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ON THE 7TH ADA UNIVERSITY POLICY FORUM: “SHAPING THE NEW WORLD ORDER: SOVEREIGNTY, RESILIENCE, AND SUSTAINABILITY”

The 7th ADA University Policy Forum: “Shaping the New World Order: Sovereignty, Resilience, and Sustainability” took place in Baku and Khankendi (Azerbaijan) on 7-9 April 2025. The Forum was organized by the University in collaboration with the Center of Analysis of International Relations (AIR Center), and under the auspices of the President of the Republic Azerbaijan H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev.

Participants were comprised of members of academia, civil society, policy makers/members of the political realm, and media across the globe. They held discussions on matters such as changing global dynamics, the decline of unipolarity, energy security, and challenges attached to climate change.

BSEC PERMIS was represented in the Forum by First Deputy Secretary General Ambassador Dr. Merve Safa Kavakcı. She made an intervention on the panel discussion titled “The Role of Keystone States in Shaping Regional Security and Development” (April 9, 2025). She underlined BSEC’s commitment to partake in efforts to achieve sustainable and resilient economic development in the region and drew attention to the urgent need to address a range of complex geopolitical and geo-economic challenges. Briefing the audience on the Organization’s activities, Ambassador Kavakcı reiterated the crucial role organizations such as BSEC play in multilateral collaborations in an effort to bring stability to the region.