

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 of more than 60 years working in Thailand. To implement the “Ecosystem-based Adaptation Project in Water Sector” GIZ is looking for a Project Director.

Project Director

Commissioned by the German Ministry for Environment (BMUB) GIZ supports the Thai Government in achieving the climate change goals. The Thai-German Climate Programme, starting early next year, will combine several sectoral components to offer a holistic approach for the operationalization and implementation of the Thai National Determined Contributions (NDCs). The programme provides support on the topics of climate change policy, renewable energy, agriculture, waste as well as ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) in the water sector. The EbA water component will work with the responsible agency on issues related to national water policy, subnational implementation of EbA-measures in the water sector, as well as to finance (both public and private) and monitoring. While the component concentrates on Thailand, links to other regional and international examples of EbA in the water sector shall be established and extended.

You will be responsible for the implementation of the water component working on ecosystem-based adaptation approaches in Thailand. In this capacity you will be the main contact point for the partners in the related agencies under the Ministry of Environment as well as under the Ministry of Agriculture. During the implementation of subnational EbA measures you will work closely with stakeholders in provinces and municipalities. Together with your team of mainly national experts and subcontractors you will provide the needed expertise and you will be responsible to manage the component, including its finances. You will work under the supervision of the programme director and you will also take over tasks beyond your component but related to the general implementation of the programme. In this capacity, you will actively look for synergies and potentials for cooperation with other programme components (especially agriculture) as well as with other projects in Thailand and in the region. Using your expertise and your networks, you will support the programme director in developing a project pipeline on adaptation to climate change that helps Thailand to achieve its climate change goals – from both, bilateral and international donors such as GCF.

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

- Advanced university degree (Master’s degree or comparable) in a relevant discipline
- At least 10 years of professional experience with direct links to adaptation to climate change, preferably in the context of international cooperation
- Proven expertise on the ecosystem-based adaptation approach
- Proven expertise on issues related to water
- Experience as project director, managing complex projects and leading teams
- Experience in working with high-level political partners and in representing projects nationally and internationally
- Experience in financial management of multi-million USD projects
- Experience in developing projects for international donors
- Fluency in English required. Knowledge of German is an advantage.

This will be a fixed-term contract, starting in January 2018 and running until December 2021.

Please submit your application and CV to chattayada.pattaragulwanit@giz.de. The deadline for applications is Friday, October 27, 2017. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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