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Preface

In recent years, globalization has had a strong impact on various fields of society, as well as on the field of higher education and the exchange of ideas and people working in this field, and since the role of global influence in economic, political and social dynamics is already recognized, the internationalization function of universities further highlights the importance of interdependence. In order to take advantage of global trends, higher education institutions pay special attention to the establishment of regional, international, even intercontinental relations, the organization of bilateral and multilateral scientific and academic cooperation and the signing of agreements. In this regard, the priority direction is the strengthening of the global influence, as well as the unification of universities around a strong local network and associations, ensuring the exchange of associations, best practices and strategies.

Nakhchivan State University, one of Azerbaijan's universities with educational traditions, carried out a number of works in this field, and in 2023, the internationalization policy document was adapted to the new strategy of the university and submitted for approval. The goals and objectives of the internationalization activity are reflected in the university's internationalization policy and action plan, so the university prioritizes the following in planning its internationalization roadmap.

Document was prepared taking into account the opinions and proposals of the management staff of Nakhchivan State University, "State Program for increasing the international competitiveness of the higher education system in the Republic of Azerbaijan", "State Strategy for the development of education in the Republic of Azerbaijan", "Strategy of socio-economic development of the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2022-2026", "State Program for the socio-economic development of Nakhchivan Autonomous Republic for 2023-2027" and based on the "Strategic Development Plan of Nakhchivan State University for 2023-2027".

The Internationalization document of Nakhchivan State University includes the following strategic goals and targets:

Goal 1. Internationalization of educational programs:

Target 1. Improvement of the curriculum and methods for the preparation of competitive personnel in the international labor market;

Target 2. Adaptation of educational programs to current requirements of national and international labor markets;

Target 3. Involvement of professional foreign specialists in the educational process;

Target 4. Improvement of existing study programs in English and organization of new study programs that will enrich the university's academic offer for both local and foreign students/ Increasing the number and quality of joint education programs implemented in a foreign language;

Target 5. Digitization of the academic process/Support for the transformation of learning and teaching through Digitization;

Target 6. Organization of professional development courses for professors and teachers, as well as courses on the development of foreign language skills without leaving the main workplace for the professional development of the staff;

Target 7. Application of modern teaching technologies;

Target 8. Preparation of educational programs based on the experience of foreign higher education institutions;



- Target 9. Involvement of foreign professors and teachers in curriculum renewal;
Target 10. Increasing the number of internationally accredited specialty and subject programs;

Goal 2. Promotion of the international image of the University:

- Target 1. Membership in international organizations;
Target 2. Cooperate with international accreditation companies;
Target 3. Progress in education of international level experts and researchers, selection of prestigious foreign partner higher education institutions;
Target 4. Increasing the number of students participating in mobility within international programs, as well as the number of academic staff and academic mobility contracts;
Target 5. Increasing the effectiveness of cooperation with foreign partners by defining specific areas;
Target 6. Implementation of projects in the direction of development of international academic mobility and capacity building;
Target 7. Organization of international experience programs and trainings for the administrative, and academic staff of the university;
Target 8. Organization of international double diploma programs jointly with prestigious foreign higher education institutions;
Target 9. Development of a mechanism for the future sustainability of dual diploma programs;

Goal 3. Internationalization of research:

- Target 1. Promotion of publication of scientific researches and scientific articles in prestigious international scientific journals;
Target 2. Creation of scientific-research structures and preparation of scientific research programs, which envisage the joint participation of foreign faculty and talented students in scientific research;
Target 3. Significant expansion and modernization of the university's research facilities (laboratories), adaptation to world standards;
Target 4. To ensure the implementation of the necessary activities for the university to take a place in the rankings of ARWU, QS, THE, Webometrics and other prestigious rating companies and to decide on higher levels;
Target 5. Submitting projects to international grant programs and also ensuring the participation of the university as a partner in international grant projects;

Goal 4. Involvement of foreign students:

- Target 1. Increasing the number of foreign students studying in proportion to the total number of students (including programs taught in a foreign language);
Target 2. To participate in international educational exhibitions for the purpose of attracting foreign students;
Target 3. Improving the quality of education for the foreign student contingent, including the preparatory program for the university (foundation program);
Target 4. Diversification of foreign student enrollment (increasing/diversifying the geographical coverage of student enrollment numbers);
Target 5. Opening of admission offices of NSU in target countries in order to increase the geographical scope of attracting foreign students;
Target 5. Formation of a multicultural and multilingual environment in the university;