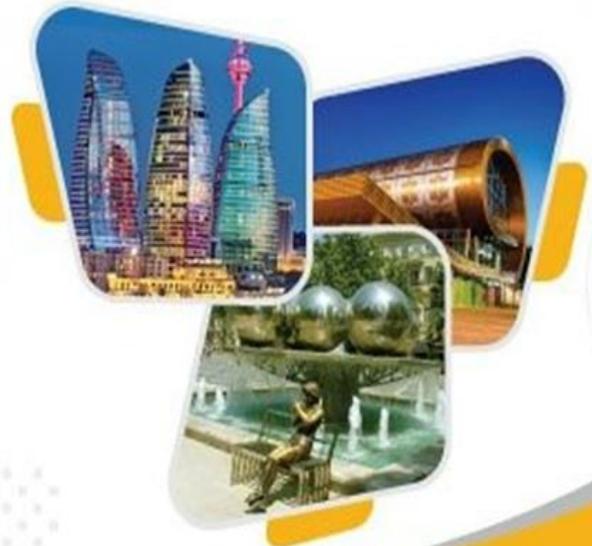




Conference on  
"Youth as Ambassadors  
for Cultural Diversity and Peace"  
**BAKU, AZERBAIJAN**

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## ***YOUTH AS AMBASSADORS FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND PEACE***

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### **Executive Summary**

The 21 International ATR Conference was organized in Baku, Azerbaijan from May 25, 2022. The main purpose of this year conference was to celebrate Youth International day in regard to role of youth as ambassador for peace and cultural diversity. This year 32 participants from Organizational, Professional and General membership category traveled to make the conference a successful one. The main objective of 21 ATR conference was:

- To provide an opportunity to Network members' professionals from across Pakistan to come together for mutual learning through experience-sharing and cross-fertilization of ideas.
- To promote indigenous models of development internationally and learn from international best practices for replication in Pakistan.
- Youth can act as a bridge between cultures and serve as key agents in promoting peace and intercultural understanding.

The speakers of the conference were Ms. Tarana Suleymanli, Director, Azerbaijan Democratic Students and Youth Organization (ADSAYO) as special guest, and Mr. Muhammad Mobeen Yaqub, a Pakistani professional working with FINCA Bank, Azerbaijan.

### **Context of ATR:**

The Annual Trainers' Retreat's primary objective is to provide an opportunity for trainers to gather once a year and learn about new breakthroughs and developing concepts in the world of human resource development, as well as to enhance their skills and expertise through the exchange of ideas and perspectives. It is also to allow them to rest and recharge, since the gathering provides a casual setting away from their daily schedules. The gathering is principally designed to be a retreat. During the year, trainers have to produce seminars, conferences, training events, and workshops; they often operate amid the stress and work pressure.

Now since they are no longer in the spotlight, they can interact with specialists in relaxed circumstances. During the retreat, they are free to ask questions and even afford of making mistakes. As a result, the vast presence of HRD specialists from all walks of life offers a special platform for the development of the HR community in the country. The following particular objectives are part of the yearly trainers' retreat.

- Give HRD specialists the opportunity to meet up for mutual learning via the exchange of experiences and ideas.
- Circulate and assist in teaching best practices in human resource development.
- Assist in the growth of the HRD community in a relaxed and enjoyable setting.

The 21st Annual Trainers' Retreat 2022 was a success as participants from across the country actively involved in building capacity in the development sector were part of the event. Ms. Tarana Suleymanli BoD Member Azerbaijan Democratic Students and Youth Organization (ADSAYO), Mr. Muhammad Mobeen Yaqoob CFO FINCA-Azerbaijan, Dr. Roomi S.Hayat Chairperson HRDN and Ms. Robeela Bangash CEO HRDN were the speakers.

The Conference proceedings were moderated by Mr. Muzaafar Uddin HRDN Professional Member. He very kindly demonstrated interest in the event and coordinated the whole day. Without the help and support of all the volunteers and Board members, arranging this event would not have been possible, and HRDN warmly recognizes their contributions. HRDN would also like to extend its sincere gratitude to all of the speakers and volunteers who assisted the Secretariat in planning the event, and in especially to the HRDN members whose behaviour throughout the Retreat was a remarkable display of discipline and enthusiasm.

Proceedings of the Conference:

### Youth as Ambassador for Cultural Diversity and Peace

Today, there are 1.2 billion young people aged 15 to 24 years, accounting for **16 per cent** of the global population. Youth can be involved in promoting peace through future local development and assume important roles in the resolution of conflicts within their communities. Thus, **building their capacity as peacebuilding actors is key to strengthening democratic governance and solving problems at the local and national levels.**

Three-quarters of the world's major conflicts have a cultural dimension. Bridging the gap between cultures is **urgent and necessary** for peace, stability, and development.

Peace is more than the absence of war. Peace based upon justice, human rights and democracy has to include peace within each state and not only between states. Social cohesion and social justice, together with respect for diversity and gender equality, are essential dimensions of peace and of sustainable democratic societies.

A community that lives in peace is a community where each individual is able to exercise his or her human rights and to actively participate in society without fearing that his or her safety might be jeopardized due to his or her ethnic, religious, linguistic, or cultural background."

**"A Peace Ambassador is a mediator, a person able to understand different mentalities and cultures."**

The Nobel Peace Prize laureate Adolfo Perez Esquivel (2015) stresses the idea that new generations should 'understand, engage and fight to build a different society, one in which peace is the foundation of life on a personal, social, political, economic and spiritual level and in which atrocities such as Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings, concentration camps and wars are never again repeated." Esquivel further notes, "True hope for the future consists of shaping young minds capable of making a difference." He says, "War is born in the minds of men, and if we are to find new paths toward the resolution of conflicts, we must disarm the armed conscience." Esquivel's argument on the need to shape young minds to find new paths towards resolution of conflicts takes us to different approaches youth can take to contribute to peacebuilding.

The "Culture of peace" concept was first defined during the International Congress on «Peace in the Minds of Men», organized by UNESCO in Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire, According to the definition adopted by the

United Nations General Assembly, a Culture of Peace consists “of values, attitudes and behaviours that reflect and inspire social interaction and sharing based on the principles of freedom, justice and democracy, all human rights, tolerance and solidarity, that reject violence and endeavour to prevent conflicts by tackling their root causes to solve problems through dialogue and negotiation and that guarantee the full exercise of all rights and the means to participate fully in the development process of their society”. In Pakistan, the concept of a Culture of Peace is rooted in the values, belief systems and forms of spirituality, local knowledge and technologies, traditions and forms of cultural and artistic expression that contribute to the respect of human rights, cultural diversity, solidarity, and the rejection of violence to build democratic societies. The idea of launching the cultural tours for a Culture of Peace draws its inspiration from the Cultural Renaissance, which advocates that culture is the most effective mean for enabling Pakistan to increase its share of worldwide scientific production and overcome the challenges of globalization.

Culture has the power to transform entire societies, strengthen local communities and forge a sense of identity and belonging for people of all ages. As a vector for youth development and civic engagement, culture plays an essential role in promoting sustainable social and economic development for future generations. Youth can act as a bridge between cultures and serve as key agents in promoting peace and intercultural understanding.

Currently young people across the world are increasingly involved in heritage protection and promotion, recognizing that heritage does not only belong to the past, but is also part of their identity. Transmitting heritage values to young people favors intercultural understanding, respect for cultural diversity and helps create an environment propitious to a culture of peace – principles which are central to the United Nation’s mission. Heritage related initiatives clearly demonstrate that culture is an indispensable driver and enabler of sustainable development. Heritage provides testimonies to, and links between, the past and present.

For the past over 2 years the COVID-19 has great impact on cultural diversity as cultural events cancelled, cultural institutions closed, community cultural practices suspended, heightened risk of looting of cultural sites and poaching at natural sites, artists unable to make ends meet and the cultural tourism sector greatly affected. The impact of COVID-19 on the cultural sector was felt around the world. This impact is social, economic, and political – it affects the fundamental right of access to culture, the social rights of artists and creative professionals, and the protection of a diversity of cultural expressions.

HRDN being known for its work for cultural diversity action could not arrange its tours to different world’s heritage sites due to Covid pandemic. To mark the **“International Cultural Diversity Day”, May 21, 2022**, HRDN organized a Conference on **Youth as Ambassador for Cultural Diversity and Peace” at Baku-Azerbaijan** along with the visits to different places of Baku and its vicinity.

The main topics to highlight the event were:

- Role of youth in cultural diversity
- Youth as the Peace keeping agent across the borders

The Conference on the mentioned topic was held on the closing day of 21st Annual Trainers’ Retreat (21 ATR 2022) at Atlas Hotel Baku, Azerbaijan, May 25<sup>th</sup> ,2022

The conference started at 11.00 am with the recitation of holy Quran. Mr. Muzaffar Uddin, HRDN Professional Member, welcomed the participants and guests to 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Trainer’s Retreat while facilitating the conference proceedings. The conference started with the introduction of participants and Conference

objectives. The round of introductions took place, objectives and agenda of the Conference and ATR were shared by the moderator. Mr. Muzaffar while explaining the visit programme stated that great learning and exchange of ideas were among the team a member.

Dr. Roomi S. Hayat Chairperson in his inaugural address flashed back on the emergence of HRDN and highlighted key milestones achieved during the long journey, which started 25 years back. He narrated that such exposure visits and Conferences, on one hand, are providing sharing, learning, and networking opportunity to their members while on the other also exposing us to cultural diversity-different people living with tolerance and respect for each other and in perfect harmony-thus broadening our vision. He further added that the main objective of such visits is enhancing understanding of different cultures and development practices and to share among the development practitioners.

The international exposure visit programme was primarily focused on youth and during initial years, youth were funded to get international exposure. In his inaugural address Dr. Roomi observed that culture has the power to transform entire societies, strengthen local communities and forge a sense of identity and belonging for people of all ages. Youth can act as a bridge between cultures and serve as key agents in promoting peace and intercultural understanding. He further stated that HRDN since its initiation has improved networking between the organizations not only within the country but also tried to bring closer the development organization of different countries and regions for sharing success stories and also, if possible, jointly develop programmes especially for youth our "FUTURE Through such initiatives and collaborations one of the HRDN's objective is to share the positive experiences and image of Pakistan to rest of the world. Mr. Roomi S. Hayat offered the ADSAYO, delegation to work together with HRDN on areas of mutual interest and mandate to promote values of democracy among the young people of both countries through their active and effective participation. He also invited the Azerbaijanian Youth from the platform of ADSAYO to explore the culture and serene natural beauty of Pakistan and built synergies for a better future and global peace.



Followed by Dr. S. Roomi's speech, Ms. Tarana Suleymanli BoD Member Azerbaijan Democratic Students and Youth Organization (ADSAYO) addressed the conference. She told that ADSAYO works primarily to promote values of democracy among the young people of Azerbaijan and advocate their needs through active youth participation. The major objective of the organization is improvement of the Socio-economic conditions of

youth, promote Arts & Humanities. She elaborated that the focus is to understand and practice value of working together, democracy, respect for humanity and empathy.



She added that ADSAYO While targeting YOUTH undertake number of activities. The projects on human rights and civic education, employment and career opportunities, young women's empowering, expanded role of rural youth in communities, early marriages, multiculturalism etc., are few to be mentioned. She further deliberated that the ADSAYO organizes youth exchange visits to different countries too. The organization is actively following UN charter of youth development and annually organize event and programmes for youth. Related to Youth Leadership Development, Ms. Tarana informed that Azerbaijan is also going through a youth bulge and with a higher literacy rate, the focus is to inculcate positive and responsible leadership for the future. ADSAYO is actively engaged with educational institutions from schools to universities and works with local NGOs.

Ms. Tarana thanked HRDN for inviting her to deliver her speech and also appreciated the efforts made by HRDN for improving networking with development organizations in Azerbaijan. She said she will look forward to organizing a visit to Pakistan to learn about the culture and good practices. All participants appreciated the role of ADSAYO in youth development in Azerbaijan and Mr. Muzaffar shared the result of the youth leadership and employment programme.

The next speaker of the conference was Mr. Muhammad Mobeen Yaqoob CFO FINCA-Azerbaijan. FINCA Azerbaijan is established in 1998 to provide access to finance for low-income entrepreneurs to support their business activities and stimulate economic growth. In 2000, the Central Bank of Azerbaijan registered and licensed FINCA Azerbaijan as a non-bank credit organization providing micro-credit to clients across Azerbaijan. Sharing FINCA's products he informed that FINCA Azerbaijan also awards scholarships to clients' children who lack financial resources to join universities and continue their professional studies. He shed the light on the role of youth in cultural diversity and peace-keeping agents across the borders.

Mr. Mobeen told in his speech that the youth population is high in Azerbaijan as it is in Pakistan. He highlighted the opportunity for the mutual benefit of both youths from each other.



At the end a roundtable was organized that team members shared their experiences and suggestion for HRDN future programme. The key points were as following:

- HRDN should continue this programme of learning with excursion as it provides exposure to diverse culture and development practices.
- The involvement of Pakistan Embassy of the visiting country should be improved.
- The duration and stay should not be less than a week.
- The frequency of tours/trips should be increased.
- The Youth should be encouraged to be a part of such trips.
- HRDN efforts in Gender development were lauded, however, the members unanimously agreed to increase women’s participation.
- The role of HRDN Members in resource mobilization and fund generation for sustainability was highlighted.
- The available donor community be re-approached to address future policies.
- HRDN should come up with training initiatives/ activities.
- The programme has been, overall, a great success in terms of both learning and visiting of places of great interest.

The conference was closed with a vote of thanks by Ms. Robeela Bangash CEO-HRDN. She appreciated the support of HRDN BoD members and the Chairperson in providing guidance in materializing the 21 ATR, the speakers of the Conference in spreading the light on an important area to strengthen the ties between the two countries and paving the way for future leaders “YOUTH” to promote peace across the borders. She expressed her gratitude to the participants for their trust in HRDN and support in making the event a great success. The efforts of the travel agent Hotel management and tour guide for smooth arrangements were also acknowledged.

She further highlighted that heritage-related initiatives clearly demonstrate that culture is an indispensable driver and enabler of sustainable development. Transmitting heritage values to young people favours

intercultural understanding, and respect for cultural diversity and helps create an environment propitious to a culture of peacebuilding.

At the feedback, session members applauded the HRDN Secretariat's efforts in organizing the conference on such an important area.



### Refreshing Moments:

The ultimate sightseeing destinations of two cities of Azerbaijan (Baku and Gabala) were the part and parcel of 21 ATR 2022.

#### Captivating “Baku”:

First visit was planned to explore and experience the medieval palaces, contemporary architecture and illuminated monuments, the rich culture and heritage, local food, and a perfect blend of historical and modern look of Baku City.

The devoutness visits to the tomb of Ukeyma Khanum (a descendant of The Islamic Prophet Muhammad) at Bibi-Heybat Mosque and the exciting city tour of Baku and its vicinity, Shahidlar Monument, Martyrs' Lane and Highland Park -the highest point of the capital of Azerbaijan mesmerized the participants. Being located on a hill it provided a magnificent panoramic view of the nearby attractions like Baku Boulevard, Baku Bay, Baku Ferris Wheel, also known as the Baku Eye and Devil's Wheel, a leisure complex named as Caspian waterfront-an eight-petalled flower five-storied structure; Crescent Hotel and Flame Towers-iconic trio of flame shaped skyscrapers that transformed the skyline of Azerbaijan's capital a reference to Azerbaijan moto-Land of Fire were the sights added to the bucket of a memorable tour.

The participants were simply obsessed with the serenity and peace of **Old city- listed as a World Heritage by UNESCO**. Defensive walls surrounding the area date from the 12th century, and the winding and narrow streets pass a number of historical sites, including the Maiden Tower, a large stone fortress built in the 12th

century and the Shirvanshahs Palace. *Aliagha Vahid's* statue aesthetically the most beautiful monument in Baku was admired.

The superb architecture of Nizami Street -the largest pedestrian street in downtown Baku named after classical Azerbaijani poet Nizami Ganjavi was a lifetime experience for most of the participants. After the sunset, the buildings were much more appealing once the city lights were on. The chandeliers connecting buildings created a spectacular view. The Street was explored by shopaholic participants and food lovers with local and international cuisine. The photo session at Fountain Square was a vital activity done at Nizami street.

### Thrilling “Shamakhi and Gabala”:

To get close to nature, culture, and history, and explore the forested valleys of the North-Eastern Region of Azerbaijan, a full day trip to Shamakhi-Gabala was organized by HRDN Secretariat. Travel into the Azerbaijan mountains made the tour special.

The spectacular view of the first Mosque of the Caucasus and one of Azerbaijan's largest and most lavish places of worship was the Jumma Mosque. The unique construction of the Mosque stands out from the other monumental buildings in Azerbaijan for its shape and size. The participants not only enjoyed the historical and religious significance but simply basked in the spirituality, elegance, tranquility as well as the architecture and historical background of the mosque- the greatest landmark of the Shamakhi region.

For nature lovers who were looking for exceptional beauty and travel experience, the visit to Ismayilli Forest located on the slopes of the Greater Caucasus Mountains was there to entertain them. Ismayilli forests contained plenty sorts of trees, which made the forests look not only green but like a colourful tableau of a painter.

Lunch was served at Orman Kafesi- Ismayilli. The beautiful restaurant covered with trees gave the effect of a deep forest. Traditional food was served in a traditional way.

The next destination on the menu was a visit to Nohur Lake near Gabala an outsized tree-lined body of water reflecting the Greater chain of mountains in its green-blue waters. It is famous for its amazing site with wonderful landscapes for people who simply want to sit down and revel in the fresh air and knowledge of an excellent view of the mountains. It also entertained participants with boats, horse carts, billiards play, walking, running, jumping, souvenirs and dry fruit to buy, and a lot of fun was added to the memories. The participants walked around the shores of the lake and enjoyed the natural paradise with very clear water, surrounded by forests and high evergreen mountains.

The stunning tall green mountains of Gabala and the adventurous cable car ride at Tufandag mesmerized the participants and other tourists. The cable car went up to 1600-1900 meters high providing a panoramic view of the Alpine scenes and Gabala at the back. During this great adventure and watching the amazing landscape participants savoured delicious local snacks at the top of the station, some with hot cups of coffee, local tea and ice cream in cloudy /rainy weather. The moments and scenes worth photographing by keeping close to the friends, clouds and a few snapshots of rare souvenirs were captured while enjoying the magical view from the top of the city and its tall mountains covered in green.

Few of the ATR participants visited Yanardag - the infamous burning mountain. It has been declared State Historical-Cultural and Natural Reserve in order to protect the natural monument. In ancient times natural eternal flames were burning in many places of Absheron.

The visit to Ateshgah often called the "Fire Temple of Baku", a castle-like religious temple used as a Hindu, Sikh, and Zoroastrian place of worship, in Surakhani town a suburb in Baku was also made.

On May 25th,2022 the delegation left Baku for Islamabad with sweet memories and strong wishes for the enhancement of Pak-Azerbaijan relations in diverse fields including tourism.



*Nohur Lake*

The group also visited the site of cable car and enjoyed the weather and ride of the cable car.



*Cable Car*



*Cable Car*

## Annexures:

### Annex-1: Participants List

Participants 21 <sup>st</sup> ATR		
Sr #	Name	Membership/Organization
1	Mr. Muhammad Sharif Khan	Lifetime
2	Mr. Abdul Shakoor	Lifetime
3	Mr. Sohail Akhter	Lifetime
4	Dr. Roomi S. Hayat	Chairperson HRDN
5	Shazia Hayat (spouse Dr. Roomi. S. Hayat)	Chairperson HRDN
6	Mr. Zahoor Hussain Khan	NRSP -Micro Finance Bank
7	Dr. Anjum Sohail	NRSP -Micro Finance Bank
8	Mr. Waqas Ashraf	NRSP -Micro Finance Bank
9	Mr. Azam Ch.	ACLA
10	Mr. Imran Nadeem	Dost Foundation
11	Mr. Allah Nawaz	TRDP
12	Mr. Muzaffar Ud Din	GBRSP
13	Mr. Masood	GBRSP
14	Mr. Shabab Waheed	GBRSP
15	Mr. Ghulam Rasool	SRSO
16	Mr. Shad Muhammad	IFAD
17	Col Anwar	GBTI
18	Mr. Azam Khan	Lasoona
19	Mr. Hameed Ullah	Lasoona
20	Ms. Samia Imran	IRM
21	Ms. Zobia Nazir	IRM
22	Mr. Sher Zaman	AKRSP
23	Mr. Niaz Ahmed	SRSO
24	Mr. Muzaffar Ud Din	GBRSP
25	Yasmin Bibi (Mrs. Muzaffar Ud Din)	GBRSP
26	Mr. Ghulam Abbas	Sukkar
27	Mr. Sadaqat Ali	Sukkar
28	Ms. Ghazala Siddique	GBTI
29	Mr. Hafeezan Bozdar	SRSO
30	Ms. Robeela Bangash	HRDN
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**Annex-2: Agenda for the Conference (21<sup>st</sup> ATR)**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Resource Person</b>
09:30	Registration of Participants	Delegation member
09:55	Recitation of Holy Quran	Delegation member
10:00	Introduction of the Participants	Delegation member
10:20	Welcome Address	Dr. Roomi S. Hayat
10:30	Role of youth in cultural diversity	Speaker from Pakistan delegation
11:00	Youth as the Peace keeping agent across the borders	Speaker from Azerbaijan
11:30	Address by the Chief Guest	H.E. Mr. Bilal Hayee- Ambassador of Pakistan to Azerbaijan
12:00	Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Distribution of Souvenirs</li><li>• Vote of thanks</li></ul>	Ms. Robeela Bangash- CEO HRDN

**Annex-3: Photo Gallery**



Departure to Azerbaijan, Allama Iqbal International Airport



Flamming Tower



Highland Park



Maiden Tower



Board Game at the street of old city



Atish Gha



Eye of Baku



Youth Conference- Baku



HRDN Souvenirs



Apkhazi Street, Mosque of Martyrs



Old City Baku



Old City Baku



Alughah Wahid Statu– Famous Poet,



Crescent Mall



Fountain Square



At Shemakhi Forest , local bread making

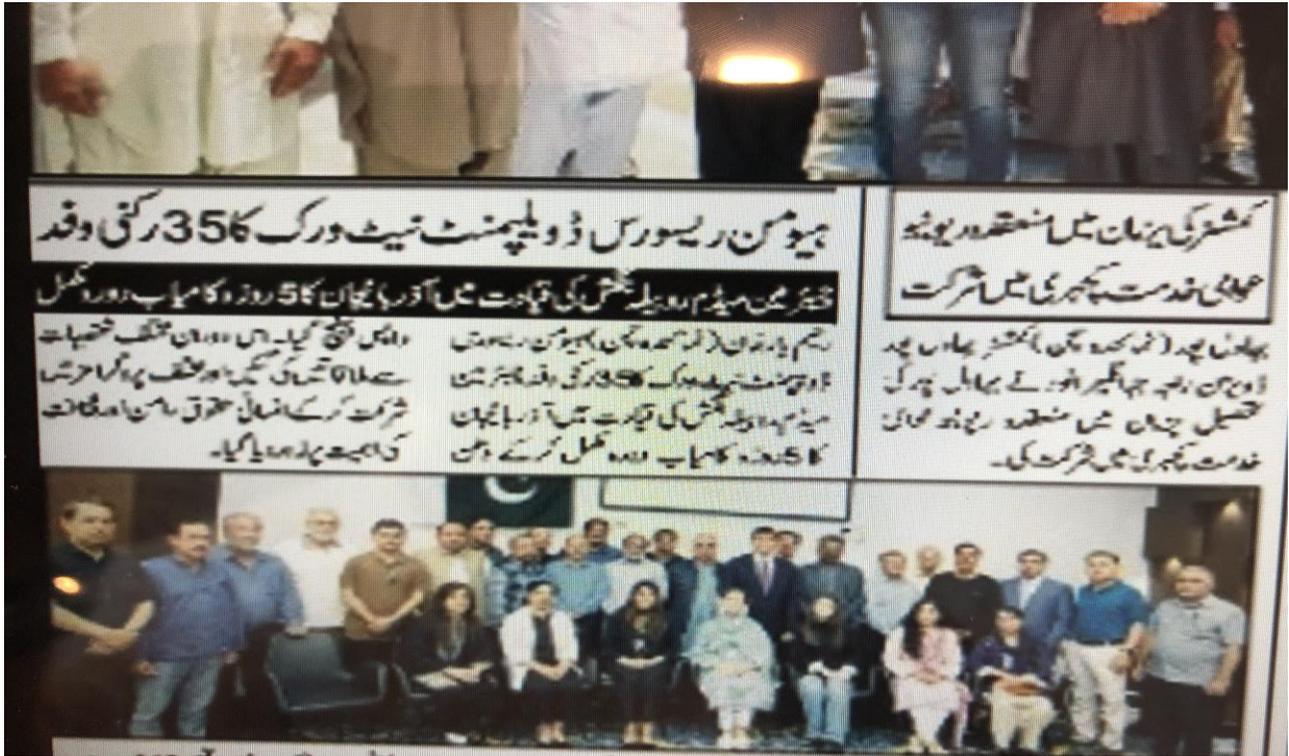


Nahur Lake



HRDN delegates members cheering





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**کشور کی زبان میں منعقدہ روپبلہ**  
**عملی خدمت سیکھری میں شرکت**  
 ہیومن ریسورس ڈویلپمنٹ ٹیٹ ورک کا 35 رکنی وفد نے آذربائیجان میں منعقدہ روپبلہ کنٹریں کی قیادت میں آذربائیجان کا 5 روزہ کامیاب دورہ مکمل کرنے کا مبارکباد پیش کیا۔ اس دوران مختلف شخصیات سے ملاقاتیں کی گئیں اور مختلف پروگرامز میں شرکت کر کے انسانی حقوق، ماحولیات اور ترقی کے شعبوں پر تبادلہ خیال کیا۔



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## زرعی سائنسدان دن رات زراعت کی ترقی کیلئے کوشاں

افسران کی بہتر کارکردگی اور جدید زرعی آلات کے استعمال سے کاشتکار خوشحال ہو سکتا ہے

ممتاز (سٹاف رپورٹر) ایڈیشنل سیکریٹری زراعت پنجاب سید نوید عالم گیلانی نے کہا ہے کہ محکمہ زراعت کے افسران کی بہتر کارکردگی اور جدید زرعی آلات کے استعمال سے کاشتکار خوشحال ہو سکتا ہے۔ ہمارے زرعی سائنسدان دن رات زراعت کی ترقی کے لئے کوشاں ہیں۔ انہوں نے افسران کو ہدایت کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ کاشتکاروں کو زرعی آلات بارے (باقی صفحہ 3 بقیہ نمبر 70)



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professionals from Pakistan participates in the conference

### INT'L CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY: HRDN ORGANISES CONFERENCE IN BAKU



ISLAMABAD, May 29: Islamabad based renowned Think Tank, HRDN organized a conference entitled “Youth as Ambassadors for Cultural Diversity and Peace” in Baku, Azerbaijan in connection with the ‘International Cultural Diversity Day, May 21,2022. A 35 members delegation of high-profile professionals and head of the organizations from Pakistan attended the conference. Dr Roomi S. Hayat Chairperson HRDN declared the conference open. In his inaugural address Dr Roomi observed that culture has the power to transform entire societies, strengthen local communities and forge a sense of identity and belonging for people of all ages. Youth can act as a bridge between cultures and serve as key agents in promoting peace and intercultural understanding.

Ms. Tarana Suleymanli BoD Member Azerbaijan Democratic Students and Youth Organization (ADSAYO) and Mr. Muhammad Mobeen Yaqoob CFO FINCA-Azerbaijan shed the light on the role of youth in cultural diversity and Peace keeping agents across the borders. Ms. Robeela Bangash, CEO-HRDN at the close of the conference thanked the speakers and the participants for making the event a big success. She highlighted that heritage related initiatives clearly demonstrate that culture is an indispensable driver and enabler of sustainable development. Transmitting heritage values to young people favors intercultural understanding, respect for cultural diversity and helps create an environment propitious to a culture of peace building. Besides attending the conference the delegation had the opportunity to visit Gabala, Atishgah and Yanardaghin Baku which are habitat of rich and diverse cultures. At the end the delegation left Baku for Islamabad with sweet memories and strong wishes for the enhancement of Pak-Azerbaijan relations in diverse fields including the tourism



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رپورٹ: ایم ایس ضیاء

موقع پر میڈیم روبیلہ بنگش نے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ دنیا میں امن و بہت کو فروغ دینا وقت کی اہم ضرورت ہے کیونکہ انسانیت سے بڑھ کر کوئی چیز نہیں ہے ہم امن کے سفیر ہیں انسانی حقوق کے تحفظ کو ہر صورت یقینی بنانا ہوگا ثقافت قوموں کی پہچان ہوا کرتی ہے پاکستان کی خوبصورت ثقافت دنیا بھر میں اپنی پہچان آپ ہے اس موقع پر انہوں نے کانفرنس کے شرکاء سے ووٹ آف کانفیڈنس لیا اس موقع پر ممبر ایچ آر ڈی این اسپیل انترچوہدری نے بھی خطاب کیا اور کہا کہ دنیا بھر میں جہاں بھی انسانی حقوق کی خلاف ورزیاں ہو رہی ہیں اس کا عالمی سطح پر فی الفور نوٹس لینا چاہیے ہم امن کے سفیر ہیں انہوں نے کانفرنس میں پاکستانی شرکاء کو اپنے ملک کی ثقافت کو اجاگر کرنے کی اہمیت بارے بھی زور دیا۔ آخر میں چیئر مین ایچ آر ڈی این اور مہمانوں نے شرکاء کانفرنس میں شیلڈز اور شوٹکیٹ دیے۔

رجیم یارخان (یورورپورٹ) ہیومن ریسورس ڈویلپمنٹ نیٹ ورک 35 رکنی وفد چیئر مین میڈیم روبیلہ بنگش کی قیادت میں آذربائیجان کا 5 روزہ کامیاب دورہ مکمل کر کے وطن واپس پہنچ گیا۔ اس دوران مختلف شخصیات سے ملاقاتیں کی گئیں اور مختلف پروگرامز میں شرکت کر کے انسانی حقوق، امن اور ثقافت کی اہمیت پر زور دیا گیا۔ باکو میں منعقدہ کانفرنس میں دونوں ملکوں کے درمیان نوجوان نسل کو بطور سفیر، ثقافت اور امن کے رجحان کی اہمیت پر زور دیا گیا۔ آذربائیجان کی طرف سے مس ترانہ سلیمانی جو آذربائیجان ڈیموکریٹک سٹوڈنٹس اور یوتھ آرگنائزیشن کی طرف سے کانفرنس میں شرکت کی اور اپنے خیالات کا اظہار کیا جبکہ چیف فائیکٹل آفسر فنکا آذربائیجان محمد مین یعقوب نے بھی خصوصی شرکت کی اور خطاب کیا۔ اس

