



## **Job Title: Chief Economist**

### **CAREC Institute**

#### **Terms of Reference**

The Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute is an intergovernmental organization dedicated to promoting economic cooperation in Central Asia and along the Silk Road through knowledge generation and sharing. The Institute 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, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. It is a knowledge support arm of the CAREC Program which is a proactive facilitator of practical, results-based regional projects, and policy initiatives critical to sustainable economic growth and shared prosperity in the region, guided by the overarching vision of "Good Neighbors, Good Partners, and Good Prospects."

The Institute acts as a knowledge connector among the five CAREC clusters to ensure coherence in design and implementation of policies, programs, and projects to promote regional economic cooperation and integration.

The CAREC Institute invites applications for the position of the 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 is a broad-based scholar with strong academic and practical policy experience for at least ten (10) years in an international organization devoted to trade, sustainable development and regional cooperation.

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. The Chief Economist must be able to provide a regional perspective on current global trends. 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 country. Notable examples would include: COVID-19 and recovery; Building forward better including greening, digitalization, and reducing Covid-aggravated inequality

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 of 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 in overseas contexts.

The specific achievements of the Chief Economist for the duration of his/her appointment are the following:

- 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;
- Any other duties and tasks that may be assigned to him/her that will advance the goals and objectives of the CAREC Institute, to raise the visibility and profile of the CI, and to expand the networks of knowledge and expertise that will benefit the CI directly.

### **Qualifications**

- 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;
- 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;

This is a position open worldwide 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, 6 April 2022 (Wednesday)**. 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.