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Senior Advisor on Sustainable Rice Policy

Location: GIZ Office at Rice Department, Bangkok

Context

According to Thailand’s 2015 Biennial Update Report under UNFCCC, agriculture is responsible for approximately one-fifth of Thailand’s total GHG emissions, and is thereby the second largest emitting sector after the energy sector. Rice cultivation is particularly important, as it is cultivated on roughly half of all agricultural land in Thailand, and accounts for more than half of emissions from agriculture. Thailand is the world’s 4th largest emitter of rice-related GHG – mainly methane, particularly in irrigated rice production, flooding of paddy fields leads to significant emissions of CH₄, which has a global warming potential 28 times higher than CO₂.

A lack of incentives and knowledge is currently preventing farmers from adopting low-emission rice production practices, which include more advanced and capital-intensive field practices necessary for GHG mitigation. In addition, there are very few service providers for mitigation services in rice production. Other systemic barriers include gaps in existing national standards and regulations with respect to climate change mitigation in agriculture, and a lack of suitable large-scale (financial) incentive mechanisms to target the whole rice value chain or the larger agriculture sector.

Thai Rice NAMA Project

To overcome these barriers, Thai Rice NAMA, funded by the NAMA Facility, will enable a shift towards low-emission rice production in Thailand (outcome) through a combination of three core components which are 1) enabling farmers to implement low-emission rice farming, 2) supporting entrepreneurs in providing mitigation services to farmers, and 3) policy formulation and supporting measures promoting low-emission production at the national political level. The project will reach out to 100,000 farmer households in the six central plains provinces, namely, Chainat, Ang-thong, Pathum Thani, Singburi, Ayutthaya, Suphanburi (CAPSAS).

The main project implementing partners include the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MoNRE) – in particular the Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning (ONEP) – and the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MoAC). Under MoAC, the Rice Department is a major sectoral partner. The Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC), a public development bank operating under the Ministry of Finance (MoF), will administer the project’s financial mechanism.

To support project activities we are looking for a Sustainable Rice Policy Advisor with the following responsibilities:

He/ she will

- Provide policy advisory support to Thai Rice NAMA Project and other rice related projects under Agriculture and Food Cluster;
- Provide advisory support on sustainable rice policy and standard to Rice Department;
- Support coordination among public and private partners in the implementation of sustainable rice production and value chains in projects within Agriculture and Food Cluster;
- Provide advice and support in planning, implementation and facilitation of meetings, training workshops and others activities related to implementation of sustainable rice standard in Thailand; and
- Maintain a good flow of communication and information between all involved partners at national and sub-national levels, and GIZ.

Qualifications:

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

- University degree or equivalent in relevant discipline to achieve the program objectives (e.g. Agriculture extension, Sustainable agricultural production, Sustainability standard and certification);
- More than 10 years of working experience on good agricultural practice (GAP) and sustainable agriculture standard for rice. Direct experience in agriculture extension at both policy level and sub-national level is an asset.
- Experience in rice certification and standard is a plus.
- Understanding of key players and processes in the Thai rice sector is an asset;
- Experience in project coordination and implementation;
- Experiences in organizing and documentation of meetings, trainings, and workshop;
- Good interpersonal and intercultural skills in communication with stakeholders (i.e. communicate with provincial government, relevant partners farmers, agricultural extension, agricultural bank, service providers);
- Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing in Thai and English;
- Willingness to travel and working knowledge of ICT and computer applications; and
- 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 December 2020 (with high possibility of extension).

Please submit your application and CV to chattayada.pattaragulwanit@giz.de. The deadline for applications is Monday, 30th September 2019. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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