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Job Role: Technical Advisor -
(Innovation & Framework)
Reports to: Programme Component Manager
Contract Duration: Until 31.12.2028
Location : Accra



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Company Profile:

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Project Brief:

With a focus on growth-oriented businesses, the agro-processing sector, as well as innovation promotion and digitalization, the TC module “Private Sector and Innovation Promotion (PSInno)” builds on previous programmes in private sector development, agribusiness, and digital transformation. PSInno aims to increase SME competitiveness, create jobs, and promote sustainable business practices. The project supports improved access to markets and finance, strengthens entrepreneurial capacities, and promotes innovative approaches to enterprise development. As a result, SMEs are enabled to access new market opportunities, increase turnover, and stimulate employment.

Scope of Role:

The position holder supports macro-level project activities aimed at strengthening framework conditions and promoting innovation to enhance SME competitiveness in agro-processing and the digital economy. The advisor provides technical support to partner institutions on the development and adaptation of policies, strategies, and procedures that foster SME growth, job creation, and sustainable value chains. This includes contributing to policy processes related to innovation, entrepreneurship, and digital transformation. The role promotes science-to-business (S2B) approaches by strengthening linkages between research institutions and the private sector, supporting the translation of research and technologies into commercially viable solutions. The position holder also contributes to strengthening innovation ecosystems by supporting innovation hubs and intermediary organizations and promotes the development of AI and digital ecosystems to enhance productivity, competitiveness, and market access for SMEs.

Tasks:

- Support the development of AI, data, and cybersecurity ecosystems, including stakeholder engagement and partnership building.
- Strengthen innovation hubs and intermediaries to improve support services for startups and SMEs.
- Facilitate science-to-business (S2B) collaboration between research institutions and private sector actors.
- Support the design and implementation of innovation programmes (e.g. challenges, pilots, accelerators).
- Promote adoption of digital and data-driven solutions within SMEs and agribusiness value chains.
- Conduct targeted ecosystem analyses to inform programme activities and interventions.
- Support coordination with key stakeholders and contribute to programme implementation and reporting.

Profile:

- Master's degree in social sciences, public policy, development cooperation, ICT, Agriculture Technology or any other project related field.
- A minimum of five (5) years' work experience in the Public Policy landscape, preferably digital policy.
- Deep understanding of the digital policy and entrepreneurship landscape of Ghana and opportunities that currently exist for the advancement of the ecosystem.
- Strong knowledge of the Agri-tech space with working understanding of the interlinkages between Academia and various agriculture value chains
- Work experience Innovation Hubs and civil society organizations.
- Knowledge and experience in AI and Data Ecosystems.
- Strong knowledge of ICT technologies and computer applications.
- Excellent team-working and communication skills as well as excellent organizational and interpersonal skills.
- Excellent knowledge of English.
- Excellent knowledge of Microsoft Office, MS Team, Word, Excel, Power Point,
- Ability to work under pressure of deadlines, high degree of flexibility, attention to detail

How to Apply:

Interested and suitable applicants are to forward their Curriculum Vitae (C.V.) and a one-page cover letter stating their motivation to the position and added value to the project to recruitment-ghana@giz.de quoting the **Job Code PSInno/10/04 -Your Name**. If you do not hear from us four (4) weeks after the deadline, please consider your application unsuccessful.

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 **Closing date: 24.04.2025**