

Senior Economist

MACROECONOMIC AND MONETARY
POLICY MANAGEMENT
THE SEACEN CENTRE



Principal Duties & Responsibilities

RESEARCH

- Engage in research on macroeconomic and monetary policy topics that are of relevance for member central banks. Initiate and direct individual and joint research projects to be published as SEACEN working papers, SEACEN policy analysis papers, on the SEACEN blog (Suara SEACEN) and in peer-reviewed journals. Present research output to member and non-member central banks/monetary authorities, at academic conferences, academic institutions and multilateral development banks as well as international financial institutions. Organise conferences/workshops. The SEACEN Centre actively encourages staff to undertake joint research with economists from our member central banks/monetary authorities.
- Contribute to The SEACEN Centre's various online outlets, such as online seminars, online policy analysis workshops, the SEACEN blog (Suara SEACEN), the SEACEN podcast and any other online activity. Develop case studies by identifying emerging issues of concern to member central banks, and from the curriculum requirements.
- Prepares and assists in drafting background papers for high-level seminars such as the SEACEN Centre's EXCO, Deputy Governor Meetings and Board of Governors.

LEARNING

- Develop learning content for The SEACEN Centre's online and face-to-face capacity-building programmes in collaboration with strategic partners and member institutions to ensure that The SEACEN Centre provides comprehensive learning solutions to meet members' learning needs.
- Serve as Course Director for SEACEN learning programmes each year, specialising in Macroeconomic and Monetary Policy Management (MPPM) courses but occasionally delivering guest lectures for the other learning pillars (Financial Stability and Supervision/Payment and Settlement Systems, Leadership and Governance). The duties of a Course Director involve developing the curriculum, teaching, designing and running practical exercises (including data analysis using statistical software) and/or case studies as well as recruiting external experts as presenters.
- Serve as a speaker and chair for both internal training events as well as external *ad-hoc* events to brand The SEACEN Centre and to facilitate case studies and learning materials at the relevant training courses/workshops/seminars.
- Strengthen alliances and networks with reputable international/regional research institutions and advanced central banks to enhance the quality of research and learning content.

Purpose of Role

To organise and carry out capacity-building programmes, high-level conferences and meetings, targeted support engagements, *ad hoc* forums, and research, in macroeconomic and monetary policy, for the benefit of the 35 SEACEN stakeholders (members, associate members and observers) throughout Asia-Pacific. These stakeholders are entirely central banks and monetary authorities. The role will include significant responsibility for directing the macroeconomic and monetary policy courses and other activities, such as individual and joint research, relating to macroeconomic and monetary policy. The position offers a unique and exciting possibility to interact with SEACEN member central banks/monetary authorities and their staff at all levels and in a variety of capacities and regional fora.

Summary of Qualifications

The ideal candidate will have a postgraduate degree, ideally a PhD, in economics (preferably international economics, monetary economics, econometrics or international finance with a strong empirical and analytical focus) or a related subject from an accredited university, a significant publication record and a proven record as an accomplished teacher. Experience and expertise obtained through employment at a central bank, monetary authority, think tank, academic institution, multilateral development bank or international financial institution constitutes a definite advantage.

Length of Assignment

Fixed-term contract of up to three years, with possibility of renewal. The SEACEN Centre actively welcomes applications from experienced economists at central banks/monetary authorities as part of a secondment programme.

Location and Reporting

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, with extensive travel within the region and occasional travel outside the region

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

Additional Qualifications

- Significant experience in presenting instructional materials before groups, large and small.
- Ability to convey relatively complex ideas in an understandable way to audiences that have a wide variety of skills, abilities and experiences.
- Some familiarity with innovative tools of adult education, such as e-learning, instant on-line surveys and quizzes, etc.
- 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 31 December 2021:

- latest CV
- relevant graduate/postgraduate certificates
- current and expected salary
- 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 Dr Ole Rummel, Director, MPPM, at orummel@seacen.org. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.