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## Inga Rhonda King, President

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### “Strengthening the Regional Partnership on Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)” – Baku Forum on Sustainable Development



*The ECOSOC President at the Baku Forum on Sustainable Development (25 October)*

On Thursday, in Baku, the ECOSOC President Rhonda King participated in the Baku Forum on Sustainable Development on “Strengthening the Regional Partnership on Implementation of the SDGs”. In her [remarks](#), she commended Azerbaijan for its commitment to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and she looks forward to Azerbaijan’s continued engagement and collaboration in the work of the High-level Political Forum.

achieve sustainable development”, and she stressed the need of political will and financial means to implement the SDGs. She called for effective and meaningful partnerships, a regional approach to address cross-border development challenges, such as climate change, and the need to strengthen multilateral cooperation. “At a time when multilateralism is being questioned, we need coherent global responses to address complex challenges”.

Remarks: <https://bit.ly/2EP9ADz>

She said that the “2030 Agenda provides us a blueprint of what needs to be done to

### “Shaping a New World and a New Humanity: Creativity and Human Development” – Baku International Humanitarian Forum

On Thursday, the ECOSOC President delivered [remarks](#) at the Baku International Humanitarian Forum on “Shaping a New World and a New Humanity: Creativity and Human Development”. She expressed her concerns about the serious humanitarian crises that the world faces, highlighting that nearly “134 million people need humanitarian assistance and protection”.



*The ECOSOC President at the Baku International Humanitarian Forum (25 October)*

The ECOSOC President, speaking at the plenary session on “Education and Science in the Context of Human Capital Development”, stressed the importance of ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education. She stated that “Education is both a goal and a means for attaining all the other Sustainable Development Goals”. Ambassador King also addressed the importance of using frontier technologies to help people in need to access education, healthcare and markets. She called on governments to strengthen the enabling

environment and institutional architecture to ensure quality education for all. In that context, the ECOSOC President highlighted that the high-level political forum in July will review implementation of six individual Sustainable Development Goals including quality education (SDG4) and peaceful societies (SDG16). She concluded that “we all bear a common responsibility to work together towards a more inclusive, equitable and empowered society”.

Remarks: <https://bit.ly/2qfr9CJ>

## Meeting with the United Nations Resident Coordinator and the UN Country Team in Azerbaijan



*The ECOSOC President meeting with UN representatives in Baku (26 October)*

On Friday, the President of the Economic and Social Council met with Mr. Ghulam Isaczai, UN Resident Coordinator in Azerbaijan. Ambassador King praised the Resident Coordinator and UN country team (UNCT) for their support to the national implementation of the 2030 Agenda and Voluntary Nations Reviews (VNRs) in Azerbaijan. They spoke about the involvement of the UNCT in the current preparation of the 2019 VNR, and the importance of showing progress and advancement in realizing the 2030 Agenda.

During her discussions, the President also focused on the reform of the UN Development System. She informed the Resident Coordinator and UNCT about the ECOSOC’s Operational Activities for Development Segment for 2019, to be held on 21-23 May 2019. Ambassador King also stressed that the next round of deliberations on the guidance to the operational activities of the UN development system will intensify next year. She said that the Resident Coordinator and UN country team are a very critical part of the architecture that

supports Member States to achieve their development priorities in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).