

<b>Salary Band 4</b>	<b>Technical Advisor: Private Sector &amp; Finance (H2.SA programme)</b> <b>Focus: Secondment to the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT)</b>
Reports to:	Component leader
Duration	until 31.07.2028

### **A. Project background**

South Africa is widely recognised as one of the most promising future producers and exporters of green hydrogen and Power-to-X (PtX) products, due to its exceptional renewable energy resources, industrial capabilities, and access to platinum group metals. The development of a green hydrogen economy presents a significant opportunity to unlock new export markets, stimulate industrial development, create employment, and support a just energy transition.

In the Eastern Cape, green hydrogen presents a significant economic development opportunity linked to renewable energy deployment, industrial expansion, and the development of export-oriented hydrogen value chains. Several emerging hydrogen initiatives are being explored in the province, including projects associated with the Coega Industrial Development Zone, the East London Industrial Development Zone, the Nelson Mandela Bay region, and the broader Three Capes Green Hydrogen Corridor initiative.

To support the coordinated development of this emerging sector, the Eastern Cape Green Hydrogen (ECGH2) Coordination mechanism is being initiated under the guidance of the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT) to serve as a provincial focal point for institutional and stakeholder coordination, project enabling activities, and the resolution of key implementation bottlenecks.

This position is structured as a secondment to DEDEAT as the ECGH2 Coordinator who will provide operational, technical, and project coordination support to provincial institutions and stakeholders involved in advancing the green hydrogen sector in the Eastern Cape.

This secondment is placed within the programme “H2.SA II / Battery Value Chains – Promoting a Green Hydrogen Economy in South Africa”, which is implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the European Union.

#### **The H2.SA II / BVC programme focuses on five key workstreams:**

1. Supporting policy and regulatory frameworks for a green hydrogen economy
2. Supporting project developers to reach bankability

3. Enhancing capacity and PtX knowledge of South African stakeholders
4. Mitigating the environmental, social, and economic implications of a hydrogen and PtX economy
5. Promoting battery value chains in South Africa

The position is located within Workstream 2 and reports to the respective Head of Component, but it is based in East London and structured as a secondment to DEDEAT.

## **B. Tasks and responsibilities**

The ECGH2 Coordinator will be key coordination focal point, helping to strengthen collaboration across Eastern Cape's institutions involved in the PtX sector, and will support project enabling activities, and contribute to removing implementation bottlenecks.

The role of the coordination officer consists of:

### **a. ECGH2 coordination and operational management**

- Support the day-to-day coordination and functioning of the provincial Green Hydrogen Coordination office.
- Assist in collecting, validating, and organising data needed for programme analysis and decision-making.
- Track and report on project timelines, milestones, risks, and dependencies across multiple workstreams.
- Establish and maintain project tracking systems, workflows, knowledge repositories, and document management processes.
- Ensure effective communication, scheduling, and coordination of project activities and deliverables.
- Support the organisation of coordination meetings and governance processes.
- Support preparation of concept notes, technical and strategic briefs, and business case documentation.

### **b. Stakeholder coordination and liaison**

- Facilitate provincial coordination with the 3-Capes Project Management Unit (PMU), which seeks to coordinate PtX matters impacting the three Capes, and key stakeholders on a provincial and national level.
- Identify pain points of PtX projects and assist project developers in developing and implementing effective mitigation strategies.
- Coordinate stakeholder meetings, including agenda preparation, minute-taking, tracking of action items and general meeting support.

- Support engagement processes related to initiatives such as the *Three Capes Green Hydrogen Corridor*.

### **c. Alignment with H2.SA II / BVC and wider GIZ activities**

- Support the overall implementation of the H2.SA II / BVC programme's activities
- Participate in and contribute to coordination meetings at a GIZ cluster, programme, and component (Workstream II) level.
- Proactively share information and align on DEDEAT's and ECGH2's priorities and upcoming activities to ensure internal alignment and support can be provided by GIZ colleagues where needed.

### **C. Qualifications, competencies and experience**

- Relevant tertiary qualification: A first degree in Economics, Business administration, Environmental Sciences or Engineering.
- At least 5 years of relevant work experience in the fields of environmental consulting, business consulting, renewable energy or green hydrogen project development, or (infrastructure) project finance.
- Understanding of the South African green hydrogen, and renewable energy sector; incl. energy policy and regulatory frameworks.
- Experience in green hydrogen, PtX and/or the energy transition and proven willingness to further develop and enhance technical skills and competencies.
- Proven ability to work in a fast-paced environment, to effectively prioritise tasks, and to deliver consistently high-quality results in close coordination with partners.
- Strong project management and professional communication skills, coupled with a consultant-like working style.
- Excellent written and spoken English.

### **D. Additional information**

The position is structured as a secondment and will be based at the offices of DEDEAT in East London. The position is limited until 31.07.2028 in line with the partner's request. There may be an option to extend the position by another year.

## **E. Application Process**

Suitable candidates should apply by submitting a **motivation letter (max. 2 pages)** detailing why they should be the preferred candidate. This should be accompanied by a **detailed CV indicating their nationality**.

**Internal Applicants ONLY** should submit application to: [recruit-pretoria@giz.de](mailto:recruit-pretoria@giz.de) with the email subject line “**Application for Technical Advisor: Private Sector & Finance (H2.SA programme) – EC**”, for the attention of Head of Human Resources. Applications from external applicants submitted to [recruit-pretoria@giz.de](mailto:recruit-pretoria@giz.de) **will not be considered**.

**External Applicants** must submit their applications by following this link: <https://giz.simplify.hr/vacancy/9ntkc9>

Closing date for applications: **16<sup>th</sup> July 2026**.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.