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How to Apply: Please send your application in GIZ application form https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/28418.html along with the following to hr-india@giz.de with the reference number in the subject line.

- a statement of suitability for this position
- expected salary and notice period
- a maximum of 2 pager note on any one of the topics given below:
  - In light of the programme information below, what are the central challenges for the development of ethical artificial intelligence policies and applications in India and how would you plan to address them?
  - OR
  - How would you describe the relevant artificial intelligence ecosystem in India and what are the lessons learned from past and ongoing activities to use artificial intelligence for social good?

A. About GIZ India
For details, click on: https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/368.html

B. Project Background
“FAIR Forward – Artificial Intelligence for All” is a new global initiative of German Development Cooperation that is implemented by GIZ. It strives for a more open, inclusive and sustainable approach to artificial intelligence (AI) on the international level. Its principal objective is to strengthen the foundations in selected partner countries needed to trigger the development of local AI that advances the sustainable development goals (SDGs). To achieve this, the initiative is working together with five partner countries: India, South Africa, Ghana, Rwanda and Uganda. To strengthen local AI and to foster international AI cooperation with Europe, the initiative pursues the following three goals:

1. Strengthen Local Skills and Knowledge in AI – Capacity Building
2. Remove Entry Barriers to Developing AI – Access to Training Data and AI Technologies for Local Innovation
3. Develop Policy Frameworks Ready for AI – Ethical AI, Data Protection and Privacy

In India, a key focus of the initiative lies on the following first action lines: (1) Facilitating and steering a multi-stakeholder process to support the creation and promotion of open AI training datasets as well as the piloting of AI-driven use-cases in line with the sustainable development goals. (2) Furthering the development of practical guidelines on AI and data protection as well as privacy issues based on input from various stakeholders. As a global initiative, FAIR Forward will be anchored in the bilateral German Cooperation programmes at the GIZ Office India.

C. Responsibilities
The Advisor is the project’s AI focal point for the project implementation in India. In close collaboration with a global team of colleagues, he/she plans, coordinates and implements measures to promote the inclusive, ethical and sustainable development and use of AI. Through policy advisory and outreach work, the advisor plays an essential role in positioning the project in the Indian AI ecosystem and beyond.

D. Core scope of Tasks
- Manage the development and implementation of project activities on “Artificial Intelligence for all” in India – this involves supporting the development and implementation of a country-specific operational plan.
• Support the design, preparation and implementation of workshops, seminar and other events with stakeholders from the government, private sector, civil society and the start-up scene.
• Advise local stakeholders on topics related to open AI training data and technologies as well as policy frameworks for ethical AI including data protection and privacy.
• Cooperate with a broad range of actors within the programme environment including from government, private sector (including innovation labs and start-ups) and civil society in India on a daily basis and build strategic partnerships, particularly in the area of open AI training data and AI-related policy.
• Manage subcontractors and supervise events, consultancies and studies, and monitoring and evaluation of measures on AI in India.
• Manage and conduct meetings and events of the initiative in India with stakeholders and service providers (preparation, implementation, follow-up, information flow).
• Coordinate GIZ activities in India at the intersection of AI and sustainability and also play an advisory role.
• Ensure knowledge transfer within the global implementing team of FAIR Forward and provide inputs for various project reports including annual reports.
• Facilitate administrative and logistical procedures for activities in coordination with the GIZ administration team.

E. Required qualifications, Experience and Competencies
• MA/MSc in computer science, international relations, political science, studies related to sustainable human development with a focus on digital topics, or other fields in an area related to the project objectives
• At least 5 years of professional experience in a comparable position.
• Work experience in policy consultancy on digital development / digital transformation with governmental partners and/or experience working with start-ups and civil society actors will be preferred.
• Work experience in project management, preferably in a development cooperation context and in international contexts.
• Professional / academic experience in the area of artificial intelligence, data science or related fields such as data application for development (Data4Development) will be an added advantage.
• Experience with digital transformation in the areas of agriculture, sustainability, climate change adaptation and natural resource management will be an added advantage.

F. Location: Delhi

G. Duration of the contract: Until 30th June 2022

H. Last date of receiving application: 14th May 2020

Application without GIZ application form will not be considered
• Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
• GIZ supports Work-Life Balance.
• GIZ promotes Gender Diversity – Applications from women professionals are encouraged.

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