

Ordukhan Gahramanzada

Principal achievements

- Serves on the organising committee of the **7th World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue** (Baku, 27–29 October 2026), held within the Baku Process initiated by President Ilham Aliyev in 2008.
- Serves as the **Ministry of Culture's coordinator** for the two **International Court of Justice** cases on the Application of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Azerbaijan v. Armenia and Armenia v. Azerbaijan).
- Serves as the focal point and expert of the Ministry of Culture for the **UNESCO 1970 Convention and the 1954 Hague Convention**.
- Served on the organising committees of **Turkic World Week** (2026), held in implementation of the Order of President Ilham Aliyev of 22 October 2025, and of the **OIC Culture Festival: Baku Creative Week** (2025).
- Chaired the **NAM Youth Network**, established during Azerbaijan's chairmanship of the Movement under the leadership of President Ilham Aliyev, and the Organization founded on its basis (2021–2024), and headed the organising committee of the first NAM Youth Summit in Baku and Shusha.
- Served as Azerbaijan's **official Youth Delegate** to the 78th session of the UN General Assembly.
- Has taken part in **23 international events and working visits in 14 foreign countries** since 2019, among them three visits to **UN Headquarters** in New York and events of **UNESCO** and the **Council of Europe**. Spoke at the **UN Human Rights Council** and the **OSCE Warsaw Human Dimension Conference**, and was the **first youth speaker of the Dushanbe Process**.

Current positions

Head of the International Initiatives Department 01/2026 – present
Global Union for Intercultural Dialogue (GUIDE), Secretariat of the Baku Process initiated by President Ilham Aliyev in 2008

- Is responsible for relations with the World Forum's guests from more than 90 countries and contributes to the preparation of its substantive documents.
- Serves as lead coordinator of the first **Youth Forum** of the World Forum, held in Guba on 24–26 October 2026 with the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), and coordinates the **Youth Dialogue** segment, one of the Forum's main segments, to be held at the Heydar Aliyev Center on 28 October 2026.

Head of Division 10/2025 – present
MEMİM, seconded to the Ministry of Culture

- Contributes regularly to **Azerbaijan's replies to UNESCO Secretariat questionnaires** on the implementation of the 1954 Hague Convention.
- Worked on the **Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry and ICCROM**, reconciling the two language versions and preparing the documents for its **clearance with the relevant state bodies**.
- Contributed to the preparation of the methodological framework of the **SECURE Concept**, a culture-centred framework drawn from the reconstruction of Garabagh and Eastern Zangazur, presented by the Ministry at the 13th session of the World Urban Forum (WUF13, Baku, 2026).
- Worked on the **Baku Communiqué on Creative Industries** and the opening ceremony script of the OIC Culture Festival (2025), and prepared the opening ceremony script and the digital management platform of Turkic World Week (2026).
- Serves on the **working group on the optimisation of the Ministry of Culture system**.

Previous experience

Head of the Department for Work with Youth Organisations 04/2024 – 10/2025
Youth Foundation of the Republic of Azerbaijan (acting head until 01/2025)

- Organised grant support for more than **100 youth organisations** and took an active part in updating the regulatory and legal framework for grant financing.



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Languages

Azerbaijani and Turkish (native)
English (fluent)
Russian (working)

Education

2024–present

PhD in Political Science, Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Research topic: “Azerbaijan's Geopolitics in the Context of the Transformation of the Caspian and Black Sea Region”

2022–2024

Master of Public Administration, ADA University (Dean's List)

2018–2022

BA in International Studies, ADA University. Admitted with **651 points** in the State University Entrance Examination, graduated with a **diploma with distinction** (CGPA 3.87/4.00), was on the Dean's List and received the **Haji Zeynalabdin Tagiyev Social Award**.

2011–2018

Graduated from the “Young Talents” Lyceum under Baku State University **with a Gold Medal**

Honours

Certificate of Honour from the Chair of the Youth and Sports Committee of the Milli Majlis.

“Scientists of Tomorrow”, Chemistry, **second place** (2017).



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Previous experience *(continued)*

Head of the Department for Work with Youth Organisations *(continued)*

- Coordinated for the Youth Foundation the “**Young Beekeeper**” project (Khizi, 2025), initiated by Leyla Aliyeva, Vice-President of the Heydar Aliyev Foundation, and actively contributed to drafting the legal framework of the **Global South NGO Platform**, a COP29 initiative.

Teaching Assistant

2020–2021, 2024–2026

Baku State University, Faculty of Law (2024–2026), and ADA University, School of Public and International Affairs (2020–2021)

Chairperson

10/2021 – 03/2024

Non-Aligned Movement Youth Organization (NAMYO), the NAM Youth Network until 2022

- The **Shusha Accord**, adopted at the **first NAM Youth Summit** in Baku and Shusha in 2022 with youth from 61 member states, transformed the NAM Youth Network into the Organization.
- Under his leadership, an **International Charity Fair** was held in Baku for the first time with the diplomatic missions of more than 40 countries, and 19 young delegates from 18 member countries observed the 2024 extraordinary presidential election at the invitation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Organization’s **first international observation mission**.

Secretary-General

11/2021 – 05/2023

Azerbaijan Student Youth Organizations’ Union (ASYOU), Head of Department 11/2020–11/2021

- Coordinated work across **all regions of the country** to strengthen the role of **student youth organisations** of higher and secondary vocational education institutions in implementing state youth policy, and represented the Union at the **OSCE Warsaw Human Dimension Conference** and a number of other reputable international platforms.

Selected engagements

07/2026	Ardabil Week , Islamic Republic of Iran	<i>Delegation member</i>
2025–2026	UNESCO committees of the 1954 and 1970 Conventions and ICPRCP , Paris	<i>Ministry representative</i>
04/2026	Strategic Cooperation Conference and Technical Workshop on Turkic Cultural Heritage: Combatting Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property , Gaziantep	<i>Joint presentation on the legal framework and the restitution position</i>
04/2025	First meeting of D-8 NGOs , Baku	<i>Side-event moderator</i>
09/2024	International Youth Forum , 18 countries, Baku	<i>Speaker</i>
06/2024	International Leadership and Diplomacy Conference , Shusha	<i>Session moderator</i>
11/2023	World Forum for Democracy , Strasbourg	<i>Speaker on landmines</i>
09/2023	78th UN General Assembly and SDG Summit	<i>Official Youth Delegate</i>
08/2023	First Regional Forum of NAM Youth for Latin America and the Caribbean , Caracas	<i>Visit as Chairperson to organise the Forum</i>
07/2023	NAM Youth Shusha Week , Shusha	<i>Opening address as Chairperson</i>
05–06/2023	Nasser Fellowship for International Leadership , Cairo	<i>Speaker</i>
04/2023	UN ECOSOC Youth Forum , New York	<i>Side-event speaker</i>
03/2023	Summit-level Meeting of the NAM Contact Group in response to COVID-19 , Baku	<i>Statement as Chairperson</i>
11/2022	First NAMYO briefing at UN Headquarters	<i>As NAMYO Chairperson</i>
10/2022	Dushanbe Process high-level conference	<i>First youth speaker</i>
09/2022	OSCE Warsaw Human Dimension Conference	<i>Three plenary addresses</i>
09/2022	51st session of the UN Human Rights Council	<i>Panellist, right to development</i>
07/2022	Baku Conference of the NAM Parliamentary Network	<i>Speaker for the NAM Youth Network</i>
02/2022	Youth Forum attended by President Ilham Aliyev	<i>Question on volunteering</i>
08/2021	Turkic Council (now OTS) Young Leaders Forum , Osh	<i>Participant</i>

Youth leadership and civic engagement

2021–2025	YayFest , the region’s largest youth festival (8 weeks every summer, 2,000 young people)	<i>Organising committee member</i>
2020–2024	National Assembly of Youth Organizations (NAYORA)	<i>Board member</i>
2021–2023	Enactus Azerbaijan , World Cup 2022 Top 16	<i>National Program Director</i>
02/2023	Earthquake relief mission to Türkiye , Kahramanmaraş	<i>Delegation member</i>
12/2022	Eco-action on the Lachin–Khankendi road	<i>Among the first participants</i>
2019–2021	“Erasmus Student Network-Azerbaijan” Public Union	<i>Co-founder, President</i>
10/2020	Khudafarin Media Centre , 2020 Patriotic War	<i>Organising committee member</i>