

Director, Macroeconomic and Monetary Policy Management (MMPM)

THE SEACEN CENTRE



Principal Duties & Responsibilities

Strategic and Intellectual Leadership

- Lead and mentor a team of economists and researchers in technical and operational matters in the MMPM pillar and help achieve organizational goals.
- Lead the economists and researchers in shaping the SEACEN Centre's research agenda and delivery of research output in the MMPM area.
- Lead the design, plan and implementation of high-quality MMPM programs to attract high demand from the regional central banking community.
- Ensure effective delivery of the planned teaching and research.
- Liaise with member central banks, regional institutions, and other international institutions on the issues of regional macroeconomic development and policy cooperation to form strategic directions for MMPM.
- Actively develop partnerships with global and regional institutions that deal with macro and monetary policy agenda.
- Act as a key contributor to the SEACEN Centre's long-term strategy, including on the annual strategic planning and managing an efficient operating budget.

Steering Research Outcomes

- Provide direction in economic research including setting agenda, designing, implementing and communicating the outcome effectively with the stakeholders.
- Apply an in-depth understanding of advanced analytical techniques and economics to synthesise macroeconomic issues.
- Develop an effective surveillance mechanism to keep abreast of global macroeconomic developments that may affect the regional economies in a timely and appropriate manner.
- Produce high-quality research papers and engage with leading journals and relevant media to publish the papers.
- Pursue collaborative research projects with selected international and regional partners, where relevant, for a cross-fertilization of ideas to enhance the SEACEN Centre's research outcomes.

Integration of research and learning programs

- Integrate research and training activities seamlessly to ensure cutting-edge content for case studies and research output, and in the delivery of the learning and research programs.
- Organize the calendar of training programs effectively to generate substantive interest and demand from stakeholders.

Stakeholder Engagement

- Contribute to building and strengthening alliances with the regular members, associate members, observers and strategic partners in order to leverage on their expertise and resources to deliver high-quality value-added learning and research programs.
- Actively seek opportunities with other leading capacity building institutions to develop new and vibrant programs for SEACEN members.
- Provide forward-looking information and insights for further development of the SEACEN Centre's existing and new collaborative platforms with focus on the emerging macroeconomic issues and their global and regional implications.
- Interface with key stakeholders and ensure effective internal and external communications.

Purpose of Role

Lead the implementation of high-quality learning and research solutions as well as effective platforms for the building of regional views in the area of Macroeconomic and Monetary Policy Management (MMPM).

Length of Assignment

Fixed-term contract of up to three years, with possibility of renewal. The SEACEN Centre actively welcomes applications from 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 Executive Director, The SEACEN Centre

Learning and Growth

- Ensure the SEACEN Centre's MPPM research and training activities remain relevant and are in line with the latest methodologies for effective central bank capacity building.
- Adequately coach and mentor the SEACEN Centre's Economist/Senior Economists to undertake the relevant work.

Qualifications and Experience

PhD in macroeconomics, preferably in monetary economics, international economics or econometrics. Strong background in econometric or quantitative analysis is an advantage.

At least 15 years of relevant working experience including minimum 5 years of experience in a managerial position leading a team preferably in economic research at the country/regional level, as well as a highly credible background in serving as a resource speaker and preparing case studies/learning content. An outstanding communicator, with excellent presentation skills that are effective with a variety of audiences.

Compensation, Benefits and Requirements

The position offers competitive salary conditions and benefits. The following documents should be sent to hr@seacen.org by 2 March 2025:

- Latest CV
- Relevant graduate/postgraduate certificates
- Current and expected salary
- Three references, of which one is professional, i.e. from individuals 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)

Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.