

Advisor on transboundary water management and governance for the African Ministers' Council on Water – GV Global Water Security for Resilient Development

Place of Assignment:	Abuja, Nigeria
Initial Contract Period:	15 June 2024 – 31 December 2027
Application Deadline:	12 May 2024

About GIZ

The [Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit \(GIZ\) GmbH](#) is a global service provider in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development dedicated to shaping a future worth living around the world. As a public-benefit federal enterprise, GIZ supports the German Government – in particular the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) – and many public and private sector clients in achieving their objectives in international cooperation in around 120 countries.

Since 2004, GIZ has been a reliable and trusted partner of the African Union (AU) to enhance inclusive growth and sustainable development on the African continent in line with the AU's [Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want](#). With more than 200 staff, [GIZ African Union](#) cooperates with the AU Commission, as well as the AU's specialised institutions and agencies, such as the Development Agency AUDA-NEPAD, at continental, regional and national level in more than 35 member states. Key areas of engagement include Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention, Governance and Migration, Sustainable Economic Growth and Employment, as well as Health and Social Development.

The global programme 'Water Security for Resilient Development (SecBlue)' is part of the GloBe Water Cluster (CoopBlue). It focuses on strengthening governance structures for improved water security within broad development contexts to allow for more resilient development of countries and regions. Part of the global programme is the continental action 'Blue Africa', funded by the European Union Delegation in Addis Ababa. Blue Africa is a key action of the Team Europe Initiative on Transboundary Water Management in Africa (TEI TWM) and implemented in cooperation with the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) and the African Union Commission (AUC). The main objectives of Blue Africa are strengthening the continental water governance architecture, stimulating investments in the African water agenda, and the further development of benchmarking and monitoring tools on water security

Core Tasks

- As advisor for Blue Africa based in Abuja, you are supporting AMCOW with the implementation of planned measures within the action. This includes the strengthening of the Africa-wide coordination and cooperation framework for Transboundary Water Management (TWM), the improvement of African investment frameworks to stimulate investments in the African water agenda, and the improvement of the benchmarking and monitoring tools on water security in Africa.

- You are responsible for planning, implementing, and monitoring measures foreseen for AMCOW under the action Blue Africa, in line with technical and economical standards. This includes monitoring of impacts, indicators, activities, as well as quality and knowledge management and support with reporting towards the EU.
- Based on your close cooperation with AMCOW, you provide guidance for the implementation and further development of measures of the action Blue Africa, the overall TEI TWM, and for the global programme.
- You support the advisory services of the global programme to BMZ. This includes advisory on BMZ's role and tasks as representative of the German government within the TEI TWM as well as advisory on TWM in general.
- You work closely with other advisors in the project team based in Addis Ababa and in Germany, as well as bilateral and regional water programmes in Africa. This includes the identification of, and where possible support towards, the acquisition processes for additional EU co-financing from the TEI TWM for other programmes.
- In addition, you establish trustful relationships with key partners, which are AMCOW, AUC, USAID, AFD, and other ongoing TWM projects of BGR, KfW and GIZ. Furthermore, you cooperate closely with the GIZ competence center on water, wastewater, and waste.
- Where appropriate and reasonable, you perform further tasks assigned to you by your line manager outside the scope of the job description.

Your Profile

- University degree (Master or similar) in a relevant field (water management, hydrology, water and sanitation, water resources, engineering, political science, economics, or environmental science)
- At least 10 years professional experience in development cooperation projects in Africa regarding water management, water resources, water and sanitation, water diplomacy, or governance
- At least 5 years professional experience in cooperation projects with African institutions active in the water sector, on continental, regional, or national level
- Ideally expertise and knowledge with EU funded projects
- Very strong communication skills and experience in working with high political visibility, very good analytical and strategic skills
- Enthusiasm, team spirit, reliability, diplomatic skills, competence in gender issues and intercultural behaviour.
- Independent working style and readiness to take over responsibility, strong networking skills
- Excellent English is a prerequisite, good command of German and French are additional assets

The position is based in Abuja. Readiness for travel within Nigeria as well as to other African countries and to Europe is a prerequisite.

How to Apply:

The application should include

- a motivational letter / letter of application,
- a recent CV, including at least three referee contacts.

Applications should be submitted via email to hr_au@giz.de with the subject line **“Advisor on transboundary water management and governance – SecBlue Abuja– Your Name”**.



Closing date for applications: **12 May 2024, midnight EAT**. Only Shortlisted Candidates will be contacted.

Internal Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications using their official GIZ email addresses.

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