

<b>VA No.</b>	017
<b>Job Title:</b>	<b>Technical Advisor</b>
<b>Min. qualification:</b>	Masters degree in Geography and Spatial Planning, Project Management, Social Sciences, Law, Economics or any other discipline relevant to the nature of the assignment.
<b>Organization:</b>	GIZ Nigeria, AUBP Programme
<b>Place:</b>	Abuja
<b>Salary:</b>	According to GIZ salary scale for Band 4
<b>Closing Date of advert</b>	13.03.2026
<b>Background:</b>	<p><b>GIZ. Solutions that work.</b></p> <p>As a service provider in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development and international education work, we are dedicated to shaping a future worth living around the world. GIZ has over 50 years of experience in a wide variety of areas, including economic development and employment promotion, energy and the environment, and peace and security. The diverse expertise of our federal enterprise is in demand around the globe – from the German Government, European Union institutions, the United Nations, the private sector, and governments of other countries. We work with businesses, civil society actors and research institutions, fostering successful interaction between development policy and other policy fields and areas of activity. Our main commissioning party is the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The registered offices of GIZ are in Bonn and Eschborn. Our approximately 23,500 employees, almost 70 percent of whom are national personnel, work in around 120 countries (July 2020).</p> <p>GIZ has worked in Nigeria since 1974. Since 2004, GIZ has maintained a country office in the capital city Abuja. Currently 466 national and 63 international employees, 37 regional staff, 4 integrated specialists and 3 development workers are working in the country (January 2025).</p>
<b>The Project:</b>	<p><b>Support to the AU border programme (AUBP)</b></p> <p>Improving cooperation among African countries on border definition and governance is an essential contribution to stability and peace on the African continent, in line with the African union (au) peace and security architecture. The lack of definition or imprecise definition of borders regularly leads to inter-state conflicts, which jeopardize the</p>

	<p>stability of border regions, human security, state legitimacy and regional integration.</p> <p>The AU responds to these issues by promoting cooperative and normative processes for the definition (delimitation and demarcation), management and development of borders; in short, border governance. The GIZ programme “support to the AUBP” accompanies the African union and its member states to improve the governance and better definition of Vacancy Announcement 003 their boundaries.</p> <p>The programme is headquartered in Addis Ababa and part of the GIZ AU-liaison office.</p>
<p><b>Responsibilities &amp; tasks:</b></p>	<p><b>A. Responsibilities and Tasks</b></p> <p>The Advisor is expected to undertake the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical advice and support of the ECOWAS and its member countries and partners in the field of cross border cooperation and improved border management.</li> <li>• Technical advice and support of the ECOWAS member countries in the setting up and or capacity development of border commissions, National Border Authorities and Agencies.</li> <li>• Technical advice on conflict sensitive implementation of the AUBP in the member countries and partner organizations (conflict-sensitive design of activities, Do No Harm, mainstreaming of conflict management in capacity building) and support dialogue and conflict resolution initiatives at bilateral / multilateral level.</li> <li>• Support the Liaison between ECOWAS, AU and MS as well as with other RECs (EAC, SADC; Comesa) and supporting the development and implementation of concepts for improved border management within the ECOWAS and its MS.</li> <li>• Technical and process advice to the ECOWAS at various levels in the field of organizational development and training at various levels regarding Border Management (ECOWAS and ECOWAS member states).</li> <li>• Support to and implementation of activities regarding border management, Cross-border co-operation and awareness raising in African countries.</li> <li>• Technical support to border Delimitation and demarcation processes of west Africa coastal countries.</li> <li>• Technical support to Boundary Commissions in GNSS, Mapping and Geographic data collection.</li> <li>• Support the establishment of dialog frameworks for local Cross Border Cooperation.</li> </ul>

**B. Required qualifications, Competences and Experience****Qualifications**

- Masters degree in Geography and Spatial Planning, project management, social sciences, law, economics or any other discipline relevant to the nature of the assignment.

**Professional experience**

- Minimum of 5 years of progressively responsible professional experience in advisory support to Regional, National and Local institutions and other non-governmental organizations involved in border governance, Cross-Border Cooperation, and stabilisation of fragile zones.
- A minimum of (3) years' experience in the field of engineering surveying, geospatial information (e.g. international boundary demarcation survey, geospatial information applications, geospatial database management, geospatial/terrain analysis, geodesy, cartography and image processing, GNSS and surveying) or related fields is required.
- Experience in working directly with the relevant bodies on border management would be advantageous
- Experience in working with government institutions at different levels (decentralised and centralised), NGOs and CSO in West Africa.
- Knowledge of legal framework on decentralization and border management.
- Written and oral proficiency in French and English Languages.

**Desired additional qualifications, competencies, and experiences**

- Good communication and facilitation skills of local actors in decentralization and in the cross-border context.
- Ability to contribute to project management in terms of capacity building of stakeholders involved in cross-border initiatives.
- Ability to collaborate effectively within diverse teams and multicultural environments, coupled with adept conflict resolution and stress management capabilities. Additionally, possessing a creative mindset, proactive initiative-taking attitude, and flexibility for frequent fieldwork assignments.

<b>Submission Guideline:</b>	<p>You are kindly requested to submit your <b>CV and letter of motivation as one document</b> with complete contact details via email to: <a href="mailto:recruitment-nigeria@giz.de">recruitment-nigeria@giz.de</a></p> <p>(Please include vacancy no. 017 in mail subject)</p> <p>GIZ is an equal opportunities employer committed to diversity. All qualified candidates, regardless of disability, age, sex, ethnicity, race, and religion are encouraged to apply.</p> <p>Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.</p>
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