

Salary Band 4	Senior Technical Advisor - Climate Finance and Innovation
Reports to:	Programme Manager – JUST SA
Duty Station:	Presidential Climate Commission (PCC), Rosebank
Duration:	Until February 2027

1. BACKGROUND

The **Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ)** is leading the **JUST Transition to a Decarbonized Economy for South Africa (JUST SA)** consortium, comprising three local implementing partners: Trade & Industrial Policy Strategies (TIPS), the National Business Initiative (NBI), the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). The 6-year JUST SA project is commissioned through the International Climate Initiative (IKI) by the German Federal Ministry for Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUKN).

JUST SA supports the implementation of pathways towards a Just transition in South Africa towards an environmentally sustainable, climate-resilient, low-carbon economy and just society. At the national level, JUST SA supports the Just Transition work lead by the **South African Presidential Climate Commission (PCC)** as well as the **Just Energy Transition Investment Plan Project Management Unit in the Presidency (JET IP PMU)**. At the provincial level, JUST SA supports the Mpumalanga provincial government in formulating a concrete economic diversification strategy for the coal belt, as well as the Mpumalanga Green Cluster Agency in attracting investment and business development activities to the province. At the local level, aims to empower municipalities to identify and implement green economy projects, enhances community awareness about the transition, and promotes gender-responsive bottom-up approaches for local SMMEs. Additionally, the project addresses mine rehabilitation, with a focus on mine water treatment, providing both research and practical solutions for the environmental and economic restoration of mined land.

JUST SA cooperates closely with the PCC on the implementation of the JUST TRANSITION Framework and Climate Finance specifically. In this context, JUST SA is aiming to second a **Senior Technical Advisor** to the **PCC**.

The Presidential Climate Commission (PCC) is an independent multistakeholder advisory body that is spearheading a Just Transition in South Africa. The **Senior Technical Advisor** should be an experienced and accomplished leader with a deep understanding of South Africa's financial ecosystem, socio-economic landscape and the interplay between development and climate policy and climate finance.

A. RESPONSIBILITIES

The **position holder** is responsible for:

- Offering strategic, technical, project management, and research support to coordinate various workstreams that advance the PCC's climate finance agenda
- Overseeing the portfolio of work related to the monitoring and evaluation of capital flows in the climate change space with the aim of identifying funding opportunities and facilitating linkages between climate financiers and project implementors.
- Supporting long term investment planning and capital mobilisation for mitigation, adaptation and just transition.

In this context, the position holder fulfils the following tasks:

B. TASKS:

- Tracks climate finance flows, identifies gaps and makes recommendations on measures to scale up finance to a low carbon climate resilient economy.
- Facilitates and enables the mobilisation of climate finance by convening finance and innovation sector engagements / seminars and supporting consensus building activities including stakeholder engagements and stakeholder mapping.
- Facilitates and supports the design and implementation of just transition financing mechanisms.
- Undertakes regular assessments of climate technology and identifies gaps and opportunities to promote investment into early-stage innovation, and start-ups in the appropriate technologies
- Facilitates and supports the design and implementation of financial strategies to mitigate the adverse impacts of climate change on the economy and society.

C. REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS, COMPETENCIES AND EXPERIENCES

Qualifications:

- A relevant postgraduate qualification in climate change, environmental studies, economics, or social sciences.
- A master's degree will be an added advantage, especially with a focus on climate finance, or sustainable development.

Professional Experience

- Qualifications should be enhanced by relevant working experience of minimum 10 years and understanding of the following:
 - At least 7 years of experience in climate change and sustainable development
 - A minimum of 5 years' experience in project management and leadership
 - Strong expertise in climate and development policy, public sector management
 - Strong knowledge of climate resilience and adaptation issues.
 - Proven experience in leading and coordinating research on climate finance-related topics
 - Demonstrated ability to engage effectively with high-level stakeholders in the public sector, international organisations, and other key partners.
 - Extensive experience in conducting and/or managing research initiatives

Other Knowledge, Additional Competences

- Ability to translate the complexities of adaptation science analysis into policy recommendations and communicate those in a persuasive way to diverse stakeholders.
- Teamwork: ability to collaborate and work with senior officials and experts.
- Initiative: self-motivation, flair and innovation, and ability to work independently.
- Communication skills: ability to liaise with wide and diverse range of stakeholders, build consensus, and create implementation momentum.
- Resilience: ability to work under pressure in a highly dynamic environment and navigate between multiple stakeholders as well as GIZ and the PCC
- Proven analytical and writing skills.
- Strong research skills.
- Demonstrated commitment to the values of a just transition in South Africa.
- Advanced computer literacy.

D. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The position will be based at **GIZ 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 disabilities. Applications from people with disabilities are most welcome.

E. APPLICATION PROCESS

GIZ will only assess applications which meet the following criteria:

Suitable candidates should apply by submitting a

- **Cover/Motivation Letter** in PDF format (max. 2 pages) clearly stating why they should be the preferred candidate, the value added they will bring to the project and **their desired salary range**.
- A **detailed CV (max.3 pages)** in PDF format, indicating their eligibility to work in South Africa, including at least three reference contacts.

The application should be submitted to: recruit-pretoria@giz.de, with the following line “**Application for Senior Technical Advisor - Climate Finance and Innovation**” for the attention of Head of Human Resource – Dorothee Taaibosch.

Closing date for applications **28th of January 2026**.

Please note that only shortlisted candidates and meets requirements will be considered
Applications without a motivation letter will not be considered!