REPORT

**Training for trainers, Support to Civil Society Organizations in the implementation of SDGs, including advocacy, monitoring and evaluation.**

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The TOT took place on March 11-13 in Hilton hotel, Baku, Azerbaijan. The goal of the TOT was to prepare a pool of trainers proficient in conducting two types of training: 1.Developing gender-responsive projects for SDG implementation, for CSOs and 2. Monitoring and Evaluation of SDG implementation. The result is designed to ensure further dissemination of knowledge and skills central for gender-responsive SDG implementation in Azerbaijan on national and local level while supporting pivotal role of civil society organizations as both implementers and evaluators of the process.

Training participants included the representatives of 10 local non-governmental organizations working in many areas significant for SDG implementation, including education, transparency, business development and economic empowerment, gender equality, education, children’s rights and rights of people with disability, social assistance, legal education and accountability of local governance.

The TOT continued for 3 days and included 4 training modules and over 20 topics. TOT materials prepared participants to conduct advocacy on SDGs, develop general and targeted information campaigns, train various audiences on how to develop and implement SDGs through local and national projects with strong gender-responsive element. THE TOT also prepared future trainers to conduct inclusive monitoring and evaluation of SDG projects.

Methodology: The training used a rich set of concepts deriving from Gender Studies and SDG framework. The TOT included presentations, question-answer sessions, analysis of international and local initiatives, experience sharing among all participants, discussions and simulation exercises.

In the course of the TOT trainer and participants developed a list of recommendations to maximise efficient use of knowledge and skills obtained by new trainers and strengthen civil society’s role in SDG nationalization and localization

1. Organize a meeting between new trainers and NCC to introduce NCC staff to the pool of trainers on SDGs
2. Develop a roster with names and short bios of the trainers to be placed on NCC’s website for easy access of organizations and government bodies looking for SDG training
3. Create and support an on-line library of SDG-related resources in Azerbaijani
4. Organize regular discussions, talks and on-line forums focusing on various aspects of SDG implementation with close participation of new trainers.