

# Advancing Higher Education: Quality Assurance, Program Design, and Innovation

01 and 02 October 2026  
ADA University

## THURSDAY, 01 OCTOBER

- 09:30 – 09:45** WELCOME SPEECH (IN AZERBAIJANI)  
*Dr. Elkin Nurmammadov (Vice Rector of Academic Affairs, ADA University)*
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- 09:45 – 10:15** FOCUSED PRESENTATION (IN AZERBAIJANI)  
**Emerging Trends in Higher Education Quality Assurance Systems**  
*Tural Ahmadov, M.A. (Chair of the Board of TKTA)*
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- 10:15 – 11:15** INTERACTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION (IN AZERBAIJANI)  
**Post-accreditation Strategies for Institutional Development**  
*Prof. Nurali Yusifbayli (Rector, Sumgait State University)*  
*Associate Prof. Rufat Azizov (Rector, Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University)*  
*Associate Prof. Zafar Gurbanov (Rector, Azerbaijan State Agricultural University)*  
*Dr. Razia Isaeva (Rector, Khazar University)*  
*Moderator: Mehpara Yusifli, M.A. (Leading Advisor, Accreditation and License Unit, TKTA)*

## 11:15 – 11:30 TEA BREAK

- 11:30 – 12:15** SEMINAR (IN AZERBAIJANI)  
**Internal Quality Assurance: Monitoring and Assessment Mechanisms**  
*Associate Prof. Elchin Jafarov (Head of the Analytical Analysis Unit, TKTA)*

- 12:15 – 13:00** SEMINAR (IN ENGLISH)  
**Accreditation et al.: Ways to Improve the Quality Assurance System**  
*Frank Niedermeier, M.A. (Co-Head of the Center for Quality Development, University of Potsdam, Germany)*

## 13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

- 14:00 – 14:45** SEMINAR (IN AZERBAIJANI)  
**Completing the Accreditation Cycle: Ways of Dealing with Agency Requirements**  
*Humay Mammadli, B.A. (Administrator, Accreditation, ADA University)*

- 14:45 – 15:30** INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION (IN AZERBAIJANI)  
**Fostering Graduate Employment: The Role of Career Services**  
*Tarana Aslanova, M.A. (Manager, Career Services, ADA University)*

- 15:30 – 16:15** SEMINAR (IN ENGLISH)  
**Developing Student Competencies: A Broad Perspective**  
*Dr. Maurus Roller (Director, Quality Assurance and Accreditation, ADA University)*

## FRIDAY, 02 OCTOBER

09:45 – 11:15

WORKSHOP (IN ENGLISH)

### **Developing Study Programs: The Process of Mapping Learning Outcomes**

*Dr. Maurus Roller (Director, Quality Assurance and Accreditation, ADA University)*

11:15 – 11:30

TEA BREAK

11:30 – 12:15

INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION (IN AZERBAIJANI)

### **Improving Study Programs: The Significance of Program Accreditation**

*Aysel Rzayeva, M.Sc. (Head of the Quality Assurance Department, BHOS)*

12:15 – 13:00

BREAKOUT GROUP DISCUSSION (IN AZERBAIJANI)

### **Developing and Improving Study Programs: Approaches, Achievements, and Challenges at Azerbaijani HEIs**

*Symposium Participants*

*Moderators:*

*Rahman Rahimli, M.A. (Specialist, Quality Assurance and Accreditation, ADA University)*

*Hamida Jafarova, M.A. (Specialist at the Quality Assurance Department, BHOS)*

13:00 – 14:00

LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 15:30

WORKSHOP (IN ENGLISH)

### **Managing AI in Teaching and Learning: Implications for Quality Assurance**

*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)*