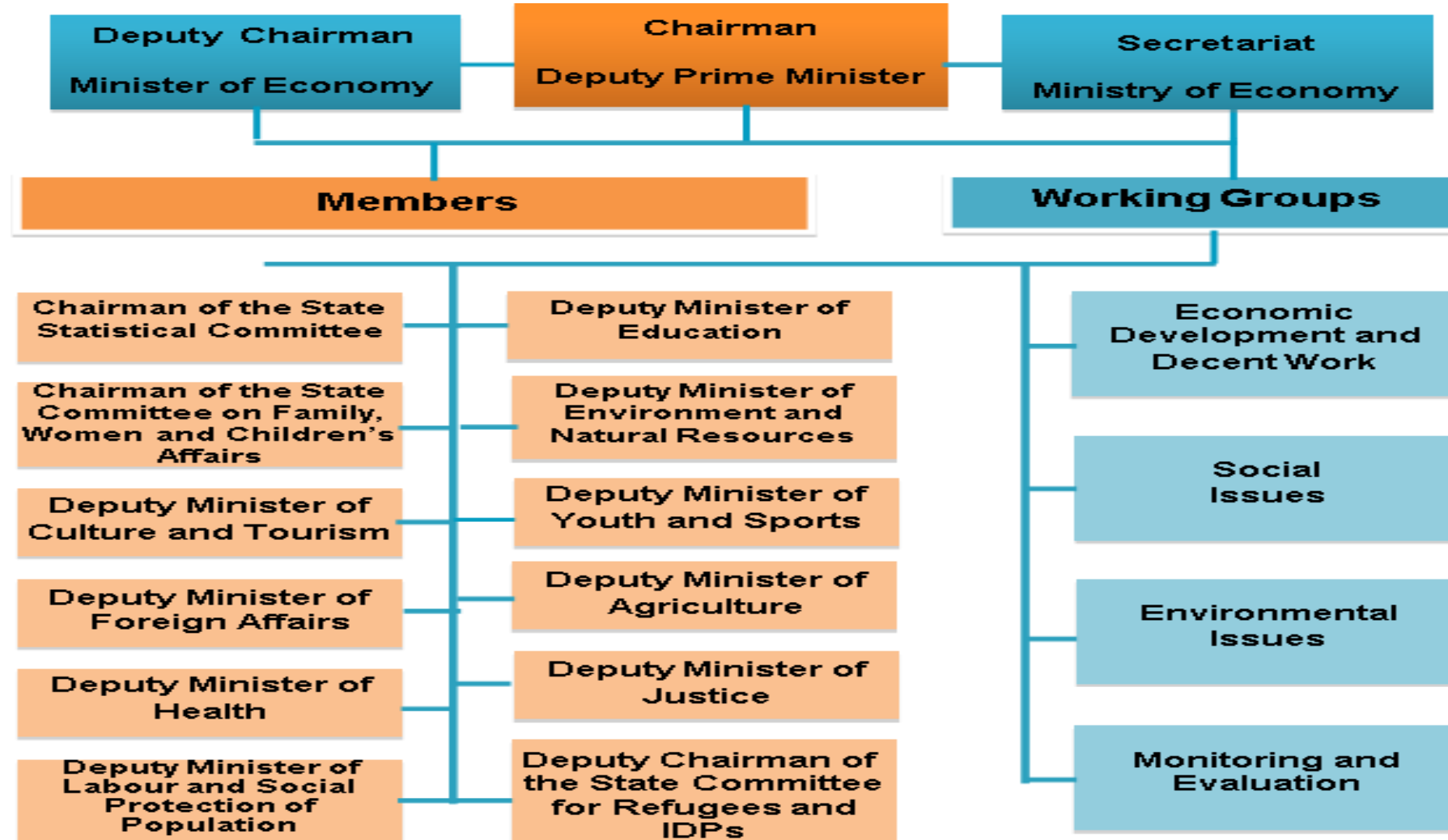




INSTITUTIONAL BASIS

Pursuant to the Decree issued by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on **6 October 2016** , the **National Coordination Council for Sustainable Development** was established.

National Coordination Council for Sustainable Development of the Republic of Azerbaijan



➤ A provisional list of prioritized goals, targets and indicators has been made for alignment with national priorities for sustainable development and corresponding targets as well as national policies and strategies which aim to boost socio-economic development.

➤ The localization and prioritization of SDGs indicators have already been selected and the document will be confirmed in upcoming October.





ALIGNING SDGS TO NATIONAL PRIORITIES

- ❖ With support from UN experts in applying a Rapid Integrated Assessment (RIA) tool for a gap analysis to determine the relevance of the SDGs, a mapping of national strategies and the relevant sector plans against the SDG targets was executed to set national priorities and corresponding indicators;
- ❖ Efforts are underway to draft national priorities for sustainable development of Azerbaijan and their corresponding indicators, as well as to mainstream the SDGs into national policies and strategies to foster socio-economic development in the country;
- ❖ Intensive measures are underway, in cooperation with the respective UN experts, to integrate the SDG targets into national sustainable development priorities.



ALIGNMENT AND INTEGRATION INTO SDGs

MAPS Mission

On 30 May – 3 June 2017 with support from the UN Headquarters, a MAPS (Mainstreaming, Acceleration and Policy Support) mission consisting of 9 experts from UNDP, UNICEF, ILO, and UNFPA) have visited the country.

The primary objective pursued by the mission was to provide policy and technical support to the government in aligning national development priorities with the SDGs.



MAPS Mission Recommendations

MAPS Mission emphasized that the alignment of state programs and strategies to the SDG is around 65%. (Total 84 targets out of 132 targets). However when RIA matrix filled by the government entities, Strategic Road Maps were not considered as it was in preparation period. RIA matrix now updated in line with Strategic Road Maps.

MAPS suggests to prolong the Development Agenda (2020) until 2030.

THE PROJECTS FOR THE INTEGRATION INTO SDGs

- The Employment Strategy of the Republic of Azerbaijan (2017-2030)
- The project: Targeted Indicators of the Republic of Azerbaijan in accordance with the Protocol on Water and Health of the Convention on the Protection and Use of boundary Watercourses and International Lakes.
- Statistic Development Program (2018-2023)



PROJECTS WITH UN ON SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- ✓ **The National Coordination Council for Sustainable Development** contributed to the development of a draft advocacy strategy for the SDGs for the period of 2017-2018, which was prepared with support from the UN Office in Azerbaijan and will engage a national, regional and local stakeholders including civil society, business owners and mass media to raise public awareness about the global goals and successful implementation of 2030 Agenda.
- ✓ **“Assistance to Azerbaijan State for implementing Sustainable Development Goals”** project is being implemented by **UNDP** to assist the **Secretariat of the National Coordination Council** in supporting localization of the SDGs and alignment of national programmes and strategies for the socio-economic development to the global goals.



PROJECTS WITH UN ON SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- ✓ The second face of the project entitled “Assistance to the Secretariat of the National Coordination Council on Sustainable Development of Azerbaijan Republic for implementing Sustainable Development Goals” has already started in May, 2018 in order to support SDG localization process.
- ✓ 2-year project namely “Promoting the Role of Civil Society in Gender-Sensitive SDG Implementation” already started within implemented of UNDP with the EU financial support.
- ✓ “Inclusive employment” project within financial support of Government and UNDP is underway to support the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population of Azerbaijan Republic which is fully aligned with SDG 8.





THE FIRST VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW

On 10-19 July 2017, Azerbaijan submitted its first VNR at the High-Level Political Forum in New York, which was captured a set of six identified SDGs (namely SDGs 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, and 14) and SDG 17 on Strengthening the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

VNR consists of summary, introduction and 10 sections. These sections envisage the process and methodology, achievements, policy measures and favorable environment established for SDGs, international participation and future steps for achieving target and goals of sustainable development



AZERBAIJAN'S FIRST VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW



1 NO POVERTY



Reduce poverty by 1% by:

- creating additional jobs;
- increasing the minimum salaries and pensions;
- improve the social protection system

2 ZERO HUNGER



Significantly improve quality of life and ration of the vulnerable strata of the population based on:

- a targeted social assistance for the most vulnerable families;
- improving food security in the country;

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



Improve quality of the healthcare system through:

- boosting state funding for the healthcare;
- transition to mandatory medical insurance

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5 GENDER
EQUALITY



Advance gender equality by encouraging women's active participation in:

- ☐ - economy;
- ☐ - political life;
- ☐ - CSOs

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Develop new sectors of industrial manufacturing underpinned by diversified economy and initiating new infrastructural projects;

14 LIFE BELOW
WATER



Further improve drinking water quality by:

- effective water resources management
- substantial increase in portable water production



On 19 July 2017, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Chairman of the National Coordinating Council for Sustainable Development presented the First National Volunteer Review of Azerbaijan.



HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM
ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



AZERBAIJAN'S SECOND VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW



Azerbaijan will submit the second voluntary national review in accordance with the thematic plan “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality”, five SDGs (namely SDGs 4, 8, 10, 13, and 16) and SDG 17.





RAISING AWARENESS AND ENGAGING KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Panel Discussion on the Role of Civil Society in Achieving the SDGs in Azerbaijan



Panel Discussion entitled
“The SDGs: Women and Development”



RAISING AWARENESS AND ENGAGING KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Panel Discussion on the Role of Science and Research in Achieving the SDGs in Azerbaijan



An Open Lesson entitled “**The Sustainable Development Goals: Education Can Change the World**” hosted by one of the UNESCO Associated Schools in Azerbaijan



Sustainable Development Goals stands in the Baku National Boulevard

The SDGs stands will be on display for the next four consecutive months in a hectic place of the Baku National Boulevard, which hosts tens of thousands of visitors every day.



Deputy Prime Minister of Azerbaijan and UN Resident Coordinator inaugurated the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) stands in the Baku National Boulevard.



RAISING AWARENESS AND ENGAGING KEY STAKEHOLDERS

*The Government of Azerbaijan, in partnership with the UN Office in Azerbaijan, developed **Advocacy Campaign Strategy on the SDGs for 2017-2018**, which is guided by the principle of leaving no one behind.*



Youth



Private sector



Parliament



Regions



PARLIAMENTS ENGAGEMENT WITH THE SDGs



In order to create the enlightenment and advocacy between SDGs and Parliament, the illustrated toolkit has been translated into Azerbaijani language within the support and initiative of the Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Furthermore, the large-scale meeting with parliamentarians was at the National Assembly of the Republic of Azerbaijan in November, 2017.





REPUBLIC INNOVATION CONTEST



- ✓ Supporting the implementation of the goals of the United Nations Sustainable Development Agenda
- ✓ Encourage innovation, and support the implementation of the "Azerbaijan 2020: Outlook for the Future" Development Concept and the "Strategic Road Map on the Production of Consumer Goods at Small and Medium Enterprises"
- ✓ About 200 projects covering the economic, social and environmental spheres have been submitted to the contest organized by the Ministry of Economy.

REPUBLIC INNOVATION CONTEST 2030



There was signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Transport, Communication and High Technologies of the Republic of Azerbaijan, State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovations under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and National Academy of Sciences in order to coordinate joint activities on organizing annual Innovation Contest.



BAKU FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

25-26 October 2018

Forum will be to share regional experiences on SDGs nationalization process focusing on countries where MAPS Platform have been undertaken and SDGs accelerators are being implemented

Forum will focus on challenges of implementation of SDG's (SDG 4, SDG8, SDG 10, SDG13, SDG16 and SDG17) in line with the thematic plan of 2019's HLPF which is “Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality”.





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- ✓ *Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality*
- ✓ *An interactive discussion on the role of youth, women, the private sector, parliament, civil society and other stakeholders on the way of the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals.*
- ✓ *The role of United Nations Mainstreaming, Acceleration and Policy Support (MAPS Mission) in achievement of Sustainable Development Goals.*
- ✓ *Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels*
- ✓ *Strengthening the partnership about the clean water supply and against climate change, and its impacts for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals.*



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During the forum, a joint declaration is expected to be signed between the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe with the aim to promote and to strengthen the partnership in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Agenda by 2030.



NEXT STEPS

- ❖ Raising public awareness of the SDGs country-wide and create a conducive environment for their achievement, within the Advocacy Campaign Strategy on the SDGs for 2017-2018 which is guided by the principle of leaving no one behind and by engaging all concerned stakeholders;
- ❖ Boosting efforts for integrating the global SDGs, targets and indicators into the national development agenda;
- ❖ Finalizing the establishment of a monitoring and evaluation system on the SDGs, at both central and local levels, to monitor the progress made in their achievement;
- ❖ Exploring opportunities to generate reliable and disaggregated statistics, particularly on gender, age groups, urban/rural dimensions, sectors, and regions/administrative regions;
- ❖ Building statistical capacity for the SDGs within a joint initiative of the UN and the State Statistical Committee of Azerbaijan on establishing a database for the SDGs;
- ❖ Strengthening international partnerships for achieving the SDGs.



THANK YOU FOR ATTENTION!

