

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. For the Project **Urban-Act: Integrated Urban Climate Action for Low-Carbon & Resilient Cities** we are looking for an

Advisor (Climate and Urban Development)

Urban-Act is a regional project under the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of The German Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK), supports a transformation towards low-carbon and resilient urban development in its five partner countries: India, the Philippines, Thailand, China, and Indonesia. The Urban-Act project is jointly implemented by GIZ, UNESCAP, UCLG ASPAC, the University of Stuttgart and the TU Dortmund University as well as national implementing partners in each of the project countries.

In Thailand, the Urban-Act project is being implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior (MoI) as project political partner to promote SDG localization, climate sensitive urban development, climate change transport adaptation and mitigation, promoting nature-based solutions, and ecological spatial planning, on both central agency and pilot city level. GIZ, Chulalongkorn University, Thammasat University and the Thai Meteorological Department (TMD) jointly support its key government partners in an integrated way including also the Department of Public Works and Town & Country Planning (DPT), the Ministry of Interior, Office of Transportation and Traffic Policy and Planning (OTP), Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning (ONEP) to improve on evidence-based and inclusive spatial and urban planning with consideration of climate change and sustainability. The project further engages in up to three pilot cities in Chiang Mai, Khon Kaen and Phuket to provide direct technical assistance for climate-sensitive urban planning and project identification including aspects of integrated land-use, mobility, and environmental planning at the urban scale.

Key working areas of the Urban Act are:

- Improved institutional environment for climate-sensitive urban development
- Evidence-based and inclusive climate-sensitive spatial and urban planning
- Project concepts for urban climate action investments identified
- Enhanced knowledge through regional networking, exchange, and learning

To support the implementation of Urban-Act, GIZ is looking for an Advisor to support the Urban -Act team in coordination with Thai government, in particular the Department of Public Works and Town and Country Planning (DPT) - national and subnational level, and coordinate with national consortium partners to support the implementation of the Urban-Act project together with the team, from time to time he/she may be requested to support regional activities that link to Thailand component and other activities in the GIZ Thailand portfolio within capacity and availability.

The **Advisor** will be responsible for the following task:

Project Management

- Act as a focal person for the project key results on “evidence-based land use planning” and coordinate with government partners, mainly the Department of Public Works and Town and Country Planning (DPT)

- and other relevant stakeholders
- Manage the collaboration and joint operational planning as well as oversee grant agreement with Urban Act consortium partners e.g. monitor project activities, manage for results, facilitate cooperation, review of deliverables, milestones monitoring & steering
 - Assist in coordinating regional contributions of the Urban-Act Thailand component and its project partners through e.g., engagement in peer-to-peer dialogues, knowledge exchange, capacity development and training activities.
 - Lead strategic partner engagement, establish, maintain and further develop partner relationships
 - Provide management support under the guidance of the Project Director for the overall Urban-Act project
 - Support coordination across the Urban-Act project teams and implementing partners with regards to monitoring and timely progress reporting.
 - Support coordination with other GIZ projects in Thailand and the region as well as initiatives of other implementing agencies or donors working in a similar field to foster synergies and collaboration.
 - Ensure synergies and coordination across the Urban Act Thailand component and other country team in the Regional Urban Act countries
 - Support other implementation activities through strategic advice, both technical as well as in terms of partner relation
 - Contribute to a well-functioning teamwork and learning within the team
 - Other tasks as required

Technical Advisory

- Provide strategic and technical advice in climate integrated spatial and urban planning for the management and implementation of the Urban-Act Thailand component
- Ensure technical quality control of deliverables from external parties (e.g., regional and national consortium partners, suppliers, etc.) and expectation from the users
- Engage in building up technical capacity of government partners jointly together with the Urban Act peer networks to enhance overall partners' knowledge and expertise in climate-sensitive urban and spatial planning, urban development and building domain
- Support technical dialogues that foster collaboration on evidenced-based spatial and urban- planning and development among urban sectors.
- Analyze key topics related to climate-sensitive urban planning and strategically provide advice on entry point for integrating evidence -based urban planning into the planning process and ensure the Urban Act project indicator achievement, meeting partner's expectations and maximizing the usability of project outputs.
- Support GIZ in knowledge transfer (e.g., internal/external training) as requested

Others

- Participate in meetings, trainings, and/or conference as requested
- Support internal initiatives to build up capacity of the Urban-Act team (e.g., enhancement on the ways of working, exploring new productivity tools/processes) as appropriate
- Provide other supports to GIZ Thailand Team as requested

Required qualifications, competences and experience

Qualifications

- Thai nationality only.
- Master's degree in international development, urban planning, climate change, political science, environmental management, or related fields.

Professional experience

- A minimum of 5-7 years of working experience in international sustainable development preferably in urban planning, climate change or related fields.
- Proven experience in coordinating with and supporting government agencies in Thailand (e.g., DPT)
- Specific working experience in climate-sensitive urban and spatial planning, sustainable urban development, and/or building sectors, will be an asset.

Other experiences and skills

- Strong background in multi-stakeholder coordination and facilitation, particularly in international cooperation context with government agencies, academic institutions, donor agencies and international organization.
- Experience in strategic partner engagement, relationship management, project management and fostering synergies across sectors.
- Fluent in English and Thai language (reading, listening, speaking, and writing)
- Strong organizational and problem-solving skills, with attention to detail and ability to manage multiple tasks.
- Demonstrate accountability and trustworthiness on implementation of assigned activities
- Highly organized with strong motivation in climate change, and international cooperation and development
- Ability to work independently and in a team-oriented environment, fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing.
- Strong results-oriented project management skills (e.g., planning, coordination, managing for results, monitoring and evaluation, etc.)
- Excellent communication and presentation skills in public / large audience settings
- High emotional intelligence (e.g., self-awareness, self-control, empathy, social skills)
- Good team player who are willing to support team for overall project success, but can also work independently and can cope with pressure and stress healthily
- Willingness to learn and can adapt his/her working styles & communication approach to match with the situation
- Readiness to travel within Thailand and in the region, subject to project requirements

Duty station

The position will be based in the project office in Bangkok with some travel requirement.

Please carefully read this announcement and submit 1) a CV AND 2) a cover letter in English to aronratt.soontonbura@giz.de. The deadline for applications is 10 March 2025. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

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