

Salary Band 4T	Senior Technical Advisor - SMME Development and Support – Output 2
Reports to:	Component manager
Duration:	Until 31 August 2028

1. BACKGROUND

The **Career Path Development for Employment (CPD4E)** project aims to improve the employment prospects of young people in South Africa in a sustainable, increasingly decarbonised economy. The project applies an integrated employment promotion approach to support young people to gain access to employment and income generation opportunities in sectors relevant for a just transition towards a green economy.

The project's core areas are guided by this integrated approach:

1) Framework conditions: Strengthening of the systemic ability to react and innovate in order to develop/improve employment potential of just transition and to promote just transition in the vocational training system. For this purpose, e.g., innovative funding approaches like impact-based financing and cooperation models can be identified or developed, implemented and scaled and the necessary capacities in the state, economy and civil society can be further developed (Output 1).

2) Demand side: Support for employment-oriented companies in the context of just transition to strengthen their competitiveness, open up growth prospects and increase their demand for qualified workers. Possible support programmes might include cooperation models between larger companies and MSMEs (e.g. the organisation of subcontracting), the integration of MSMEs into networks along renewable energy value chains or the further development and stabilisation of IRM approaches to unlock job creation. (Output 2).

3) Supply side: Further development of demand-oriented vocational education and training that is responsive to the just transition skills requirements, so that the employability of graduates is consistent with labour market demand (Output 3).

4) Matching: Promotion of self-employment interventions and active labour market policy instruments, especially for girls and young women specifically related to emerging

employment opportunities in sustainable and low-carbon footprint sectors of the economy **(Output 4)**.

Across all outputs, the project places great value on addressing gender-specific disadvantages for girls and young women and bring this to bear in the gender-sensitive design of activities and by ensuring that a large number of girls and women take part in the activities.

On the German side the CPD4E is implemented by the **Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH** on behalf of the **German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)** co-financed by the **Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)** and the **European Union**. The project is part of the **TVET, Skills Development and Employment Cluster**.

The CPD4E team requires the expertise of a dynamic, independent working team player who enjoys designing and co-creating new interventions, who is interested in forming sustainable project and partner structures, and who at the same time has experience in setting up contracts and tenders and engages in administrative tasks.

A. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Technical Responsibility

- ❖ Responsible for the development, planning and the implementation of Output 2, of the CPD4E project and the performance of the underlying processes.
- ❖ Establish and strengthen channels of collaboration and communication by building effective working relationships with relevant stakeholders, including experts and policymakers.
- ❖ Strengthening private sector cooperation. In particular with the German Chamber of commerce and German companies.
- ❖ Initiate, develop, support and manage the implementation of the CPD4E cooperation in regards to the respective outputs with different stakeholders, implementation partners and the private sector to support skills development and employment;
- ❖ Design, plan and steer the implementation of output measures and activities like trainings for the different target groups. Technical design of measures / terms of reference and activities and ensures the quality of implementation also by external

resources / service providers contracted by performance contracts or financing agreements.

- ❖ Responsible for the achievement of the target indicators of Output 2, and monitoring and reporting of the achievement and knowledge management accordingly and in time with the reporting cycles.
- ❖ Contributes to the financial planning and reporting and adjustment if necessary, according to GIZ-standards and rules and regulations in cooperation with the Component lead and the Finance and Administration Officer.
- ❖ Represents the CPD4E project in targeted, relevant platforms, meetings and events nationally and internationally.

2. Project management and coordination

- ❖ Coordinates and assists in preparing and conducting project activities and carries out other activities required for implementing these components relevant output area.
- ❖ Assists the project with all organisational and management issues
- ❖ Regularly consults with the component manager and Implementation manager for the contract and cooperation on project activities
- ❖ Helps identify the needs of government institutions and NGOs
- ❖ Participates in formulating project action plans and helps synchronise the planning and budgeting system and counterparts
- ❖ Steering and management of the performance of contractors and external consultants / consulting firms and initiatives receiving finance / grant agreements contributing to the achievement of the target indicators of the output areas, site visits
- ❖ Cooperation with other projects within GIZ and beyond for a sustainable and impact-oriented cooperation.
- ❖ Implementing daily operational aspects of all issues related to the project
- ❖ Perform other duties and tasks at the request of management.

B. TASKS

The following tasks and key activities fall under output 2:

- ❖ Advising project partners on employment promotion and employment-oriented private sector development.
- ❖ Designing interventions in collaboration with South African partner institutions.

- ❖ Primary responsibility for collaboration with the South African National Business Initiative and managing a comprehensive financing agreement to ensure compliance with technical and commercial standards.
- ❖ Developing innovative approaches to supporting micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) and promoting employment in the context of a just energy transition.
- ❖ Strengthen the working relationship with the private sector.
- ❖ Engagement with the German private sector, for example through participation in the relevant cluster working group and development of pilot cooperation measures.
- ❖ Content-related and organizational participation in the implementation and further development of implementation strategies.
- ❖ Development and steer implementation of support measures for developing the competence of owners of small/micro enterprises and entrepreneurs to strengthen their ability to undertake corporate planning, exploit the business opportunities afforded by the energy transition and make use of market potential via supply chains and industry networks
- ❖ Support networking and cooperation between TVET and local business development organisations
- ❖ Advise on the scaling-up of existing work approaches
- ❖ Provision of advise to supporting chambers and associations in the green economy
- ❖ Advise organisations that support MSMEs, TVET centres and civil society initiatives for employment promotion on developing new support programmes that will make it possible for small local enterprises to use the potential afforded by the energy transition
- ❖ The objective ultimately is to ensure that training and development leads to student placement and/ or job creation.
- ❖ Managing contractors and funding recipients to ensure quality in service provision at the technical and commercial levels.
- ❖ Participating in impact-oriented monitoring and reporting to clients.

C. REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS, COMPETENCES AND EXPERIENCE

Qualifications:

- ❖ A graduate university qualification in economics, business, education engineering with focus on sustainable energy or similar.

Professional Experience:

- ❖ Qualification should be enhanced by at least **10 years' relevant working experience with a good understanding of the following:**
- ❖ Experience in and very good knowledge of the South African private sector , exposure in the energy value chain will be an advantage
- ❖ Ability to work in partnerships with public and private sector stakeholders and experience in the conceptualisation and management of partner and results oriented consulting assignments.
- ❖ Familiarity with and understanding of skills requirements and growth areas in the South African economy.
- ❖ Knowledge and experience, of relevant national policies (economic, energy and local government).
- ❖ Experience and strong knowledge of gender issues and gender transformative requirements and methods.
- ❖ Ability to engage in multiple stakeholder processes, especially those involving private and public sector collaborations in the skills development sector.
- ❖ Strong networking skills and social media experience.
- ❖ Knowledge of and experience with principals and standards of contracts and tenders with the public and private sector is of advantage.
- ❖ Strong project management skills, able to break up complex deliverables into manageable plans with realistic tasks.
- ❖ Ability to work as part of a team and independently in a structured, methodical manner.
- ❖ Experience within the context of international development cooperation is an advantage.
- ❖ Excellent writing and communication skills, fluency in English.

D. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ❖ The position will be based at the **GIZ Offices in Hatfield, Pretoria.**
- ❖ The contract period for this position is until **31 August 2028.**
- ❖ 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 Letter/Motivation Letter** in **(max. 1 pages)** clearly detailing why they should be the preferred candidate and the value they will bring to work of the Career Path Development for Employment (CPD4E) project.
- ❖ A detailed CV **(max. 4 pages), indicating their nationality.**
- ❖ Proof of eligibility to work in South Africa (copy of SA ID).

- ① **Internal Applicants ONLY** should submit application to: recruit-pretoria@giz.de with the email subject line “**Application for Senior Technical Advisor - SMME Development and Support – Output 2**” for the attention of Head of Human Resources – Dorothee Taaibosch.

NB: Applications from external applicants submitted to recruit-pretoria@giz.de **will not be considered.**

- ① **External Applicants ONLY** must submit their applications by following this link: <https://giz.simplify.hr/vacancy/g570mb> to be considered.

Closing date for applications: **17th of July 2026**

Applications without a motivational letter will not be considered!

Only shortlisted candidates who meet the above requirements will be contacted!!