

<b>Salary Band 4</b>	<b>Senior SAVax - Support to the SA COVID-19 Vaccine Local Production Advisor</b>
Reports to:	Head of Component "Production"
Duration	Until 31 December 2024

### 1. AREA OF WORK

South Africa, as part of a pan-African strategy plans to strengthen local production of vaccines in the short and medium term in line with the African Union's new *Partnership for African Local Vaccine Manufacturing*. Supporting the vaccine production ecosystem will make part of the new GIZ project in South Africa.

For the immediate operational and strategic support of the South African local production, the project is recruiting an experienced advisor with a strong pharmaceutical background and a solid network within the South African pharmaceutical sector. The project will collaborate with universities, companies along the value chain of vaccine manufacturing and the regulation authority (SAHPRA) to strengthen the local capacities for the development and production of new vaccines, including mRNA technology.

**The Senior Technical Advisor is responsible for:**

#### **A. TASKS:**

- Ensure stakeholder engagement and an effective collaboration with the Department of Science and Innovation and the Medical Research Council, SAHPRA as well as other partners on vaccine production
- Under the leadership of the component leader, ensure delivery and quality of the project activities already from the planning to the implementation such as grants to universities or consultancy services
- Provide technical advice on the regional dimension of the project activities including alignment with the *African Medical Agency* and demand generation for South African vaccines
- Plan, implement and coordinate activities with other GIZ projects and diverse institutions including KfW and actively identify interfaces and synergies.
- Contribute to the monitoring and evaluation system of the project.

- Editing of content for public relations in coordination with the communication department of the Department of Science and Innovation and possible grantees.
- Support in the preparation and presentation of technical papers for internal and external information events.

## **B. REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS, COMPETENCIES AND EXPERIENCES**

### **Qualifications:**

- A Degree in pharmacy, medicine, biology, political science, sociology, or comparable degrees
- Ideally Master's Degree in business administration, pharmacology, or comparable degrees.

### **Professional experience**

- Qualification should be enhanced by 10 years of experience in the pharmaceutical sector in South Africa including familiarity with government-related and research institutions
- At least 5 years of experience working with Southern African start-ups and companies along the pharmaceutical value chain
- Ideally experience working with vaccine development and manufacturing either in research or in the private sector

### **Other knowledge, additional competences**

- Good knowledge and experience of the regulatory framework (SAHPRA).
- Experience working with international and national stakeholders in South Africa, and ideally experience working at regional Southern African Development Community (SADC) level.
- 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.

**C. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- This position is based in **Pretoria**.
- The contract period for this position is until **31 December 2024**.

**D. APPLICATION PROCESS**

Suitable candidates should apply by submitting a **motivation letter (max. 1 page)** detailing why they should be the preferred candidate. This should be accompanied by a **detailed CV indicating their nationality** to [recruit-pretoria@giz.de](mailto:recruit-pretoria@giz.de) for the attention of **Head of Human Resources** with the Subject Line: **“Senior SAVax - Support to the SA COVID-19 Vaccine Local Production Advisor**

Closing date for applications: **19 July 2022**.

**Only shortlisted candidates will be informed.**

**Applications without a motivation letter will not be considered!**