Senior Financial Sector Specialist

**Principal Duties & Responsibilities**

- Serve as Course Director for at least four SEACEN courses each year, specializing in the Payments courses but occasionally accepting responsibility for the Supervision courses. The duties of a Course Director involve developing the curriculum and drafting the agenda for a course, assembling pre-course materials (if any), recruiting presenters (primarily from SEACEN strategic partners and members, but also including independent consultants and professionals employed by academic institutions, think tanks, law firms, consulting firms, audit/accounting firms, etc.), presenting at sessions in the course, summarizing evaluations, and making recommendations for future offerings of the course.

- On demand from members, organize and carry out TS engagements. A TS engagement, which is limited to two weeks, involves deciding with the member on a discrete task for which the member desires assistance, providing the specialized training or technical assistance, recruiting other providers (if any), and writing up the results in the form of recommendations and suggestions for future work.

- Organize and carry out occasional ad-hoc events on trending topics, such as FinTech, cybersecurity, climate risk resilience, IFRS 9, Pillar 2, recovery and resolution planning, crisis management, corporate governance, culture/conduct evaluations, data analytics and RegTech/SupTech, etc.

- Engage in research on payment and/or supervision topics, self-generated or as suggested by members. Results of research will be published on the SEACEN blog, as SEACEN policy analysis papers, and/or in professional journals.

- Conduct occasional surveys of stakeholders on emerging issues.

- Assist in organizing and carrying out high-level conferences and meetings for stakeholders, including the annual SEACEN Policy Summit and Directors of Supervision, Directors of Payments, and Deputy Governors for Financial Stability and Supervision.

- Serve as Relationship Manager for 8-9 stakeholders, familiarizing him/herself with the officials there and frequently communicating with them to assess their capacity-building and informational needs in the areas of supervision and payments.

- On demand, accept occasional requests to present on relevant topics at non-SEACEN events throughout the region. Requestors may include SEACEN stakeholders, the Asian Development Bank, private organizations such as Risk.net and Currency Research, etc.

- Conduct occasional SEACEN podcasts and webinars.

- Contribute ideas and action items toward building the SEACEN brand throughout the region and worldwide.

- Develop and maintain professional relationships with officials and experts from a wide variety of organizations involved in financial sector supervision or payments, including central banks, monetary authorities, stand-alone supervisory authorities, deposit insurance agencies, multilateral development banks, international standard-setting bodies, academic institutions, think tanks, etc.

**Role Purpose**

To organize and carry out training programs, high-level conferences and meetings, Targeted Support (TS, a form of technical assistance) engagements, ad-hoc forums, and research, in the areas of financial stability, financial supervision, and payments, for the benefit of the 35 SEACEN stakeholders (members, associate members, and observers) throughout Asia-Pacific. These stakeholders are central banks and monetary authorities (hereafter, “central banks”). The role will include significant responsibility for directing the payments courses and other activities, such as research, relating to payments.

**Summary of Qualifications**

The ideal candidate will be an expert in payments, with significant knowledge and expertise obtained through employment at a central bank or privately-run large value payment system. The ideal candidate should also have some familiarity with the latest innovations in payments, including fast payments, open banking, cross-border payments, digital wallets, digital currencies, non-bank payment services providers, (such as FinTech companies and BigTech platforms expanding into payments), interoperability among diverse payment service providers, etc.

Moreover, the candidate should have some institutional and analytical knowledge of large value and multi-country payment, clearing, and messaging systems, such as DTCC, Euroclear, SEPA, Target2, CHIPS, Fedwire, SWIFT etc. The person should also possess some experience and expertise in either financial stability or financial supervision, obtained through employment at a central bank or privately-run financial sector supervisory agency, or deposit insurance agency. The SEACEN Centre has also recently increased emphasis on capacity-building and research for central banks in the areas of Big Data and Data Analytics. **Accordingly, experience, or at least familiarity, with techniques to mobilize and utilize large payment datasets to assist in financial sector supervision would be a distinct advantage.**
Minimum Qualifications

- Master’s degree in economics, accounting/auditing, management, banking, finance, or a related field, from an accredited university.

- At least 5 years of relevant experience, preferably at a central bank, stand-alone financial sector regulatory authority, deposit insurance agency, private-sector payment services provider, consulting firm, international standard-setting organization, or multilateral development bank. Preference will be given to candidates with expertise and experience in payments; however, candidates from a supervision/regulation background who have some familiarity with payments may also be considered.

- Familiarity with the latest innovations in payments.

- Significant experience in presenting instructional materials before groups, large and small.

- Some familiarity with innovative tools of adult education, such as online training, development of e-learning modules, instant online surveys and quizzes, etc.

- Ability to convey relatively complex ideas in an understandable way to audiences that have a wide variety of skills, abilities and experiences.

- Exceptional ability to communicate clearly in English, in both oral and written form, with minimum editing.

Compensation, Benefits and Requirements

The position offers competitive salary conditions and benefits. The following documents should be sent to hr@seacen.org by 30 April 2021:

- latest CV
- relevant graduate/postgraduate certificates
- current salary
- expected salary in the advertised position
- Three (3) professional references, one each from people who have worked with you in a professional capacity and who can comment on your suitability for the advertised position
- recent passport-size photo (optional)

Additional information about the position can be obtained from Glenn Tasky, Director, FSSP, at glenn@seacen.org. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.

Length of Assignment

Three years, with possibility of renewal.

Location and Reporting

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, with extensive travel within the region and occasional travel outside the region (when possible in the light of health and border considerations).

Position reports to the Director, FSSP, and the Executive Director, The SEACEN Centre