

**Transformative Actions for Climate and Ecological Protection and Development
(TRANSCEND)
G-012203-004**

**Job Description
Transport Advisor
(Band 4)**

Project Description

The International Climate Initiative (IKI) is an important part of the German government's international climate finance commitment. Within the Federal Government, the International Climate Initiative (IKI) is anchored in the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUKN). The Philippines is one of the priority countries with which the International Climate Initiative maintains a close cooperation.

The project "Transformative Actions for Climate and Ecological Protection and Development" (TRANSCEND) responds to an IKI country call for the Philippines. The project is currently in its preparation phase and looking at implementation from 2024-2029. It will be implemented by a consortium led by the Climate Change Commission and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. The consortium partners include UN organisations, NGOs and academia. 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 project plays a multifaceted role in advancing sustainable and low-carbon transport solutions across the transport-climate-energy nexus. The position focuses on stakeholder engagement, policy coordination, advocacy, capacity development, and partnership-building in support of TRANSCEND's national and sub-national activities.

Working across the project's transport, climate, and energy components, the advisor engages with national agencies, local government units, civil society organizations, transport operators, development partners, and international stakeholders to support implementation, coordination, and knowledge exchange activities.

Major Functions/Duties

The Transport Advisor performs the following major functions/duties:

Stakeholder Collaboration and Engagement

- Lead and facilitate structured multi-stakeholder processes engaging national agencies (DOTr, DOE, DENR, DOF), development partners, the private sector, and civil society to advance TRANSCEND's transport-climate-energy agenda.
- Manage the established relationships with LGUs in selected landscapes of TRANSCEND, co-developing implementation roadmaps and ensuring local government ownership of transport mitigation and resilience measures.
- Engage transport operators, cooperatives, and sub-national actors as substantive co-designers of gender-transformative and socially inclusive low-carbon mobility solutions, going beyond consultation toward active partnership.
- Support the stakeholder engagement dimensions of Living Lab transport interventions in selected landscapes, coordinating closely with technical leads and local implementing partners on participation, feedback, and iteration.
- Maintain and continuously develop stakeholder mapping, engagement records, and partnership documentation to support institutional continuity and responsiveness across project workstreams.

Advocacy for Sustainable Transport

- Advance TRANSCEND's sustainable transport agenda through policy dialogue, stakeholder engagement, and strategic communication activities.
- Provide strategic advisory input on public transport modernization, active transport, and electrification advocacy, supporting alignment with the transport-energy-climate nexus and with sub-national investment pipelines.
- Represent TRANSCEND in relevant national and international forums, events, and consultations, ensuring the project's engagement and capacity work is visible, well-positioned, and connected to broader transport decarbonization movements.
- Ensure TRANSCEND transport and IKI Interface activities are implemented in line with IKI and project guidelines, and contribute substantively to periodic reporting on progress, advocacy outcomes, and milestones.

Capacity Building

- Design and lead structured capacity development formats (i.e., workshops, policy exchange sessions, peer learning events, and training activities) targeting LGUs, transport operators, CSO partners, national agencies, and other stakeholders.
- Support partner organizations and LGUs in building technical and institutional capacities across the transport-climate-energy-finance nexus, with particular attention to gender-transformative and socially inclusive approaches.
- Set up and manage grant agreements and partnership contracts with LGUs, CSOs, and implementing partners in line with GIZ and IKI regulations, with responsibility for compliance, milestone tracking, and results-based implementation.
- Systematize capacity development outputs and learning, ensuring good practices, lessons, and innovations are documented and feed back into project programming, knowledge management, and reporting cycles.
- Contribute to organizational learning beyond the project scope, engaging in GIZ-wide or IKI-level capacity initiatives as relevant.

Network and Community-Building

- Establish and sustain communities of practice that connect transport-climate practitioners, local government champions, and sector advocates across geographies emphasizing sustained peer learning and coalition coherence beyond individual project events.
- Manage strategic partnerships with government, civil society, research institutions, and international climate actors through the IKI Community in the Philippines.

- Develop and maintain knowledge exchange mechanisms, including digital platforms, resource repositories, and communications channels to sustain visibility and enable ongoing collaboration.
- Facilitate linkages between TRANSCEND and relevant national, regional, and international sustainable transport, climate, and energy transition initiatives.

Additional Responsibilities:

- Ensure that TRANSCEND activities on climate-energy-transport components are following IKI and TRANSCEND guidelines and prepare periodic reports summarizing project progress and milestones.
- Support the preparation, execution, monitoring, and/or evaluation of project-related tenders, potential grant agreements and/or local contributions and lead the coordination process with involved sub-contractors, consultants or grantees.

Competency Requirements**Stakeholder Engagement and Partnership Management**

- Demonstrated experience leading multi-stakeholder processes, policy dialogues, and consultations across government, civil society, private sector, and community actors.
- Proven ability to build and sustain institutional partnerships, manage cooperation agreements, and maintain relational continuity across complex, multi-actor project environments.
- Strong interpersonal, negotiation, and consensus-building skills.

Advocacy

- Track record in developing and delivering advocacy strategies, including knowledge products for policy audiences at national and sub-national levels.
- In-depth knowledge and understanding of Philippine transport, energy, and climate policy, including international climate frameworks, national agencies, legislative processes, and sub-national governance structures.
- Fluency in English and Filipino required.

Capacity Development

- Proven ability to design and facilitate capacity development activities for diverse audiences, including government officials, LGU staff, civil society organizations, and transport sector actors.
- Strong commitment to gender-transformative and socially inclusive programming, with familiarity with GEDSI frameworks in a Philippine development context.
- Results-oriented, with strong attention to documentation, knowledge management, and learning integration.

Network and Strategic Thinking

- Demonstrated ability to build, animate, and sustain professional networks and communities of practice across sectors and scales.
- Forward-thinking approach to community and network-building, with the ability to anticipate long-term impact and position TRANSCEND's engagement work within broader sector movements.
- Familiarity with GIZ Capacity WORKS tools and approaches is considered advantageous.
- Knowledge of international transport-climate frameworks including SDGs (7, 9, 11, 13), the Avoid-Shift-Improve (ASI) framework, ITF Decarbonising Transport, and IPCC transport guidelines.

Professional Qualifications

- A Bachelor's degree in Environmental Policy, Climate Change, Public Policy, Sustainable Development, International Relations, Environmental Economics, Environmental Studies, Geography, Urban Studies, or Natural Resource Management, or a related field. A Master's degree is an advantage but not required.
- At least five (5) years of professional experience in sustainable transport, climate policy, energy transition, urban mobility, or related development cooperation work in the Philippines.
- Familiarity with the Philippine transport, climate, and energy policy landscape, including key actors, ongoing policy processes, and national frameworks such as the NDCs, transport modernization initiatives, active mobility frameworks, and low-carbon development strategies.
- Strong relationship-building instincts and comfort engaging across different institutional cultures, including government agencies, CSOs, donors, and communities.
- Outstanding communication abilities, proficient in both English and Filipino, complemented by 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.

Reporting Relationship/Duty Station

The Transport Advisor will report to the TRANSCEND Chief Advisor for Climate, Energy, and Transport and will be based in Makati City. This role requires domestic travel to partner offices and project sites across the Philippines, with occasional international travel as needed.

Period of the Assignment

Earliest possible date up to June 2028 with a possibility for an extension.