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**Freedom of expression in Azerbaijan was the central theme of a television production training exercise held in Baku**, between 15-24 September 2010, and co-organised by the Media Diversity Institute (MDI). The trainees, TV reporters from government-controlled and independent stations across the country, had the task of producing a television talk show including filmed reports related this topic. After two days of training, the group filmed interviews with key witnesses on access to information and the use by journalists of anonymous or unidentified sources, a key area of journalistic ethics. Then panellists came together in a studio at the Azeri Media Centre, with members of the public, to discuss both topics in a recording for television. The programme was broadcast on Channel-13 TV ([www.kanal13.tv](http://www.kanal13.tv)) and Objective TV ([www.obyektiv.tv](http://www.obyektiv.tv)).



Figure 1. The TV talk show on Freedom of Expression produced by MDI Azeri trainees