

Salary Band 4T	<p>Green Economy Transformation and Decarbonization Pathways in the Context of Economic Recovery from the Pandemic (GET) (Part-time 50%)</p> <p>Just Energy Transition in Coal Regions – Interregional Platform (JET CR Platform) (part time 50%)</p> <p>Senior Technical Advisor</p>
Reports to:	Programme Manager JUST SA
Duration	Until – 30 November 2025

BACKGROUND

A. GET (50%)

The **Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH** and **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** have formed a partnership to deliver the Global Project “**Green Economy Transformation and Decarbonization Pathways in the Context of Economic Recovery from the Pandemic (GET 4.0)**” to support the transition to an inclusive green economy in several partner countries and regions. The project is financed by the **International Climate Initiative (IKI)** of the **German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK)**.

The GET Project strengthens relevant international partnerships and alliances to promote an Inclusive **Green Economy (PAGE, GO4SDGs, GGKP, Green Fiscal Policy Network)**, and supports four partner countries (Argentina, Costa Rica, Indonesia, and South Africa) in preparing and implementing policy solutions for the transformation towards an Inclusive Green Economy through targeted technical advice, learning formats and stakeholder consultations, among others. In South Africa, GET supports **the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment (DFFE)** on the prior topics.

Building on the cooperation successfully established in the previous project GET 3.0, the project activities will focus on supporting Green Bonds issuance by municipalities, on promoting green jobs and green business development (including through training activities) and on accompanying the **Green Economy Advisory Group (GEAG)**, consisting of sector experts that provide the possibility for reflection on current green economy themes and support to the development of those.

The focus of the position is to support the implementation of the GET project activities in South Africa in the areas of policy advisory work, project management and cooperation with partners

to achieve a Green Economy Transformation. The thematic focus lies on green fiscal reforms, green finance / green bonds, sustainable infrastructure, and inclusivity.

B. JET

Just Energy Transition in Coal Regions - Inter-regional Platform (JET-CR Platform) is a joint German-European Union (EU) Action contributing to strengthening capacities, mutual learning and sharing experiences on the just energy transition in the context of coal regions globally, including drawing on learnings from the EU.

The JET-CR Platform is embedded, as its global component, in the Project “**Innovation Regions for a Just Energy Transition**” (**IKI JET**) by the IKI of the BMWK. The overall IKI JET project in general aims at supporting and accelerating just energy transitions (JET) away from coal to renewable energy and other sustainable economic activities in the Global South, contributing to a reduction of GHG emissions. Focussing on required economic transformations in coal regions, IKI JET works with government, industry, employers, unions, communities, civil society, and academia to spur localized pathways to low-carbon and resilient energy systems and sustainable and just local economies and decent jobs, in line with the Paris Agreement and the ILO Just Transition Guidelines.

The IKI JET project, including the JET-CR Platform is implemented by a consortium of six partners, with the **GIZ** as leading partner and **Climate Action Network - CAN, International Institute for Sustainable Development- IISD, International Labour Organisation- ILO, International Trade Union Confederation - ITUC/ Just Transition Centre, and Wuppertal Institute für Klima, Umwelt, Energie gGmbH** as implementing partner.

The JET-CR Platform supports interregional peer-to-peer exchange, learning, policy dialogues amongst and with coal regions in coal-dependent developing countries and economies in transition from Latin America, Africa, and Asia, small scale in country technical assistance and capacity building measures as information sharing via a Knowledge Hub. The eight countries to participate in the Inter-regional Platform include Colombia, Chile, South Africa (focus on Mpumalanga), India, Indonesia, Viet Nam, Thailand, and Mongolia.

A. TASKS

The **Senior Technical Advisor** is expected to undertake the following tasks:

GET

- Independently support the strategic development of policy advisory services for the DFFE and other relevant institutions/partners.

- Overview of the ongoing processes in the areas of Green Economy Transformation in South Africa.
- Liaison to relevant stakeholder and relevant projects in South Africa.
- Project management and coordination of project measures.
- Tasks required for project implementation, including research, establishment of baselines, monitoring of progress and impacts, and technical contributions.
- Manage advisory work by consultants including preparation of ToR, conduct the procurement process, provide technical oversight of implementation and quality assurance of deliverables. Independently plan and implement consultations, meetings, workshops with various stakeholder, as well as ensure knowledge management of proceedings.
- Other tasks as needed in coordination with the GET line-manager/ project AV.

JET-CR Platform

- Keep an overview of ongoing processes around Just Energy Transition in Coal Regions in South Africa, especially Mpumalanga.
- Engagement and liaison with subnational and national stakeholder relevant for the Just Energy Transition in Mpumalanga as well as other relevant GIZ and German and or EU funded activities.
- Tasks required for project implementation, including research, establishment of baselines, monitoring of progress and impacts, and technical contributions.
- Facilitate regional and national stakeholder participation and integration in international peer-to-peer exchange (communities of practice, working groups, study tours, trainings) and dialogue formats (expert exchanges, conferences, seminars etc.).
- Facilitation / moderation of interregional communities of practice / working groups on JET between key stakeholder of coal regions as well as global expert exchanges on JET policies.
- Manage advisory work by consultants including preparation of ToR, conduct the procurement process, provide technical oversight of implementation and quality assurance of deliverables.
- Elaboration of knowledge products on JET, such as technical policy briefs on JET policies, or case studies.
- Roll-out of a social simulation gamification tool on Just Energy Transition in South Africa.

- Elaboration of a structured assessment of the starting situation for JET in South Africa / Mpumalanga and establishment of a framework for progress monitoring for a successful JET.
- Support in coordination with the JUST SA AV the German Embassy and EU Delegation in South Africa for policy dialogues on Just Energy Transition coal phase out in policy dialogue with country / target region.
- Other tasks as needed in coordination with the IKI JET line-manager/ project AV.

B. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

The **Senior Technical Advisor** is expected to fulfil the following general obligations:

- Become familiar with other programmes and GIZ / IKI measures, concepts and status of implementation.
- Access to relevant Network in South Africa for the Green Economy / Sustainable Finance field as well as Just Energy Transition in Coal Regions.
- Represent the interest of the GET and the IKI JET Project, GIZ (in cooperation with UN Environment, CAN, ILO, IISD, ITUC, WI), and BMUV / BMWK in a professional way in close coordination with GET and IKI JET line-manager/ country Focal Point.
- Hold regular exchange with the GET and the IKI JET Project team based in Germany and the other IKI JET Target countries, UN Environment colleague based in Geneva, as well as the IKI JET consortium partner.
- The employee must be prepared to travel nationally and internationally.

C. REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS, COMPETENCES AND EXPERIENCE

Qualifications:

- Honours Degree (Masters'/MSc would be advantageous) in an area that is related to the programme objectives – e.g., Climate Change, Environmental Science, Environmental Management, Energy (Efficiency), Finance/Economics, Business Administration and/or Engineering.

Professional Experience:

- Minimum ten (10) years of relevant work experience in the management of regional economic transformation, climate change and sustainable finance projects in international cooperation, advisory or consulting services.
- Extensive knowledge of the Green Economy and Just Energy Transition landscape in South Africa.

- Sound knowledge of South African public and private sector landscape in relation to Just Energy Transition, green economy, and climate change.
- Knowledge in two or more of the following fields: inclusive green economy, circular economy, sustainable infrastructure, green finance, regional economic development, coal economy / mining, energy transition, social security, labor market policies and/or green fiscal policy.
- Proven experience in managing and conducting multi-stakeholder engagement sessions of diverse nature.
- Experience in working with local, provincial, or national government in South Africa.
- Proven network in South Africa in the area of Green Economy, Just Energy Transition, climate change and/or sustainable finance.
- Excellent technical writing and communication skills, verbal and written; proven track record of drafting and editing complex knowledge and communication materials as required.
- Demonstrated experience of working in a team environment.

Other Knowledge, Additional Competences

- Knowledge of and sensitivity to climate change related impacts as well as social and environmental challenges in South Africa.
- Good networker, ideally already providing an existing network of relevant stakeholders in the field inclusive green economy, Just Energy Transition, circular economy, sustainable infrastructure, green finance and/or green fiscal policy.
- Ability to work independently to approach tasks pro-actively and provide results on time.
- Ability and willingness to acquire knowledge and quickly master new topics.
- Good ability to write and edit reports and ideally experience in media/communication work.
- Very good practical knowledge of Microsoft 365 office tools.
- Ability to facilitate workshops and event.

D. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- This position is based at GIZ in Pretoria
- The contract period for this position is until **30 November 2025** in **in line with the commissioning period of the Project.**

E. APPLICATION PROCESS

Suitable candidates should apply by submitting:

- A **motivation letter (max. 1 page)** stating why they should be the preferred candidate and the value added they will bring to the project.
- A **detailed CV indicating their nationality**

Applications should be submitted to: recruit-pretoria@giz.de with subject line **“Application for GET&IKI STA”** for the attention of Head of HR.

Closing date for applications:**21 October 2022**

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Applications without a motivation letter will not be considered!