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### **Project Coordinator “Access to Finance”**

Agriculture is responsible for approximately one-fifth of Thailand's total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Rice is particularly important as it is cultivated on roughly half of all agricultural land in Thailand and accounts for nearly 55% of emissions from agriculture. Thailand is the world's fourth-largest emitter of rice-related greenhouse gas. In irrigated rice production, flooding of paddy fields leads to significant emissions of methane, which has a global warming potential 28 times higher than carbon dioxide. The lack of incentives and services available to farmers is also preventing a transition to low-emission rice production practices.

Thai Rice NAMA, funded by NAMA Facility, is a joint project with the Thai government to encourage 100,000 small-holder farmers in the six central plains provinces to implement low-emission rice farming and make mitigation services and technologies accessible to farmers. To achieve the project's objective, access to finance is an important enabling factor. Farmer's need to make investments in new farming practices and a market for mitigation services is to be build up. The Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC), a public agricultural development bank, is the main project implementing partner. BAAC manages a revolving fund to foster private investments in low-emission rice farming and through an existing credit program provides access to green loans. Technical assistance also will be essential to strengthen capacities of service providers to apply for loans and set-up sustainable business models.

The primary responsibility of the **Project Coordinator**, Access to Finance, will be to support the development and implementation of the project's financial instruments in coordination with BAAC. S/he also needs to work closely together with representatives of government authorities and private sector, members of the Thai Rice NAMA project team in Bangkok and in the provinces, and will be involved in joint activities under the GIZ Agriculture and Food Cluster.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Act as the relationship manager to BAAC in regard to the project's financial component (revolving fund and loan program fostering green investments);
- Propose strategic approaches and recommend options for project implementation;
- Facilitate and improve effectiveness of discussions with governmental partners, particularly BAAC, and private sector through the project's "Working group on business model and financial mechanism";
- Provide guidance and support to BAAC in administering project grant funding, including monitoring and reporting;
- Ensure synergies and manage communication between the project management, provincial managers and financial advisors with regard to the project's financial mechanism;
- Conduct and support the planning, implementation, and facilitation/moderation of meetings, training workshops, and other project activities;
- Contribute to cross-cutting project tasks: monitoring, reporting, and impact measurement;
- Support projects of the Agriculture and Food Cluster in establishing relationships with key stakeholders in the area of agriculture/green finance;
- Engage in project development initiatives of the Agriculture and Food Cluster related to the topics of agriculture/green finance.

**Qualifications:**

We are looking for a candidate who preferably possesses the following qualifications and experiences (or the equivalent of):

- Master's degree in Economics, Finance, Business Management or a related field;
- More than 5 years of professional work experience preferably within the private sector with a focus on relationship management and business development;
- Excellent interpersonal and intercultural skills in communication with stakeholders (i.e. communicate with relevant bank, public & private partners, service providers, and project staff);
- Ability to organize yourself and work in a team of international and Thai experts;
- Ability to communicate pro-actively and effectively in written and spoken English and Thai;
- Willingness to travel within Thailand.

This will be a fixed-term contract, starting in January 2020 and running through December 2021 (with high possibility of extension). The position is remunerated according to GIZ Project Coordinator position.

Please submit your application and CV to [chattayada.pattaragulwanit@giz.de](mailto:chattayada.pattaragulwanit@giz.de). The deadline for applications is January 17, 2020. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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