

As an international cooperation enterprise for sustainable development with worldwide operations, the German government owned Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH 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. For the Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) Outreach in Asia – The Next Five project we are currently looking for a Technical Advisor

Technical Advisor

Sustainable public procurement and eco-labels are powerful SCP instruments to stimulate the provision of more resource-efficient, less polluting goods, services and works within the marketplace. It has gained significant importance in the Southeast Asian region during recent years. There is great potential to reduce GHG emissions through GPP and eco-labelling in the region, since the public sector has immense purchasing power. Therefore, the project aims to support 5 countries in the region namely Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Vietnam and Bhutan to develop or improve the policy framework for GPP and eco-label implementation, including institutional capacity development.

The main activities are designed in four main areas as follows:

- Improving legal frameworks, communication systems and appropriate incentive mechanisms to address the particularly climate-relevant products and services within the framework of public, sustainable procurement and the environmental label system in the target countries.
- Developing strategies for sustainable public procurement implementation
- Supporting Environmental labels (type I) development in the partner countries at the institutional level.
- Support mutual recognition of environmental labels in the target countries

The project activities focus on the strengthening of institutions, specific training courses, knowledge transfer and the design of integrated solutions for developing and implementing Green Public Procurement and Ecolabel such as improving Public Procurement Law, standard technical documents, and guidelines, developing environmental criteria, as well as promoting awareness among producers. In addition to training and train-the-trainer packages, international best practices are also analyzed in the GPP area, as well as notes on the adaptation of these strategies in the partner countries.

The project is funded by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) and implemented by GIZ in close cooperation with national country partners.

A. Responsibilities and Tasks

the Technical Advisor is responsible for the following tasks:

- Support the development of the implementation strategy, action and work planning and monitoring of project activities in line with project objectives and deliverables, and jointly with partners and the management.
- Organises the day-to-day operational management of the project: control project implementation and timely provision of deliverables, quality control, facilitation and coordinates of short-term experts, etc in cooperation with the DV;
- Supports country coordinators and partners by providing professional advice to and cooperating with a broad range of stakeholders and target groups; includes conducting research and study;
- Liaise and closely cooperate with national institutions such as PCD, TISI, TEI, MTEC, as well as international institutions such as the Öko Institut, UNEP, World Bank, the GEN network, the EU SWITCH project and others to enable effective, efficient and sustainable knowledge transfer and capacity development;
- Sets up and maintains innovation and knowledge management as well as transmission of innovation to a wide range of persons, this includes cooperation and coordination for South-South exchanges;
- Autonomously draft ToR, develop contracts, supervise contract implementation and quality control of consultancy service, including liaising with GIZ procurement department for contract matters.

Other related tasks

- coordinates and ensures regular communication with the management (i.e. team meetings and Jour Fixe) to consult, reflect and jointly develop the strategic orientation of the project;
- contributes to GIZ Thailand internal coordination/knowledge management structures, such as the emerging resource cluster (TGCP and EU-Marine Littering projects), relevant working groups, management meetings, country planning, etc.
- support the management in strategic development of the project, including regional and global network development, acquisition of funds, private sector development, etc.
- Support daily administrative affairs, i.e. liaising with GIZ Office, counterparts, and other stakeholders; event organization, procurement of goods and services, letter/email/phone correspondences etc.

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B. Required qualifications, competencies and experience

Qualifications

- Master degree in a course related to the project/program's issues, specialisation in a field related to environmental science/management, and/or business/public administration.
- Experience with eco labelling, green public procurement or environmental management is an advantage.
- Plus 5 years of relevant occupational experience, expertise in project planning, coordinating, and in management experience.

- Proven experience in implementing regional GIZ projects, preferably in Southeast Asia;
- Understanding governmental structure and experience in working with Thai government institutions
- basic understanding of sustainable consumption and production, green public procurement and/or eco-labelling in the Asian region.

Other Qualifications

- Very good working knowledge of modern telecommunication systems, IT-know-how (MS Office or other database programs);
- Excellent command of Thai and English in writing and speaking; knowledge of German or one of the CLMV languages is an advantage;
- High demand concerning conceptual-creative thinking and self-initiative;
- High demand on precise partner management, quality control and result based thinking/acting;
- High demand on delegating and coordinating multiple and complex tasks in a regional context;
- Ability to work independently and to do frequent travels within the region and globally;

Contract:

This will be a fixed-term contract starting as soon as possible and running until February 2024, with high possibility of extension.

Application:

Please submit your application and CV to chattayada.pattaragulwanit@giz.de. The deadline for applications is 30 November 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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