



Job Title: Economist

Job Description

The Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute is an intergovernmental organization dedicated to promoting economic cooperation in the 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 **Economist**, an international staff position under the guidance of Chief Economist. Applicants must be nationals of one of the eleven CAREC member countries and must meet the following qualifications and requirement.

Functions and Responsibilities:

- 1) Monitor industrial and trade policies in support of regional economic integration and suggest solutions for their development.
- 2) Monitor the progress in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the region and help draft policy recommendations for regional governments for improvement in regional integration index.
- 3) Hold responsibility for a broad range of economic research related to the operational priorities (at least one) of the CAREC 2030 strategy: (i) economic and financial stability; (ii) trade, tourism, and economic corridors; (iii) infrastructure and economic connectivity; (iv) agriculture and water; (v) human development.
- 4) Provide analysis of macro-economic, international economics and sustainable development policies and issues.
- 5) Analyze factors and global trends that influence the economies of the CAREC region, with a focus on the integration of these economies into regional and global value chains.
- 6) Contribute to reports and other publications on development trends of the economies of the CAREC region, policy briefs, and in-deep analysis of regional integration processes.
- 7) Help prepare presentations and conference proceedings.
- 8) Help organize visits and support work of CAREC expert groups.

Qualifications and Selection Criteria:

- 1) A Ph.D. or master's degree in Economics from a reputable university.
- 2) Good analytical and writing skills to contribute to position papers, summaries, presentations and analytical reports.
- 3) At least 10 years of experience in related fields, namely regional economic development, trade, sustainable development and regional cooperation.
- 4) Knowledge of econometrics and expertise in the use of quantitative tools (EXCEL, E-views, STATA, etc.).
- 5) Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- 6) High proficiency in English with excellent oral, written communication and presentation skills; knowledge of Russian or other language prevalent in CAREC countries would be an advantage.
- 7) Familiarity with the economies of one or several CAREC countries would be a strong plus.
- 8) S/he should have experience in macro-economic forecasting and a profound knowledge of policies related to trade facilitation, regional integration and economic corridor building.

Immediate Reporting Relationships:

- The Economist reports to the Chief Economist.

Other Information:

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

Application Procedure:

- The applications should be emailed to **hr@carecinstitute.org by 7:00 p.m., Beijing time by 13 January 2020 (Monday)**. The CAREC Institute promotes equality and thus both women and men are strongly encouraged to apply. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted. Employment at the CAREC Institute is based on merit and suitability for the position requirements and overall qualifications.
- The candidates are required to certify that all information provided on employment application forms, resume or CV is complete, true and accurate to the best of their knowledge. S/he understands that information may be verified, and any misrepresentation of facts may be considered cause for dismissal regardless of when discovered by the CAREC Institute.