

Salary Band 4T	Technical Advisor
Reports to:	Head of Component: Climate Support Programme (CSP IV)
Duty Station	Hatfield, Pretoria
Duration	Until 31 December 2028

Project Background

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) is a German public-benefit company operating on behalf of the German government. As part of the German Development Cooperation, GIZ implements technical cooperation projects aimed at supporting its partners' development goals.

On behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the global project “**Article 6 Connect (A6C) – Sustainable Development through Carbon Markets**” aims to strengthen the capacities of Ethiopia and South Africa to effectively engage in international market mechanisms under **Article 6 of the Paris Agreement**. Article 6 provides countries with the opportunity to cooperate in achieving their climate goals by financing mitigation projects and transferring emission reduction outcomes internationally.

The project's focus lies on implementation-oriented capacity building around Article 6, enabling partner countries to establish the necessary regulations, processes, instruments, and platforms for participation in international carbon markets. Furthermore, the project facilitates knowledge exchange and networking, thereby supporting informed decision-making among political actors and ensuring the integrity and transparency of Article 6 implementation. By enhancing institutional readiness and fostering cooperation, the project contributes to the achievement and enhancement of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) of partner countries.

The Article 6 Connect project, part of GIZ's Climate Cluster in South Africa, collaborates closely with the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) and the Department of Electricity and Energy (DEE). The technical advisor will support the implementation of the South African component of the global project, while closely cooperating with the project's related actors.

The Article 6 Connect project is searching for one candidate to fill the position.

A. TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Coordinate and implement project activities together with the global project teams, ensuring alignment with project objectives and indicators, and gender-responsive project delivery.
- Provide technical advice on climate change mitigation (including Carbon Tax) with a strong focus on Article 6 market mechanisms, while contributing to strategic guidance and planning for effective implementation of the Article 6 Connect project.
- Develop and disseminate knowledge products, and create platforms for dialogue, exchange, and capacity building across various stakeholders including public and private sector, NGOs and academic stakeholders.
- Maintain strong communication and information flow between partner institutions and GIZ.
- Perform any other tasks as agreed to by the responsible technical and disciplinary manager, and project lead.

TASKS**Specific Tasks**

- Support identification of institutional, policy and capacity gaps, and development of suitable measures for implementation of carbon market mechanisms under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement in South Africa.
- Provide technical support to public and private sector stakeholders on the development and use of high-integrity market mechanisms in Article 6 for climate change mitigation, NDC implementation and sustainable development co-benefits.
- Develop tender packages and manage contracts for the assignment of consultancies.
- Monitor and report on project activities, identify correctional measures where applicable and support project impact assessment.
- Support communication flows, project progress reporting and coordination activities between the project team in Germany (including to the commissioning agency and the German Embassy in South Africa), supervisors in South Africa, and partner institutions (DFFE, DEE, etc.) to secure the timely and high-quality realisation of the project outcome.

Partner Engagement

- Contribute to the development and strengthening of partnerships within the project, broader GIZ, and with other agencies such as the UNFCCC Regional Collaboration

Centres, the NDC-Partnership, the Southern African Alliance on Climate Finance and Carbon Markets, and other relevant development partner initiatives in South Africa.

- Support cooperation with the DFFE, DEE and other key stakeholders on climate mitigation and carbon markets priority areas of engagement.
- Cooperate with the GIZ Energy Cluster, Climate Cluster, other GIZ projects and the country office in identifying synergies for cooperation on relevant activities and events.

Communication and Knowledge Management

- Keep well-informed about current developments in international climate discussions, including lessons learned and best practices on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, and in domestic climate discussions, including on developments on South Africa's Carbon Markets, and the Carbon Tax, amongst others.
- Support the development of communication materials such as project fact sheets, newsletter inputs, power point presentations for experts in the field of Article 6, as well as non-experts.

B. REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS, COMPETENCIES AND EXPERIENCES

Qualifications:

- Honours degree in Climate Change/ Environment/Natural Resources/Management/ Sustainable Development/ Political Science/ Economics or related fields.

Competencies and Professional Experience:

- 5 years' professional experience in the implementation of climate change related projects, at least 3 years of which in international cooperation or in the public sector.
- 5 years' experience with, and good knowledge of, international climate policy and ongoing discussions in relevant international frameworks, especially the Paris Agreement and experience with climate change mitigation at national, regional and international levels, e.g., with Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Long-term strategies (LTS).
- 2 years' experience in international carbon markets, preferably with Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, and/or with the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) and the Voluntary Carbon Market (VCM), would be an asset.
- Extensive knowledge of the functioning of the South African public administration and a network of contacts within the administration and/or carbon market related contacts.
- Knowledge of the SDG Agenda 2030 and the interlinkages to climate change.

- Strong understanding of energy, land use, forestry, and ecosystem-based approaches in the context of NDC implementation and sustainable development would be an asset.

Other knowledge, additional competencies

- Good organisational, research, communication and teamwork skills, with demonstrated ability to provide technical advice and implement capacity strengthening initiatives.
- Good working knowledge of ICT technologies and computer applications (e.g., MS Office and other programmes).
- Demonstrated ability to process, analyse, and synthesise complex technical information from different disciplines e.g., in the areas of energy, environment, climate change, natural resource management.
- Proven ability to support the development of high-quality knowledge and communication materials.
- Ability to network, build and maintain partnerships with Government, development partners and private institutions.
- Excellent English language skills (spoken and written, level C1/C2)

C. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The position is based at GIZ in **Hatfield, Pretoria**.
- The contract period for this position is until 31 December 2028.
- At GIZ, the Technical Advisor will be offered an atmosphere that is characterised by diversity, respect and genuine equal opportunities. GIZ is a signatory to the Diversity Charter. Recognition, appreciation and inclusion of diversity are important to us. All employees shall be valued regardless of gender, gender identity, ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, social background, age or sexual orientation

E. APPLICATION PROCESS

Suitable candidates should apply by submitting a **motivation letter (max. 1 page)** detailing why they should be the preferred candidate and the value they will bring to the project. This should be accompanied by a **detailed CV (max 4 pages) indicating their nationality**.

The applications should be submitted recruit-pretoria@giz.de with the following subject line: **“Application for A6C TA role”** for the attention of Head of Human Resource.

Closing date for applications: **31st of January 2026**

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be informed!
and
Applications without a motivation letter and CV longer than 4 pages will not be considered!