

As an international cooperation enterprise for sustainable development with worldwide operations, the German government owned Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH operates on behalf of German Ministries, the governments of other countries and international clients. GIZ has a record for more than 60 years working in Thailand. For a project on “**Advancing and Measuring Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) for a Low-Carbon Economy in Middle-Income and Newly Industrialized Countries (Advance SCP)**” we are currently looking for an Environmental specialist.

Environmental specialist

Southeast Asian countries have expressed their concern and committed to play a proactive role in addressing climate change through their declarations at the recent UN Conferences on Climate Change. The ASEAN Vision 2020 calls for “a clean and green ASEAN” with fully established mechanisms to ensure the protection of the environment, sustainability of natural resources and high quality of life for the people in the region. Green Public Procurement (GPP) and eco-labelling are important instruments to increase sustainable consumption and production and at the same time contribute directly to reduce GHG emissions. Recently, these instruments have gained more and more importance in the region. Some countries have already started to implement GPP and eco-labelling, yet the levels of implementation are different across the countries because of various factors: lack of GPP supporting policies, legal framework and requirements, public awareness, availability of existing systems such as the use of eco-labelling as a means for development of GPP criteria.

The project will contribute to climate change mitigation by promoting the development or mainstreaming of SCP policy frameworks supportive of low carbon economies, the strengthening and uptake of Sustainability Information Systems and tools to reduce GHG emissions through better informed decisions among consumers. Baselines will be measured and high impact opportunities for GHG reductions in key sectors will be identified, taking into account potential trade-offs, as well as economic and social impacts.

In the Southeast Asian region, being one of the biggest consumers, the governments will activate the creation and strengthening of green and climate-friendly markets through the establishment of specific standards for public procurement, using a huge potential for reducing GHG emissions. Climate friendly eco-labels contribute to a change in production and consumption patterns towards a low-carbon economy. The project is focussing here on the countries Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and Philippines.

The project is based in Thailand with regional offices in Malaysia, Indonesia and Philippines

Responsibilities:

The environmental specialist will manage and coordinate all implementation activities in accordance with the work plan of the project.

The environmental specialist is responsible for

- implementing daily operational aspects of all issues related to the project, especially ECO Labels as well as development of climate relevant criteria for GPP and ECO Labels
- processing technical aspects and further developing the area of GPP and ECO Labels in accordance with the specified project objectives and indicators
- Supporting the harmonization of ECO Labels on regional and international level
- maintaining of a good flow of communication and information between all involved institutions and counterparts and GIZ
- Integration of results and experiences into team efforts and into all relevant groups

She/he will be responsible for the:

- Support the implementation of project activities according to project goals, team agreements and/or consultations with the supervisor, especially focussing on the regional aspects
- Support of the project's/program's initiative to provide professional advice and inputs to, and to cooperate with, a broad range of stakeholders and target groups
- Day-to-day operational management of the project support: guides project implementation, ensures timely provision of deliverables, controls quality, facilitates and coordinates the inputs of short-term experts
- Innovation and knowledge management as well as transmission of innovation to a wide range of persons, and
- Integration of results and experiences into team efforts and into all relevant groups.

We are looking for a candidate who preferably possesses (the equivalent of):

- university degree in an area that is related to the project/programme objectives, with a focus on a relevant field (equivalent to BA or MBA)
- At least 3 years' professional experience in a comparable position
- Working experience in an ECO label organisation will be considered as advantage
- Knowledge of ISO standards such as ISO 14000, ISO 14024, ISO 17065 and ISO 20400 will be considered as advantage
- Excellent presentation skills
- strong managerial and organisational competence
- strong research skills
- willingness to travel (abroad) regularly
- Very good English Language skills, German is an advantage
- willingness to upskill as required by the tasks to be performed – corresponding measures are agreed with management

This will be a fixed-term contract, starting as soon as possible and running until June 2018 with high possibility of extension.

Please submit your application and CV to chattayada.pattaragulwanit@giz.de. The deadline for applications is Friday, February 9, 2018. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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