



Senior Economist CAREC Institute Terms of Reference

The Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute is looking for a **Senior Economist**.

The CAREC Institute (CI) is an intergovernmental organization dedicated to promoting economic cooperation and integration in CAREC region and along the Silk Road through knowledge generation and sharing. It is headquartered in Urumqi, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China (PRC).

The CAREC Institute is jointly shared, owned, and governed by eleven member countries: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, the PRC, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. It serves as the knowledge support arm of the CAREC Program. Acting as a knowledge connector, the CAREC Institute integrates the efforts of the five CAREC operational clusters (Economic and Financial Stability, Trade, Tourism, and Economic Corridors, Infrastructure and Connectivity, Agriculture and Water, and Human Development) to ensure coherence in the design and implementation of policies, programs, and projects to promote regional economic cooperation and integration.

Functions and Responsibilities

- 1) Undertake macroeconomic research, dialogue, and data analytics to advance the CI's agendas on regional economic cooperation and integration.
- 2) Analyze macroeconomic trends and policies in the CAREC countries to promote policy dialogue with governments and related stakeholders.
- 3) Gather relevant economic data from various sources, and apply economic models, statistical techniques and analytical tools to analyze the collected data for economic monitoring and forecasts if necessary.
- 4) Contribute to the preparation and publishing of CI's Quarterly Economic Monitoring and other related reports.
- 5) Manage and complete at least 2 research projects per annum.

- 6) Prepare speeches, presentations and other documents relevant to the work of the Chief Economist Team.
- 7) Collaborate with member countries, international organizations, developing partners, research institutions, and policymakers to exchange knowledge and best practices in regional economic cooperation.
- 8) Assist in the preparation of annual workplan, budget and progress reports, and fundraising for work of Chief Economist Team.
- 9) Participate in or organize events related to the work of the Chief Economist Team.
- 10) Respond to requests from management, divisions or stakeholders on macroeconomic trends and policies.
- 11) Any other relevant duties as assigned by the supervisor or CI management.

Qualifications and Selection Criteria:

- 1) Ph.D. in economics, finance or public policy with strong economics focus.
- 2) A minimum of 10 years of professional experience in academia, think tanks, central banks, governmental or international organizations.
- 3) Expertise in economic modeling, statistical analysis, and econometric techniques.
- 4) Knowledge of econometrics and expertise in the use of quantitative tools.
- 5) Excellent communication skills with the ability to deliver complex economic concepts and analysis.
- 6) Strong understanding of the economic development and policies in the CAREC region and its countries.
- 7) Track record of research publications, whether in working papers or in peer-reviewed journals, or significant analytical contributions to policy publications would be an advantage.
- 8) Written and verbal proficiency in English, knowledge of Chinese and Russian language is an added asset.
- 9) Applicant should be a national of the CAREC member country.

Immediate Reporting Relationships:

- 1) The Senior Economist reports to the Chief Economist of CAREC Institute.

Other Information:

- 1) This is a 3-year fixed-term appointment with a possible extension.
- 2) The CI offers an internationally competitive compensation package and flexible work arrangements.