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### **Advisor**

#### **Transboundary Water Cooperation III (TWC III)**

Home to over 70 million people across Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Viet Nam, the Mekong and its tributary rivers are lifelines for providing food, energy, and water security. However, post-COVID-19 economic recovery and socio-economic development pose risks of over-exploitation beyond the river's natural limits. These human-induced pressures, compounded by climate change, underline the urgent need for collaborative water management strategies. The Mekong River Commission (MRC), established in 1995, serves as a crucial platform for regional cooperation. This requires promoting the work of national line agencies and stronger regional coordination.

The GIZ project supports MRC in developing a comprehensive strategy for the Mekong River Basin, focusing on:

Establishing a Core River Monitoring Network to track environmental changes caused by dams and plastic pollution. Activities include providing trainings, equipment, and technical advice, contributing to the approval of a Joint Environmental Monitoring Program for dams and a Capacity Development Strategy.

Enhancing MRC's Joint Planning, a local cross-border approach, to address flood and drought risks, early warning systems and nature-based solutions. This involves close cooperation with MRC in transboundary sub-basins to develop a digital atlas, a master plan, and to prioritise sustainable green-grey investments.

Fostering the organisational development of the MRC Secretariat by supporting the implementation of the MRC Strategic Plan 2021-2025. This includes advice on compliance mechanisms, for example, internal controls and efficient use of the funds from bilateral and international donors and member countries.

The **Advisor** will carry out the following scope of project work:

#### **Responsibilities:**

- As a member of the GIZ project team, advising the Mekong River Commission's different divisions and the Thai National Mekong Committee (TNMC) as well as national and local sector agencies in the implementation of transboundary Joint Projects regarding climate change adaptation planning
- Support the planning (incl. execution of feasibility studies) and investment implementation of Ecosystem-based Adaptation measures at different watershed sites in border areas in Thailand and Cambodia
- Partly responsible for the coordination and management of international consultants (incl. tendering, backstopping)
- Facilitate and moderate capacity development approaches with different stakeholders' groups (MRC, Thai National Mekong Committee, national line ministries, etc.)

- Responsible for M&E contributions, reporting and further conceptualization/ elaboration of studies, surveys and reports
- Frequent business travels to Cambodia and Laos (HQ of the Mekong River Commission) to closely work with GIZ colleagues from other countries and to organize international meetings, workshops and trainings.

**Required qualifications, competencies, and experience:**

- Thai nationality only
- Master's Degree in Environmental Studies/ Natural Sciences/ Geography/ Social Sciences/ Civil Engineering
- At least 3 years of professional work experience in a related field
- Excellent Thai and English language skills (writing and speaking)
- Excellent and proven project management skills to manage technical tasks
- Proven ability to facilitate workshops, trainings
- Excellent communication skills and anticipation to create networks and sound working environments to successfully implement project activities

**Duty station and timeframe:**

The position will be based at the GIZ's Project Office in Thailand.

This will be a fixed-term contract, starting as soon as possible and running until 31 December 2027 (with possibility of extension).

Please carefully read this announcement and **submit a CV AND a cover letter in English** to [aroonratt.soontonbura@giz.de](mailto:aroonratt.soontonbura@giz.de).

The **deadline for applications is 3 January 2025**. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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