ADA University and The Agency for Quality Assurance in Education

Fostering Quality at Institutions of Higher Education

Second ADA Symposium on Quality Assurance in Higher Education

ADA University - 25 and 26 September 2025

THURSDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2025

09.30 – 09.45	Welcome Speech (in Azerbaijani) Dr. Elkin Nurmammadov (Vice Rector of Academic Affairs, ADA University)
09.45 – 10.00	Presentation (in Azerbaijani) ***Recent Developments in Institutional and Program Accreditation at Local HEIs: Prospects, Challenges and Expectations in Light of Quality Assurance Practices*** Tural Ahmadov, M.A. (Chair of the Board of TKTA)
10.00 – 11.15	Panel Discussion (in Azerbaijani) ***External Quality Assurance: Contexts and Perspectives*** Prof. Dr. Shahriyar Mukhtarov (Head of PhD Program, Vistula University, Poland) Dr. Araz Aslanli (Vice Rector for Strategic Development, Azerbaijan Tourism and Management University) Dr. Samir Guliyev (Head of the Accreditation and Licensing Unit, TKTA) Eldeniz Guliyev, M.A. (Head of the Human Resources Department, Azmade Group) Nazrin Abdullayeva (Undergraduate Student, The Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan) Moderator: Tural Ahmadov, M.A. (Chair of the Board of TKTA)
11.15 – 11.30	Tea Break
11.30 – 13.00	Seminar (in English) ***Closing the Loop: Linking and Closing Internal and External QA Cycles*** Frank Niedermeier, M.A. (Co-Head of the Center for Quality Development, University of Potsdam, Germany)
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch Break
14.00 – 15.30	Workshop (in English) ***A Quality Approach to Teaching and Learning: Constructive Alignment*** Dr. Maurus Roller (Director, Quality Assurance and Accreditation, ADA University)

09.45 – 10.30	Interactive Presentation (in English) ***Project Management in Quality Assurance: A Practical Approach*** Dr. Maurus Roller (Director, Quality Assurance and Accreditation, ADA University)
10.30 – 11.15	Breakout Group Discussion (in Azerbaijani) ***Managing Projects to Achieve Quality Outcomes: The Practical Context of Azerbaijani HEIs*** Symposium Participants Moderator: Rahman Rahimli (Specialist, Quality Assurance and Accreditation, ADA University)
11.15 – 11.30	Tea Break
11.30 – 12.15	Presentation (in Azerbaijani) ***Driving Quality Assurance and Sustainability: Harmonizing Rankings, SDGs, and Quality Assurance Mechanisms*** Dr. Asiman Ilyasov (Advisor to the Rector on Quality Assurance, Baku State University)
12.15 – 13.00	Presentation (in Azerbaijani) ***Fostering Quality at Institutions of Higher Education: The Significance of Human Resource Development*** Gulnur Isparova, M.A. (Chief of Organization and Personnel, ADA University)
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch Break
14.00 – 15.30	Workshop (in English) ***Ensuring the Quality of Study Programs: Program Evaluation, Monitoring and Review*** Frank Niedermeier, M.A. (Co-Head of the Center for Quality Development, University of Potsdam, Germany)
15.30 – 16.00	Presentation of Certificates Dr. Elkin Nurmammadov (Vice Rector of Academic Affairs, ADA University)