

## **CAREC University Innovation Exchange Program (UIEP) Successfully Completed**

The CAREC University Innovation Exchange Program successfully concluded from July 16 to July 29, covering four countries: Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. Partnered with Almaty Management University (AlmaU), Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT), Azerbaijan State University of Economics (UNEC), and Georgian American University (GAU), the program aimed to foster entrepreneurship and collaboration in high-growth sectors like health tech, tourism, agriculture, and e-commerce.

24 students from the four countries participated in 18 training sessions with the support of 40+ experts and mentors. The program included 14 site visits to various startup ecosystem stakeholders, two mock pitching and mentoring sessions, and four demo days with experienced judges. Participants also had the opportunity to explore and understand different cultures during their visits to the four countries.