

Transformative Actions for Climate and Ecological Protection and Development (TRANSCEND)

Job Description

TRANSPORT ADVISOR (Band 4)

The Transformative Actions for Climate and Ecological Protection and Development (TRANSCEND) project is a joint initiative between the Republic of the Philippines and the Federal Republic of Germany through the International Climate Initiative (IKI). Designed to raise ambition and align with both international and national climate and biodiversity agendas through local implementation, the project shall be implemented by a consortium that includes Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Conservation International, Rare, United Nations (UN) Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

For the project's Transport output, GIZ, together with its implementing partners: Clean Air Asia (CAA), Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities (ICSC), International Council on Clean Transportation (ICCT), and Wuppertal Institute (WI), works on policy and institutional support, capacity development, advocacy and stakeholder engagement, and living labs.

Centered around a holistic approach, TRANSCEND targets integrated solutions in climate adaptation, emissions mitigation, and biodiversity conservation across three distinct landscapes within the Philippines. In applying a whole-of-society strategy, the project pilots a comprehensive transition to a society that is resilient to climate impacts, lowers carbon emissions, and fosters biodiversity. On a local level, community-based planning and conservation initiatives aim to enhance natural carbon sinks and fortify the resilience of local government units. Decision support systems, adopted across all layers of governance, are intended to refine policy decisions and improve the efficacy of climate financing. Within the broader framework, TRANSCEND also facilitates the International Climate Initiative Interface in the Philippines. This platform serves to coordinate networking events and disseminate regular updates through newsletters, thereby keeping both the German commissioning ministries and the German Embassy in Manila well-informed.

Main Role

The Transport Advisor within the TRANSCEND initiative assumes a multifaceted role as a subject-matter expert in the domain of transport and climate change mitigation policy. The incumbent suited for this role should have a strong background in transport systems, climate change mitigation, and sustainable development.

This role involves providing specialized advice on climate issues to stakeholders at both the national and local levels, while also supporting the project's transport and IKI Interface component through effective communication and advocacy.

Major Functions/Duties

The incumbent performs the following major functions/duties:

Technical Advisory

- Provide strategic advisory support and technical leadership on the integration of transport into national climate frameworks, including NDC 3.0 and long-term low-emission development strategies, with particular focus on low-carbon mobility, active transport, and the transport-energy-climate nexus, while ensuring vertical alignment with sub-national planning frameworks and investment pipelines of selected LGUs.

- Develop and operationalize policy and financing concepts for transport decarbonization, including public transport modernization, electrification pathways, sub-national green route planning, and mechanisms to facilitate access to domestic and international climate finance, with direct advisory support to LGUs in project preparation.

Partnership and Stakeholder Engagement

- Design and facilitate structured capacity development and policy exchange formats that advance gender-transformative and socially inclusive low-carbon mobility solutions and inform national reform processes and investment decisions, including engagement with transport operators, cooperatives, and sub-national actors, with specific responsibility for co-developing implementation roadmaps with partner LGUs.
- Facilitate and strategically support structured policy dialogues with national agencies (e.g., DOTr, DOE, DENR, DOF), development partners, and private sector stakeholders to align transport sector reforms with climate, energy, and finance priorities.
- Establish and manage strategic partnerships with government, civil society, research institutions, and international climate actors to support Living Labs, pilot interventions, and knowledge exchange mechanisms, including structured cooperation agreements with LGUs.
- Oversee the technical design, implementation supervision, and results monitoring of Living Lab transport interventions in selected landscapes.
- Coordinate closely with local government units in selected landscapes to integrate transport mitigation and resilience measures into local development and investment planning processes.

Additional Responsibilities

- Ensure that TRANSCEND activities in the transport and interface components are implemented in line with IKI and TRANSCEND guidelines and contribute to periodic reporting on project progress and milestones.
- Set up and manage grant agreements and partnership contracts with LGUs, CSOs, and implementing partners in line with GIZ and IKI regulations, ensuring compliance, reporting, milestone tracking, and results-based implementation.
- Contribute to organizational priorities beyond the project's scope and engage in special initiatives as required.

Competency Requirements

In-depth Philippine Sector Knowledge

- Proven expertise in Philippine transport and climate policy, with a minimum of 8 years of experience in the sector.

Experience in Supporting the Implementation of Projects

- Proven track record in supporting the implementation of policy-focused projects for governmental and non-governmental stakeholders in the Philippines.

Strategic Thinking and Vision

- Ability to anticipate the long-term impact and effectiveness of decisions and actions.
- Forward-thinking and proactive in strategy planning.

Proficiency in GIZ Instruments

- Familiarity with Capacity WORKS tools and approaches is considered advantageous.
- Results and Gender-Responsive Focus: Strong commitment to delivering results, with a particular focus on gender-responsive or transformative programming.

Excellent Interpersonal Skills

- Strong collaboration and communication abilities.

Knowledge of International Frameworks and Initiatives (Transport-Related)

- Greenhouse gas emissions within the transport sector.
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), and SDG 13 (Climate Action) as they relate to transport.
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Reports, guidelines for reducing carbon emissions within the transport sector.
- Global Fuel Economy Initiative (GFEI), working towards improving automotive fuel economy and reducing emissions.
- International Transport Forum (ITF), Decarbonising Transport Initiative, frameworks and strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport.
- The Avoid-Shift-Improve (ASI) Framework – A strategy for transforming the transport sector to be more sustainable.

Understanding of Philippine Legislative Processes

- Ability to navigate and comprehend local legislative and governmental plans and procedures.

Facilitation Skills

- Proven ability in facilitating meetings, workshops, or public consultations, ensuring active participation and consensus-building.

Language Proficiency

- Must be fluent in both English and Filipino for effective communication at all levels.

Additional Requirements

- Willingness to undertake regular business travel to key regions within the Philippines, including Visayas, Luzon, and Mindanao, to support local teams and engage with stakeholders.

Professional Qualifications

- A Master's degree in Transport, Climate Change Management, Engineering, Public Policy, or a related field; or a University degree with a minimum of 8 years of professional experience.
- Experience in strategic development, long-term planning, and the facilitation and organization of high-level national and international events.
- Results-oriented in performing tasks and having attention to details, from demand-based planning through implementation, innovation & learning, and knowledge management.
- Experienced with procedures of German or other commissioning parties.

Reporting Relationship / Duty Station

The Transport Policy Advisor will report to the TRANSCEND Chief Advisor for Climate Change, Transport, and Energy and will be stationed in Makati City. Regular domestic and international travel will be required.