

As an international cooperation enterprise for sustainable development with worldwide operations, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, owned by the German government, 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. As part of GIZ Thailand's Environment and Climate Cluster, we are currently looking for a Policy Advisor to support the implementation of project activities.

Policy Advisor (Climate Mitigation)

Thai-German cooperation on climate change started with its first joint projects in 2008 and up until now Thailand has already taken substantial steps both in the field of climate change mitigation and adaptation. In the area of climate change policy development, GIZ works closely with the Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning (ONEP) as the main political partner and in cooperation with other key line agencies on improving the climate change policy environment and enabling the implementation of these policies at the national and subnational level. Recently, we have expanded this cooperation with ONEP to the field of biodiversity conservation and management. To ensure efficient project implementation in this multi-stakeholder environment in line with international standards, supporting the implementation of key global agreements, particularly the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Paris Agreement, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the United Nations 2030 Agenda, we as integrated team of national and international climate and environmental policy analysts and political scientists, under the Climate, Coastal and Marine Biodiversity (CCMB) project, are now seeking for an interested candidate to complement our team and provide these key supporting functions of project implementation.

Main responsibilities:

- delivering professional advisory services in topics related to project implementation, and particularly related to climate mitigation topics
- supporting the project director in project management and coordination, including liaising with donors and partners
- supporting the project's communication and visibility activities
- initiating and maintaining knowledge management within project and contributing to GIZ-wide knowledge management
- supporting business development and acquisition processes.

To exercise the Policy Advisor's responsibilities, the following tasks are foreseen:

Professional advisory services

- Provides technical advice to, and supports capacity development within partner institution(s) on various climate mitigation topics, and particularly on topics that are relevant to the project's scope
- Proposes strategic approaches and recommendations to address gaps and needs of partner institution(s) to fulfill the common objective(s) as identified in the project's outcome and outputs

- Supports partner institution(s) in identifying needs for external support and advice
- Formulates job descriptions and terms of reference, as well as selects and supervises third party consultant(s)/grant recipient(s) in the course of carrying out project activities
- Provides technical and related guidance to third party consultant(s)/grant recipient(s) to ensure effective and timely delivery of high-quality services to partner institution(s)
- Designs, prepares and organizes workshops, seminars and other events on issues related to the project/programme's outputs and work packages
- Identify opportunities and support the project director to develop new businesses for different climate finance sources (IKI, GCF, and other donors), involving various national partners, as appropriate

Project management and coordination

- Supports the project director and partner institution(s) to develop work plans and implementation strategies for the project in order to fulfill the common objective(s) as identified in the project's outcome and outputs
- Independently plans and manages project activities under relevant work packages, as assigned and agreed by the project director and in accordance with the project's outcome and outputs
- Provides assistance and mentoring, if needed, to relevant project officer(s) to contribute to a well-functioning teamwork and learning within the team
- Estimates budget and monitors expenses for related project activities in consultation with the project director and relevant finance officer(s)
- Monitors project progress and activities in close consultation with relevant counterparts, reviews reports, identifies bottlenecks, develops and implements quality assurance measures, and, as necessary, recommends alternative management options to the project director
- Documents project progress, activities and challenges and provides relevant input to project's monitoring and evaluation reports and related tools
- Regularly updates the project director on relevant project progress and seeks advice as needed to ensure high-quality, effective and timely execution of project activities
- Briefs the project director and team about key developments of climate change discussions in Thailand, in the region and internationally
- Acts as a focal point for communication with partner agencies, as assigned by the project director
- Communicates and coordinates with relevant stakeholders to ensure effective and timely execution of project activities
- Communicates and coordinates with other projects and relevant working groups, clusters and other network mechanisms within GIZ to ensure synergies and harmonized approaches in delivery of services

Communication and visibility

- Develops collaborative relationships with national partners, including relevant agencies and line ministries, academia, civil society organizations, and other relevant national and international organizations

- Liaises with partners and consultants to develop relevant communication materials, including newsletters, website contents and other outreach activities
- Helps coordinate the cooperation of the project with other national, regional and international programmes/projects
- Represents the project and GIZ in national and international events

Knowledge management

- Ensures proper documentation of project information to promote knowledge transfer e.g. through DMS and related tools
- Develops ready-to-use strategies and technical concepts, including guidelines, manuals and procedures
- Draws up reports and presentation documents
- Formulates appropriate input for various reports including annual reports, and contributes to other reports required by the project director and GIZ Head Office
- Assists with research activities and studies which benefit the project

Other duties/additional tasks

Performs other duties and tasks at the request of management

Required qualifications, competence and experience

- Master's or Doctorate degree in climate/environmental policy, environmental economics and/or related fields
- 7 years of professional working experience in a similar position or related field, with at least 5 years professional experience in a comparable position
- Professional experience in the field of project management
- Working experience with national and international organisations and/or ministries
- Fluent command of written and spoken English
- Very good presentation and writing skills
- Very good working knowledge of ITC technologies (related software, phone, fax, email, the internet) and computer applications (e.g. MS Office)
- Proactive and positive attitudes and ability to self-motivate
- Hands-on mentality and detail-oriented work ethics
- Ability to work under time pressure by ensuring quality outputs and meeting deadlines
- Interest and ability to work in a cross-cultural context and environment
- Strong interest to work on climate change and sustainable development topics
- Willingness to upskill, as required and supported by agreed measures with project director
- Readiness to travel frequently in accordance with project requirements

This will be a fixed-term contract, starting as soon as possible and running until December 2023, with very high possibility for continuation until 2027. Please submit your application and CV to chattayada.pattaragulwanit@giz.de.

The deadline for applications is 8 July 2022. 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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