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Strengthening Civil Society in Azerbaijan: Best Practices and New Opportunities

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Main points in the presentation

- Best practices for civil society in Azerbaijan
- International relations of the NGO Council and NGO sector
- New laws regulating NGO activities
- Center for Social Investment



Best practices for CS in Azerbaijan

- *Analysis of the third sector in Azerbaijan: opportunities and gaps;*
- *Sharing the experience of the British model of cooperation between SC, government and private sector;*
- *The impact of this cooperation on the society, economy and politics;*
- *Organizing seminars, conferences and different activities in the capital and the regions of Azerbaijan.*



International Relations

- *Benefits for the NGO Council and NGOs in Azerbaijan to join the networks in the UK and Europe for expertise and cooperation;*
- *Establishing international relations with the overseas civil society institutions;*
- *Organizing joint conferences, competitions and different activities to further strengthen SC in Azerbaijan;*
- *Organizing study tours for the staff of the NGO Council and civil society institutions to advanced countries of Europe.*



New NGO laws

- *Law on Social Order;*
- *Law on Professional Unions;*
- *Law on Social Corporate Responsibility;*
- *Law on Charity Activities;*
- *Law on Social Enterprise;*
- *Analysis of the current laws.*



Center for Social Investment

- Establishing Center for Social Investment in cooperation with IOs;
- Capacity-building programs for the staff of CSOs, government and private sector;
- Acting as bridge between the stakeholders;
- Organizing various activities to share international best practices on cooperation between NGOs, public institutions and businesses;
- Establishing forum or association of NGOs and private institutions to promote dialogue and joint activities.



Thank you very much!