

<b>Salary Band 4T</b>	<b>Advisor: Strategic Partnerships for the Implementation of the Paris Agreement (SPIPA)</b>
Reports to:	Programme Manager: CSP, Programme Manager: SPIPA
Duration	until 31 December 2020 (extension possible)

## 1. BACKGROUND

The global programme “**Strategic partnerships for the implementation of the Paris Agreement (SPIPA)**” contributes to **European Union’s (EU’s)** climate diplomacy efforts and cooperation between the EU and non-European major economies to promote the implementation of the Paris Agreement. It translates the political commitment for advancing bilateral dialogues and cooperation in the field of climate action into concrete interventions in line with the global ambition level as set by the Paris Agreement.

The project objectives are to (1) Facilitate the exchange of climate policy options and good practices between the EU and non-European major economies with a view to enable policy changes; (2) Advance bilateral cooperation and investment in pursuit of the goals of the Paris Agreement and of Nationally-Determined Contributions, and (3) Contribute to improve public awareness, including by the business community, of challenges and opportunities associated with the implementation of the Paris Agreement. The project will focus on stepping up upstream policy collaboration along four thematic axes: mitigation policy instruments, mid-century strategies/renewal of nationally determined contributions to the Paris Agreement, climate transparency and adaptation planning.

By fostering exchanges and collaborations among national and subnational administrations, business communities, the academia and civil society stakeholders from the EU and other major economies, the project will encourage and assist major economies in making their best efforts towards the goals of the Paris Agreement, harnessing international economic and political relations to move quicker together towards its full implementation. The impact of the project is ideally that the non-European G20 countries effectively implement the Paris Agreement and their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and thus embark on low-carbon and climate resilient development pathways.

The project will be implemented in close collaboration with the European Commission and the European External Action Service, with funding from the EU Partnership Instrument and the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety (BMU). It will build on and complement existing European climate policy dialogues and cooperation with major economies, including under the strategic cooperation with South Africa and the respective bilateral EU-SA Forum on Climate Change, Environment, Sustainable Development and Water, and the BMU bilateral climate portfolio in the country.

This position of the advisor will be anchored 100% within the SPIPA project based in Brussels, Belgium, but be based in Pretoria, South Africa, within GIZ's **Climate Support Programme (CSP)**. CSP is designed to assist the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) in further developing and implementing the National Climate Change Response Policy (NCCRP).

The advisor will work closely with the Climate Support Programme (CSP) Team and the Climate counsellor at the European Union Delegation in Pretoria.

The duration of this post is up to 12/2020 (extension possible) from the start of the contract

#### **A. RESPONSIBILITIES AND TASKS**

The Advisor is responsible for the implementation of the South African component of the “Strategic partnerships for the implementation of the Paris Agreement (SPIPA)” project as funded by the European Union (EU) and the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) under the guidance of the SPIPA Programme Manager and instructions by the SPIPA Country Liaison Team.

The advisor will thereby support and engage with the SPIPA Country Liaison Team in South Africa, comprised of the climate counsellor in the EU Delegation to South Africa, the SA country desk in DG CLIMA, the SPIPA management team at GIZ, a local or regional official from the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, the climate correspondent in the relevant EEAS geographical directorate, the country correspondent in DG ENER and representatives of the German administration as co-sponsor of the project.

**B. TASKS**

The Advisor performs the following tasks:

- Technical support to the management and logistical implementation of the South African component within SPIPA;
- Updating and improving the country climate profile (fiche), if necessary, with relevant expert support;
- Supporting logistically and content-wise the organization of the annual EU Climate Diplomacy Week under instructions by the EU Delegation to SA;
- Supporting the ongoing process of re-defining and concretizing the SA Country Engagement Strategy (CES) under SPIPA, with preparation of ideas to implement SPIPA in South Africa;
- Developing concept papers on cross-cutting topics arising from the EU climate dialogues focussing on their relevance in the South African context
- Planning and organising of high-level events, such as conferences, study tours, workshops and seminars (content-wise and logistically);
- Preparation and implementation of expert visits to South Africa;
- Technical advice on the conceptualization, development and implementation of concrete projects, including development of procurement documents;
- Advising on and managing procurement processes, contract management and tracking project budgets;
- Steering and following up work carried out by consultants; quality management of deliverables;
- Support to the planning, implementing and monitoring of activities within the component;
- Support in ensuring consistence with activities of the Climate Support Programme (CSP) as implemented by GIZ and other (global) projects activities under BMU's International Climate Initiative (IKI) in this area as well as to support the IKI knowledge management;
- Liaise with SPIPA communication officer in deploying adequate in-country project related communication; and
- Other tasks as may be required.

## C. REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND COMPETENCIES

### Qualifications:

- Honours Degree (Masters/MSc would be an added advantage) in an area that is related to the project/programme objectives, such as political sciences, environmental management with a focus on climate change policy.

### Professional Experience and Skills

- At least 4 years' professional experience in a comparable position, preferably having work experience in cooperating with the national, and/or provincial / local government in South Africa;
- Very good (working) knowledge of the climate change policy landscape in South Africa and internationally, knowledge of the international climate negotiation processes under UNFCCC an added advantage;
- Experience in logistical support and coordination of project activities and events (e.g. event organization, contract management, procurement);
- Existing network within the climate and/or energy context and related governmental institutions in South Africa.

### Other Knowledge, Additional Competences:

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills;
- Organisational and project management skills;
- Willingness to upskill as required by the tasks to be performed – corresponding measures are agreed with management;
- A good team player with interpersonal and collaboration skills;
- Very good working knowledge of ITC technologies (related software, phone, fax, email, the internet) and computer applications (e.g. MS Office);
- Fluent written and oral knowledge of English.

Suitable candidates should apply by submitting their **detailed CV** and a **motivation letter** to: [recruit-pretoria@giz.de](mailto:recruit-pretoria@giz.de) attention Head of Unit, Dorothee Taaibosch, with the subject line: **“Application for SPIPA Advisor Position“**

Closing date for applications: **06 December 2019**

**Only shortlisted candidates will be informed.  
Applications without a motivation letter will not be considered!**

