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Dear Mr. Shukurullokh Ismoilov, Azizbek Mukhamedov, Nodir Ismailov, Ahror Tursunov, Shakhimardon Shaniyazov, Adham Norkobilov, Golibjon Yoziyev, Masum Hakimov, Alisher Khasanov, Jakhongir Alimov, Serikbek Murataev, Sardor Yusupov, Saidumarxon Saidakhmadov

Dear Mrs Gulrukh, Umarova, Nafisa Erimmetova, Nozliya Normurodova, Ozoda Gulyamova, Zuhra Khakimova, Dildora Abdusattarova

Funded by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, the Central Asia University Partnerships Program (UniCEN) has built capacity for substantive international engagement between higher education institutions (HEIs) in the United States and Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan) since 2018. UniCEN develops the capacities of U.S. and Central Asian university administrators and faculty to jointly address global challenges related to five UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) focused on clean water and sanitation, affordable and clean energy, decent work and economic growth, responsible consumption and production, and climate action. UniCEN is modernizing curricula and developing jointly taught courses in the five UN SDGs at Central Asian universities, creating regional knowledge hubs to increase research capacities at Central Asian and U.S. universities and enhancing institutional capacity to support long-term sustainable partnerships with economic-based outcomes that strengthen the role of U.S. and Central Asian universities in society (<https://unicen.americancouncils.org>).

On November 4-5, 2022, American Councils Tashkent will launch a UniCEN Tashkent Sustainability & Grant Writing Bootcamp. Over the course of two days, representatives from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan higher education institutions will work on strategic planning and developing writing skills to secure international grants, contracts, and cooperative awards. In addition to building local capacity related to grant writing, the international trainers will offer sessions on how to actively manage an award, communicate with a donor, and submit financial and programmatic reports. On the second day of the program, American Councils will offer additional opportunities for peer learning in support of participants' areas of interest.

The event for CA participants will be held in Tashkent, International Hotel on November 4-5 from 8:00a.m till 19:00 p.m and will provide an opportunity for stakeholders working in UniCEN to network, share unique approaches to research, and partnerships. Interaction aims to create new networks and collaborations to ensure sustainable, mutually beneficial partnerships. Workshop participants will share project activities and preliminary results, promote regional connectivity, and encourage peer learning. All workshop sessions and pre-workshop assignments will be conducted in English (no translation provided).

Best regards,

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