Job Title: Chief Economist
CAREC Institute
Terms of Reference

The Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute (CAREC Institute, CI) is looking for a **Chief Economist, and the position is open to global candidates.**

CI is an intergovernmental organization dedicated to promoting economic cooperation in Central Asia and along the Silk Road through knowledge generation and sharing. CI also acts as the knowledge support arm of the CAREC Program of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). CI is committed to diversity, transparency and inclusion in all selection processes.

CI is jointly shared, owned, and governed by eleven member countries: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, the People's Republic of China (PRC), Georgia, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. It is headquartered in Urumqi, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, the PRC.

Functions and Responsibilities

Under the guidance of CI's management, the Chief Economist will be responsible for a broad range of economic research activities and serve as head of the Chief Economist Team (CET). He/she will provide leadership to the CET on research and publication on important evolving topics related to economic developments and regional economic integration in the CAREC Region.

Given that the CAREC region today is a very vibrant and dynamic socio-economic region, the Chief Economist must demonstrate the ability to understand and analyze current global trends that have direct and indirect impacts on the CAREC region and provide a regional perspective on current global trends. Based on these trends, the Chief Economist must be able to oversee CI's assessment of regional and member countries' macroeconomic environment, deliver research on economic development and sector policy issues in the region and on individual member countries.

The Chief Economist will work closely with relevant agencies within the CAREC region to render professional advice on regional economic cooperation and integration. A broad network of professional connections within the member countries is an additional advantage.

In coordination with the Deputy Directors and the Division Chiefs, the Chief Economist shall ensure that there is alignment and synchronization among all the various divisions within the CI.

The Chief Economist is expected to contribute to the work of the CI through a respectable number of briefs and publications consistent with the strategic and research agenda of the CI. The Chief Economist will also attend regional and global meetings, conferences and symposia to represent the CI and advance its standing in international contexts.

The Chief Economist will have the following key responsibilities:
- Play a leading role in research and analysis of economic, financial, and development issues across member countries and on a global scale.
- Oversee the publication of the Quarterly Economic Monitor (QEM), key economic reports, economic briefs, and related documentation, ensuring high-quality, evidence-based research outputs that inform policy and decision-making.
- Lead strategy processes to strengthen CI's engagement with governments and partners at the macro policy level, promoting economic cooperation and development in the CAREC region.
- Provide leadership and direction by effectively managing the CET's human, financial and material resources.
- Present CI's economic research strategy, workplan and outputs at relevant meetings with member countries and stakeholders.
- Engage with media and leverage social media platforms to enhance public outreach and disseminate CI's research and expertise.
- Act as a spokesperson for CI on economic issues, representing the institute in various public and professional settings.
- Advise CI management on economic issues and policy choices that enable CI's role as the knowledge support arm of the CAREC Program.
- Implement any other tasks as assigned by the supervisor.

<u>**Qualifications and Selection Criteria**</u>
- PhD in economics from a globally reputable university.
- At least fifteen (15) years of relevant professional experience, preferably as an Economist, Senior Economist or Chief Economist at international organizations, think tanks, or academic/research institutions.

- Broad-based scholar with extensive academic and practical policy experience with focus on the CAREC region.
- Proven record of high-impact publications relevant to CI's mandate.
- Published at least ten (10) publications in peer-reviewed international academic journals or as book chapters in edited volumes.
- Strong analytical and writing skills for preparing position papers, summaries, presentations, and analytical reports.
- Expertise in the use of quantitative tools (STATA, R, Phyton, E-views, SPSS, EXCEL, etc.) and familiar with appropriate research methodologies.
- Sound planning, management, administrative and communication skills.
- Professional experience in a multicultural and international environment.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English. Knowledge of languages of the CAREC region is an advantage.
- Extensive knowledge and work experience in the CAREC region.

Immediate Reporting Relationships
- Chief Economist reports to the Deputy Director 1 of the CI.

Additional Information
- This is a 3-year appointment with the possibility of an extension.
- CI offers a competitive compensation package and flexible work arrangements.
- This is a position open worldwide and the candidate will be considered based on merit and suitability considering the position requirements and overall qualifications.

Application Procedure:
- The applications should be emailed to Ms. Jia Ni (hr@carecinstitute.org) by **7:00 p.m., Beijing time, 18 October 2024 (Friday)**. CI is an equal opportunity employer and women are encouraged to apply. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted.
- The candidates are required to certify that all information provided on any employment application form, resume or CV is complete, true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge. He/ She understands that information may be verified, and any misrepresentation of facts may be considered cause for dismissal regardless of when discovered by the CI.