



**Chief Economist  
CAREC Institute  
Terms of Reference**

Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute is an intergovernmental organization that has been established by CAREC member countries as a knowledge institution.<sup>1</sup> The mission of the CAREC Institute (CI) is to enhance the quality and effectiveness of the regional economic cooperation by providing evidence-based research, capacity building services and networking with research institutions. The CI supports the CAREC Program's strategic goals directly and effectively in all aspects of its knowledge program including working closely with CAREC sector coordinating committees and being strategic and practical. The CI takes an integrated approach to implement its strategic knowledge framework of knowledge generation, knowledge services and knowledge management. The CI, being a results-oriented institution, its regional knowledge programs are designed and implemented through closer partnerships, and extensive networking and more collaboration with specialized agencies and institutions.

The CI, located in Urumqi, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, People's Republic of China (PRC), invites applications for **Chief Economist**, an international staff position. Under the guidance of the Management team, he/she will be responsible for a broad range of economic research responsibilities, and chief of which is to provide leadership to the CI on all matters related to the regional economic integration within the CAREC Region. Expected roles and responsibilities are given below.

**Functions and Responsibilities:**

The Chief Economist will help position CI as a center of excellence for conducting economic research and analysis in the region.

The Chief Economist is a broad-based scholar with strong academic and practical policy experience for at least ten (10) years in an international organization, think-tank, academic institution focusing on trade, sustainable development and regional cooperation.

The Chief Economist will undertake research on challenges and opportunities for regional cooperation both overall and in specific clusters as specified in the CAREC 2030 and the CI Strategies as well as related thematic issues.

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<sup>1</sup> Eleven CAREC member countries include Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, People's Republic of China (PRC), Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

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 impact on the CAREC region. The Chief Economist will closely monitor economic trends in the CAREC member countries and develop forecasts and projections for key economic indicators including a regional perspective and their interplay with global trends and developments. Based on these trends, the Chief Economist must be able to deliver respectable prognosis and evaluate the impacts of these on the region and individual member countries. Illustrative examples would include Brexit, US-China trade relations, climate change, technological innovation, and the like.

The Chief Economist should work closely with the 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 and will facilitate the work the CAREC Institute.

The Chief Economist should work closely with units within the CI, ensuring that work targets set by the different units are complied with, and have notable impact on the CAREC member countries. In coordination with the Deputy Directors and the Unit Heads, the Chief Economist should ensure that there is alignment and synchronization among all the different units within the CI.

The Chief Economist is expected to contribute to the intellectual capital of the CI through a respectable number of policy briefs and publications consistent with the strategic and research agenda of the CI. Attendance at regional and global meetings, conferences and symposia is required to represent the CI and advance its standing overseas.

### **Qualifications and Selection Criteria**

- A PhD degree in Economics from a reputable university would be preferred;
- At least 15 years of relevant professional experience preferably as an Economist, Senior Economist or Chief Economist at a professional research or academic or intergovernmental institution or think tank;
- Has published at least five (5) publications in peer-reviewed international academic journals or as book chapters in edited volumes; and at least one single-authored book or evidence of a book manuscript as work-in-progress, or a book contract with a reputable international publisher;
- Has extensive exposure in a variety of media and social media outlets, to demonstrate public outreach in area of expertise. These outlets include regional and global newspapers, interviews with broadcast media, and publications disseminated in digital/social media outlets (e.g., e-magazines; e-journals);
- Expertise in the use of quantitative tools (STATA, E-views, SPSS, EXCEL, etc) would be considered an asset, with overall familiarity on the use of appropriate research methodologies, particularly mixed methods;
- Good analytical and writing skills to prepare position papers, summaries, presentations and analytical reports;

- Professional experience in multicultural and international environment;
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills;
- High proficiency in English language with excellent oral, written communication and presentation skills; fluency in another Central Asian language (Russian) would be an advantage.

Applicant must be a national of a CAREC member country, and candidate will be considered on the basis of merit and suitability taking into account position requirements and overall qualifications;

**Immediate Reporting Relationships:**

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

**Other Information:**

- This is a 3-year fixed term appointment with possibility of extension.
- The CI offers an internationally competitive compensation package in US dollars.

**Application Procedure:**

- The applications should be emailed to **Ms. Wendy (hr@carecinstitute.org) by 7:00 p.m., Beijing time, May 3, 2019 (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.