



**Transformative Actions for Climate and Ecological Protection and Development
(TRANSCEND)
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**Job Description
Transport Policy Advisor
(Category 4T)**

Project Description

The International Climate Initiative (IKI) is an important part of the German government's international climate finance commitment. Since 2022, the IKI is implemented by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) in close cooperation with the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) and the Federal Foreign Office (AA). The Philippines is one of the priority countries with which the International Climate Initiative maintains a close cooperation.

The project "Transformative Actions for Climate and Ecological Protection and Development" (TRANSCEND) responds to an IKI country call for the Philippines. The project is currently in its preparation phase and looking at implementation from 2024-2029. It will be implemented by a consortium led by the Climate Change Commission and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. The consortium partners include UN organisations, NGOs and academia. Centered around a holistic approach, TRANSCEND targets integrated solutions in climate adaptation, emissions mitigation, and biodiversity conservation across three distinct landscapes within the Philippines. In applying a "whole-of-society" strategy, the project pilots a comprehensive transition to a society that is resilient to climate impacts, lowers carbon emissions, and fosters biodiversity. On a local level, community-based planning and conservation initiatives aim to enhance natural carbon sinks and fortify the resilience of local government units. Decision support systems, adopted across all layers of governance, are intended to refine policy decisions and improve the efficacy of climate financing.

Within the broader framework, TRANSCEND also facilitates the International Climate Initiative Interface in the Philippines. This platform serves to coordinate networking events and disseminate regular updates through newsletters, thereby keeping both the German commissioning ministries and the German Embassy in Manila well-informed.

Main Role

The Transport Advisor within the TRANSCEND initiative assumes a multifaceted role as a subject-matter expert in the domain of transport and climate change mitigation policy. The incumbent suited for this role should have a strong background in transport systems, climate change mitigation, and sustainable development. This role involves providing specialized advice on climate issues to stakeholders at both the national and local levels, while also supporting the project's transport and IKI Interface component through effective communication and advocacy.

Major Functions/Duties

The incumbent performs the following major functions/duties:

Technical Advisory:

- Develop and advise on national policy frameworks related to public transport, electrification, and sustainable development.
- Synthesize strategic policy advice on financing mechanisms for public transport modernization and electrification.
- Collaborate with financial institutions to establish and deliver financial training programs for cooperatives and small enterprises.

- Create financial mechanisms and business models to facilitate access to loans and investments for transport modernization.
- Assist with the reform of environmental regulations to modernize old vehicles and promote cleaner transport alternatives.
- Design and implement comprehensive Monitoring, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) systems for tracking transport-related data, including emissions and fleet composition.
- Develop and update emissions inventories for the transport sector
- Support the project's transport and interface components, ensuring methodologies employed are culturally sensitive and gender responsive.

Partnership and Stakeholder Engagement:

- Design and implement train-the-trainer programs focusing on gender inclusivity to empower women in the transport sector.
- Initiate and sustain dialogues with governmental and non-governmental entities to foster collaborative outcomes across all TRANSCEND project outputs.
- Cultivate and oversee partnerships with relevant government agencies, civil society organizations, and international climate bodies, aimed at achieving TRANSCEND's targeted objectives.
- Interface with local governments and communities for the effective rollout of project initiatives in all three landscapes where applicable.

Additional Responsibilities:

- Ensure that TRANSCEND activities in the transport and interface components are following IKI and TRANSCEND guidelines, and prepare periodic reports summarizing project progress and milestones.
- Contribute to organizational priorities beyond the project's scope and engage in special initiatives as required.

Competency Requirements

In-depth Philippine Sector Knowledge:

- Proven expertise in Philippine transport and climate policy, with a minimum of 8 years of experience in the sector.

Experience in supporting the implementation of Projects:

- Proven track record in supporting the implementation of policy-focussed projects for governmental and non-governmental stakeholders in the Philippines.

Strategic Thinking and Vision:

- Ability to anticipate the long-term impact and effectiveness of decisions and actions.
- Forward-thinking and proactive in strategy planning.

Proficiency in GIZ Instruments:

- Familiarity with Capacity WORKS tools and approaches is considered advantageous.
- Results and Gender-Responsive Focus: Strong commitment to delivering results, with a particular focus on gender-responsive or transformative programming.

Excellent Interpersonal Skills:

- Skilled at cross-cultural and hierarchical communication, with an ability to create and maintain strong relationships across different levels of an organization.

Clear and Effective Communication:

- Exceptional ability to write coherent reports with minimal supervision and to adapt communication style for varied audiences.

Knowledge of International Frameworks:

- In-depth knowledge of transport policies in the Philippines, specifically transport policies related to Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) are crucial.
- Paris Agreement and specific commitments under the Paris Agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions within the transport sector.
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - Particularly SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), and SDG 13 (Climate Action) as they relate to transport.
- International Energy Agency (IEA) Protocols - Standards and recommendations for energy use in transport, including electric vehicle integration and fuel economy.
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Reports - Guidelines for reducing carbon emissions within the transport sector.
- Global Fuel Economy Initiative (GFEI) - Working towards improving automotive fuel economy and reducing emissions.
- International Transport Forum (ITF) Decarbonising Transport Initiative - Frameworks and strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport.
- The PPMC (Paris Process on Mobility and Climate) - Initiatives and actions to enhance sustainable mobility aligned with global climate goals.
- Clean Air Asia's Guidance Framework for Better Air Quality in Asian Cities - Although region-specific, it is important for understanding air quality management in relation to transport policies.
- The Avoid-Shift-Improve (ASI) Framework - A strategy for transforming the transport sector to be more sustainable.
- The MobiliseYourCity Partnership - A global and inclusive partnership for urban mobility planning, which could be relevant in a city planning and policy context.

Understanding of Philippine Legislative Processes:

- Ability to navigate and comprehend local legislative and governmental plans and procedures.

Facilitation Skills:

- Proven ability in facilitating meetings, workshops, or public consultations, ensuring active participation and consensus-building.

Language Proficiency:

- Must be fluent in both English and Filipino for effective communication at all levels.

Additional Requirements:

- Willingness to undertake regular business travel to key regions within the Philippines, including Visayas, Luzon, and Mindanao, to support local teams and engage with stakeholders.

Professional Qualifications

- A Master's degree in Transport, Climate Change Management, Engineering, Public Policy, or a related field; or a University degree with a minimum of 8 years of professional experience.
- Relevant experience in transport policy advisory roles with a strong understanding of both Philippine and international transport landscapes.
- In-depth knowledge of international climate frameworks like the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement, and proven ability in conducting policy assessments, making actionable recommendations, and advising on local to international level climate issues.

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- A track record of working with transport models and planning to inform policy decisions, and of contributing to international discussions on energy policy.
 - Exceptional stakeholder management skills, with robust experience in partnership building across government agencies, civil society organizations, and international bodies, and in managing complex multi-stakeholder implementation processes.
 - Outstanding communication abilities, proficient in both English and Filipino, complemented by experience in strategic development, long-term planning, and the facilitation and organization of high-level national and international events.
 - Results-oriented in performing tasks and having attention to details, from demand-based planning through implementation, innovation & learning, and knowledge management
 - Experienced with procedures of German or other commissioning parties.

Reporting Relationship/Duty Station

The Transport Policy Advisor will report to the Chief Advisor of the IKI Interface and Transport component and will be stationed in Makati City. Domestic and international travel may be required to engage with global energy policy forums and stakeholder meetings.

Period of the Assignment

1st of January 2024 – 30th June 2028, with a possibility for an extension