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. The “Mainstreaming Sustainable Rice through the Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP)” project is currently looking for an SRP Standard and Assurance Officer.

**SRP Standard and Assurance Officer**

**Context:**
The Sustainable Rice Platform e.V. (SRP) is a global multi-stakeholder alliance launched in 2011, that works to safeguard livelihoods of farmers while minimizing environmental impacts of rice production. It has fostered partnerships to enable farmers to adopt sustainable rice cultivation practices, connected farmers with buyers seeking sustainably produced rice, and driven scale through advocacy. The SRP has proven that by following sustainable practices, smallholder farmers can produce at lower cost, increase net incomes, protect their health, and reduce the environmental and climate footprint of rice cultivation. See www.sustainablerice.org.

The SRP Secretariat is responsible for establishing and managing systems and processes to enable the SRP to operate effectively; it supports over 100 SRP Members to engage in these processes.

**Project:**
The Mainstreaming Sustainable Rice through the SRP project (2020 – 2023) will support the SRP e.V. to upgrade its tools, systems and processes for use at a larger scale – to multiply the production of and demand for sustainable rice.

Project activities will result in a stronger SRP that can coordinate and expand initiatives to reach and deliver tangible benefits to 1 million smallholder farmers by 2023 and beyond the project term.

The project will focus on:
- Establish SRP National Chapters to optimize country-level approaches and mainstream sustainable practices through policy measures;
- Elevate SRP Standard and Performance Indicators and associated upstream capacity building systems to meet international benchmarks for credible standards;
- Increase value of SRP Trademarks and broker relationships with downstream rice value chain actors to expand market penetration;
- Engage in data-driven reporting on impacts for more powerful communications and more effective knowledge management; and
- Work with scaling partners to drive sector transformation.

**Position:**
In support of the Sustainable Rice Platform e.V., we are looking for an **SRP Standard and Assurance Officer** who will lead efforts to (a) upgrade the SRP Standard, Performance Indicators and Assurance Scheme to meet international benchmarks for credible standards, and (b) ensure that these SRP core tools are used correctly and consistently to uphold their value.
Responsibilities and Tasks:

S/he will rapidly achieve proficiency in the current tools, systems and processes used by SRP in order to serve SRP and its members effectively in the tasks listed below. S/he may be assigned additional tasks to support the SRP Secretariat.

The SRP Standard, Performance Indicators and Assurance Scheme are hereafter collectively referred to as SRP core tools.

Upgrading SRP core tools to meet ISEAL Codes:

- Lead the preparation of mandatory documentation to apply to become an ISEAL Community Member, working together with an international expert (Sustainability Codes Consultant)
- Lead SRP to actively participate as an ISEAL Community Member
- Prepare and submit deliverables to meet requirements for ISEAL Community Members (e.g., annual improvement plans, annual reports)
- Lead the preparation of mandatory documentation to apply to become an ISEAL Code Compliant Member

Governance of SRP core tools:

- Work with the SRP Technical Committee and international expert (Sustainability Codes Consultant) to implement a governance system to manage the SRP core tools in compliance with internationally accepted best practice
- Support the development and ongoing operation of a complaint and problem resolution mechanisms for technical (related to SRP core tools), governance and miscellaneous grievances
- Coordinate the drafting of positions on key issues where differences in views of sustainable practices arise for consistent application of the SRP core tools and to support SRP’s policies
- Serve as counterpart to GLOBALG.A.P. (SRP’s Assurance Service Provider) to carry out agreed activities to strengthen the SRP Assurance Programme

Supplementary tools:

- Coordinate development of supplemental tools to increase adoption of SRP core tools (e.g., FAQ, member support portal, farmer support tools, value chain assessment tools)
- Inventory supplemental tools used by SRP members and facilitate peer-to-peer exchanges
- Support the process to develop National Interpretation Guidelines of the SRP Standard to ensure equivalence with the global SRP Standard

Qualifications:

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

- Degree in agronomy, natural resource management, public policy, or an area that is relevant to achieve the project’s objectives
- Minimum five (5) years of technical experience in the sustainability standards and certifications sector
- Professional experience working on standard setting, auditing and certification, or standard system governance is required; knowledge of the codes and processes if ISEAL is an asset
- Proficiency in English language is required; Thai and/or German language is an asset
- Effective written communication and presentation skills for diverse audiences
- Team player with strong organizational, multi-tasking and problem-solving skills
- Excellent computer literacy (Microsoft Office, email, internet)
Contract:

This will be a fixed-term contract, starting in March 2021 and running until August 2022 (with high possibility of extension).

Duty station will be in Bangkok, Thailand.

Lines of Reporting:

The staff member will report to the GIZ Project Director on all administrative requirements.

The staff member will be seconded to the Sustainable Rice Platform e.V. Secretariat. The staff member will serve as a full member of the SRP Secretariat, which is led by the SRP Executive Director. The staff member will receive day-to-day direction and feedback on the responsibilities and tasks listed above from the SRP Executive Director.

Application:

Please submit your application and CV to chattayada.pattaragulwanit@giz.de. The deadline for applications is 19 February 2021. 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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