



Senior Research Fellow, Trade Specialist
CAREC Institute
Terms of Reference

Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute has established as a knowledge institution. The mission of the CAREC Institute (CI) is to enhance the quality of the CAREC regional economic cooperation through sustainable provision of knowledge products and services to the priority sectors (transport, energy, trade/trade facilitation, agriculture, and environment protection) for effective regional cooperation needed to achieve CAREC's strategic goals and accelerate economic growth in the CAREC region.¹ The CI supports the CAREC Program's strategic goals directly and effectively in all aspects of its knowledge program including working closely with sector coordinating committees, and being strategic and practical. The CI will take an integrated approach to implement its strategic knowledge framework (SKF) of knowledge generation, knowledge services and knowledge management. The CI, being a results-oriented institution, its regional knowledge programs is designed and implemented through closer partnerships, and extensive networking and collaboration with specialized agencies and institutions.

The CI, located in Urumqi, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, People's Republic of China (PRC), is calling for candidates with experience in conducting training activities, research and project management for a **Secondee** position as **Trade Specialist**. Within the capacity building portfolio of the CI, the Trade Specialist is expected to advance the knowledge of the trade sector in the CAREC region. Trade and trade facilitation constitute a very strategic focus for the CAREC program. To achieve this broad objective, the portfolio of the Trade Specialist will require an analysis of the trends and patterns in intra-regional trade, the factors that promote and impede intra-regional trade, and the policy recommendations required to stimulate, hasten and deepen intra-regional trade within the CAREC region. The Trade Specialist will initiate and support activities in research and training, both of which will contribute to a deeper understanding of the crucial role that intra-regional trade plays in regional economic integration. The CI provides an excellent opportunity to provide the policy requirements that will hasten both national and regional development within the CAREC region.

The Senior Research Fellow will have, among others, the following functions and

¹ Eleven CAREC countries consist of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, People's Republic of China (PRC), Kazakhstan, Georgia, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

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Functions and Responsibilities:

- Networking and liaison with research institutions and think tanks to conduct policy research on topics relevant to intra-regional trade/ trade facilitation and Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) for regional economic integration;
- Preparing concept papers relevant to intra-regional trade/trade facilitation, and the FTAs;
- Author a Working Paper on intra-regional trade/trade facilitation and the FTAs with special focus on the CAREC region. A comparative study with similar regional integration programs (for example, GMS, SAARC) would be favorably considered;
- Author at least one Policy Report on intra-regional trade/trade facilitation and the FTAs
- Assist in organizing and convening at least one conference/workshop (in close coordination with the Knowledge Services Unit) on relevant topics related to intra-regional trade and the FTAs;
- Present research outputs (working paper; policy report) to a regional conference or a workshop organized by the CI;
- Any other relevant duties that may be assigned based on operation needs.

Qualifications and Selection Criteria:

- A university degree in development economics/development studies, at post-graduate or its equivalent;
- At least 8-10 years of relevant professional knowledge, demonstrated analytical thinking and a solid understanding of the policy process;
- Ability to work with a multicultural team;
- Experience and interest in research at an institute level, good understanding of the policy process;
- Strong communication skills, ability to make coherent public presentations and to translate technical language into laymen's terms;
- High proficiency in written and oral English; fluency in another Central Asian language (Russian) would be an advantage;
- Applicants must be nationals of CAREC member countries, and candidates will be considered on the basis of merit and suitability taking into account position requirements and overall qualifications.

Immediate Reporting Relationships:

- The Senior Research Fellow - Trade Specialist reports to the Head of Knowledge Generation Unit of the CI.

Other Information:

- This is a 1-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.