The German government’s international cooperation enterprise for sustainable development, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, operates world-wide 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. For the project “Thai-German Climate Programme (TGCP) – Water” we are currently looking for a Project Coordinator.

Project Coordinator (Technical)
with focus on climate resilient river basin planning and water management

Thai-German Climate Programme (TGCP) – Water

In the past years, GIZ’s focus in Thailand has strongly shifted towards the thematic area of climate change. The Thai-German Climate Programme (TGCP), commissioned by the German Ministry for Environment (BMU), combines several sectoral components to offer a holistic approach for the operationalization and implementation of the Thai Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). The programme provides support on the topics of climate change policy, renewable energy, agriculture, waste and water. The water component targets disaster and climate risks in the water sector with a specific focus on ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA).

The water component works with the responsible agencies to improve the national framework conditions for sustainable water resource management focusing especially on the potential of ecosystem-based solutions for preventing and reducing climate and disaster risks. At sub-national level, the water component supports a climate-sensitive integrated water resource management (IWRM) approach in selected river-basins that covers both the needs of rapidly growing secondary cities regarding risk of floods as well as rural communities impacted by loss of income due to drought stress. While the component concentrates on Thailand, links to regional and international examples of climate resilience and EbA in the water sector shall be established and extended.

Main Role:
The role of the Project Coordinator is to work alongside local government entities, technical and operational members of the River Basin Committee and communities to reach and agree on priorities to be included and progressed in the River Basin Master Plan (RBMP) with a focus on climate-sensitive integrated water resource management and resilience to climate change through eco-system services and other adaptation measures. The incumbent coordinates the technical operations & support at river basin scale. In close collaboration with respective partner agencies and consultants the project coordinator provides technical guidance to a risk-informed and transparent RBMP process and in the development of a national RBMP guideline/manual.

Major Functions/Duties:
Under the direct supervision of the Project Director the incumbent will:

- Coordinate the sound planning and timely implementation of the technical components of the supporting framework on climate-sensitive IWRM and Climate Change Adaptation at river basin scale;
- Build relationships and networks and maintain a very close working relationship with all relevant regional and local stakeholders in the selected pilot areas to encourage their participation in planned activities for achieving the objectives of the project;
- Expand partnerships and cooperation between community groups, academia, private sector and local government entities to strengthen an area-based approach for integrated water resource management and adaptation to climate change at river basin scale;
- Support local government entities to convene technical working groups that relate to the implementation of local priorities and reflect emerging and current community issues and challenges;
- Jointly develop a comprehensive “on the job” training / capacity development strategy for the technical and operational staff involved in the River Basin Master Plan (RBMP) process;
- Provide technical input for developing a national RBMP guideline/manual that reflects climate change issues and highlights the importance of ecosystem- / nature base solutions for adaptation to climate change;
- Work directly with local government entities and community groups to facilitate the joint conduct of required assessments and studies as well as the design of river basin management measures for adaption to climate change;
- Coordinate in close collaboration with partners the provision of comprehensive baseline information about the river basin’s hydrology, climate, ecological status/biodiversity, land use, water balance, industry/hydropower as well as socio-economic pressures;
- Coordinate the training on and utilization of different tools, models and methods including research models for simulations, decision-support systems for policy making and support tools such as databases and Geographic Information System (GIS) for spatial data management;
- Coordinate in close collaboration with partners like the Hydro Informatic Institute (HII), the establishment of a local monitoring network within the river basins to calibrate the models, track the impact over time and provide evidence for subsequent planning cycles;
- Manage the preparation and implementation of a (digital-based) M&E approach for nature- / ecosystem-based adaptation actions for impact/benefit assessment in cooperation with Thai academia
- Prepare terms of reference, selection, and supervision of contracted third parties in carrying out specific activities like risk assessments and (economic) feasibility studies and the review of respective reports and presentations prepared by consultants;
- Steer contracted third parties during their field missions in the project sites, guide and document site visits and organize special events as required by the project;
- Guide the development of an EbA guidebook/manual for the technical design and development of EbA / nature-based adaptation measures;
- Act as a technical resource person / expert speaker in trainings, conferences and seminars as needed;
- Support the identification, monitoring and evaluation of project progress based on the indicators;
- Support the organization of meetings on national and sub-national levels by identifying, mobilising and preparing relevant participants for their participation in events;
- Closely coordinate TGCP Water activities with other projects / project components implemented by GIZ and support the pilot that is planned with Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation (DDPM) on coherent data management and reporting under the Global Initiative on Disaster Risk Management

**Competency Requirements:**

The following knowledge and skills are required to be demonstrated and utilised:

- High level liaison and relationship building skills to establish and maintain networks and facilitate cooperation;
- Demonstrated knowledge on linkages between national and sub-national planning processes and the development of guidelines/manuals preferably in the water sector
- Recognized expertise and working experience in field of water resource management, integrated river basin management, comprehensive flood management, climate change adaptation and/or on eco-system based adaptation;
- Proven ability to lead research and study work, the establishment of (GIS) database for diagnostic analysis, monitoring and (spatial) planning / modelling
- Proven ability to work independently and as part of a team, to manage own time, set priorities, plan and organize work to meet timelines;
- Excellent communication and networking skills: Demonstrated good interpersonal skills in communication and facilitating meetings and workshops as well as to manage consultant(s) and/or partner agencies;
- Verbal and written communication skills with the ability to prepare reports and presentations in Thai and English

**Professional Qualifications:**
- At least Master’s degree in social science and/or urban/environmental engineering; environmental management and/or natural resource management; or other related fields;
- At least 5 years of professional working experience in a similar position in the field of development cooperation at local, sub-national and national levels;
- At least 10 years of research and study experience including (GIS) data and information management, policy and planning;
- Substantial experience in local government settings and in facilitating long-term technical “on the job” training and capacity development measures;
- Demonstrated track record in building collaborative partnerships amongst public and private sectors and members of the community to initiate change processes

**Duty station, Timeframe and Reporting Relationship:**
The Project Coordinator holds duty station in Bangkok, Thailand and is supposed to start on 1 July 2019 with an initial contract period up to 30 June 2020. The Project Coordinator reports directly to the Project Director, TGCP Water. Very frequent business travels to pilot sites in Thailand (50%) are required.

Please submit your application and CV to chattayada.pattaragulwanit@giz.de. The deadline for applications is Friday 21 June 2019. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. GIZ Thailand is an equal opportunity employer and actively encourages gender diversity within the company and operations.

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