

Salary Band 4T	Innovation in Biotechnology Technical Advisor
Reports to:	Project Manager
Duration	Until 30 September 2027

AREA OF WORK

South Africa is committed to strengthen its local vaccine development and production capacity. **GIZ “SAVax project: Vaccines for Africa**. Roll-out and local production in South Africa” contributes to the empowerment of the local ecosystem by supporting training and research institutions and the regulatory capacities as well as by ensuring demand for vaccines and vaccine-related products made in South Africa (*market shaping*) under the leadership of the Department of Science and Innovation (DSI). The project plans additional funding from the EU to scale-up the scope of work and strengthen the innovation landscape.

The SAVax project is recruiting an experienced advisor with both technical skills in health innovation and a solid network and experience working with the private sector and government to advice and manage project implementation.

The Technical Advisor is responsible for:

A. TASKS:

- Provide technical support for the conception and implementation of a competitive call for proposals for innovation projects (biomanufacturing) in close collaboration with the political partner (Department of Science and Innovation).
- After selection of the projects, finalize financing agreements with the selected institutions following GIZ procurement procedures and ensuring transparency and compliance.
- Monitor project implementation with grantees and ensure communication and networking with relevant business and development opportunities in South Africa, German or elsewhere.
- Plan, implement and coordinate activities with other institutions including KfW and actively identify interfaces and synergies.
- Support the creation of a monitoring and evaluation system for the project.

- Support in the preparation and presentation of technical papers for internal and external information events.
- Elaborate attractive communication materials and design and conduct events.

B. REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS, COMPETENCIES AND EXPERIENCES

Qualifications:

- A Degree in Medicine, Biology, Engineering, Pharmacy, Political Science, Sociology, or comparable degrees
- Ideally a master's degree in business administration, biotechnology, or comparable degrees.

Professional experience

- At least 5 years of experience in the public or private health sector in South Africa including familiarity with government-related and research institutions (i.e., Department of Science and Innovation, or Department of Trade or Department of Higher Education or Medical Research Council or Center for Scientific and Industrial Research) or with the industry.
- Ideally experience working with vaccine development/biotechnology and manufacturing either in research or in the private sector.

Other knowledge, additional competences

- Good knowledge and experience of the pharmaceutical sector
- Experience working with international and national stakeholders in South Africa.
- Project management skills in public sector are a plus.
- High level of flexibility and ability to engage proactively, time efficiently and competently in new and changing assignments, as well as strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Enjoy working in diverse teams as well as gender and cultural sensitivity.
- Business fluent in English and strong writing skills.
- Interest for the German culture.

C. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- This position is a full-time position based in Hatfield, **Pretoria**.
- At GIZ, you will be offered global network and an atmosphere that is characterised by diversity, respect and genuine equal opportunities. Gender equality promotion is a matter of course for us.
- GIZ is a signatory of the Diversity Charter. Recognition, appreciation, and inclusion of diversity in the company are important to us. All employees shall be valued - regardless of gender and gender identity, nationality, ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, social background, age or sexual orientation.
- GIZ would like to increase the proportion of employees with disability. Applications from persons with disabilities are most welcome.
- The contract period for this position is until **30th September 2027 (in line with the commissioning period of the project)**..

D. APPLICATION PROCESS

Suitable candidates should apply by submitting a **motivation letter (concisely 1 page)** clearly stating why they should be the preferred candidate and the value they will bring to the project as well as **salary range expectation**. This should be accompanied by a detailed **CV** as well as proof of eligibility to work in South Africa (**copy of SA ID**).

The application should be submitted to: recruit-pretoria@giz.de, with the following email subject line "**Application for SAVax Technical Advisor Role**" for the attention of Head of Human Resource.

Closing date for applications: 18 December 2023

Only shortlisted candidates will be informed.

Applications without a motivation letter will not be considered!