Junior Advisor for Digital Infrastructure Investments (f/m/d)

Our model for success is a better life for everyone and purposeful tasks for our employees. For more than 50 years, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), as a company of the German Federal Government, has been supporting the implementation of development policy goals worldwide. Together with partner organisations in 120 countries, we are involved in a diverse range of projects. If you want to make a difference in the world and develop yourself in the process, you’ve come to the right place.

**Job-ID:** V000056331  
**Location:** Bonn, Eschborn  
**Assignment period:** 11/01/2023 - 11/30/2025  
**Field:** ICT and Digitalisation  

**Type of employment:** full- or part-time  
**Application deadline:** 10/20/2023
Job description

In GIZ’s Digital Transformation Cluster, we promote a sustainable, inclusive and sovereign digital development through "Tech4Good". To this end, we advise political partners and strengthen digital ecosystems in developing and emerging countries. E-learning, AI or blockchain - beyond the buzzwords, we analyse, develop, accelerate and scale innovative approaches and technologies. We train and empower our partners in business, civil society and politics with the right tools to find sustainable and context-sensitive solutions to global and local problems together.

As part of the Digital Transformation Cluster, the Data Economy initiative aims to improve the conditions for a value-generating data economy together with the digital ecosystem at all levels – macro, meso and micro level. Under this mandate, the Data Economy Project is implementing the EU Action “Data Governance in Africa”, the first Team Europe approach in the field of data economy, thus, being an official flagship-initiative under the EU Global Gateway Strategy to promote a human-centred approach to data economy and society.

To accelerate investments in green and secure digital infrastructures, GIZ is establishing a Digital Investment Facility (DIF) covering Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) in close collaboration with the Government of Finland. The DIF will support the facilitation of investments in data infrastructure (Data Centres and Internet-Exchange-Points), that are environmentally friendly (green) and in line with state-of-the-art cybersecurity to mobilise investments under the European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (EFSD+) and other funding sources from EU Member States.

Your tasks

- Assess requests from Sub-Saharan African partner countries and/or project promoters with regards to their eligibility for DIF support
- Conceptualisation and support in implementing targeted support and advisory activities with DIF partner countries and/or project promoters, including procurement and steering of external consultancy services for project design, review, and pre-feasibility studies
- Develop and foster partnerships across all levels, targeted outreach with and coordination of a network of relevant local and regional stakeholders, including development banks, donors, and other GIZ programmes
- Support in the development of targeted regional project portfolios in the regions of Sub-Saharan Africa
- Support to establishment and refinement of DIF processes with European implementing partners
- Promote knowledge exchange on topics of infrastructure promotion, digital connectivity, and cooperation with development banks within GIZ and its partner system, for example through South-South cooperation, participation in communities
of practice and innovative formats for knowledge transfer

- Implement procurement and administrative processes in accordance with GIZ compliance and integrity rules
- Contribute to reports (regular and ad-hoc), PR materials, and other related tasks to reporting and communication for the Data Economy initiative

Your profile

- University degree, ideally with a focus on digital transformation and/or finance topics.
- First work experience in the nexus of finance and digital transformation and/or digital connectivity, assessment, and preparation of public sector investment projects, preferably gained abroad
- First work experience in technical assistance and advisory services for national or subnational stakeholders in developing countries and emerging economies, particularly in Africa, ideally in network and digital industries as well as in the cooperation with international donors of Official Development Assistance, such as the BMZ, the World Bank, European Commission, on Digital4Development topics
- Strong strategic and analytical thinking, ability to quickly grasp concepts, and focus on essential aspects
- Collaborative, team-oriented, and gender-sensitive approach, with experience in diverse intercultural and remote team settings. Experience with agile project management methods is a plus (e.g. Kanban, Scrum, Design Thinking)
- Fluent in German and English; proficiency in French and other languages is advantageous

Location information

This position is possible at locations in Bonn and Eschborn.

Notes

This job is suited to a full or a part-time position.

In order to fulfill the company’s objectives, the willingness of employees for assignments at all GIZ locations in Germany and abroad is of high corporate interest.

Please understand, that we can only accept and process applications via our E-recruiting system. Following the confirmation of your successful application, kindly check your
spam / junk mail folder on a regular basis, since some provider classify emails from our recruiting system as spam.

Our benefits

Ensuring the compatibility of career, family work and care commitments is part of our corporate policy. Flexible working hours and comprehensive preparation packages for families accompanying staff abroad are two examples of the opportunities that GIZ offers its employees. Our family-friendly philosophy also includes providing support for family members in need of care. Everyone has the same opportunities in our company, regardless of gender, nationality, religion, sexual orientation or physical disability. We recruit based on specialist expertise and social skills. Transparency and fair opportunities for career advancement are just as much a matter of course for us as gender not being a barrier to taking up a management position. Your work will begin with an onboarding and preparation phase that will give you initial insights into GIZ and lay the groundwork for your upcoming assignment, establishing new contacts and building up your network. Our family-friendly philosophy also includes providing support for family members in need of care. Everyone has the same opportunities in our company, regardless of gender, nationality, religion, sexual orientation or physical disability. We recruit based on specialist expertise and social skills. Transparency and fair opportunities for career advancement are just as much a matter of course for us as gender not being a barrier to taking up a management position. Your work will begin with an onboarding and preparation phase that will give you initial insights into GIZ and lay the groundwork for your upcoming assignment, establishing new contacts and building up your network.

Our health management helps staff all over the world to maintain their health and performance levels in a variety of ways. We provide opportunities for taking part in training and professional development to all our staff. Our Academy for International Cooperation (AIZ) will help you develop your skills. We are a provider of international cooperation services for sustainable development and work to build a future worth living around the world. We support projects in over 130 countries to achieve goals sustainably together with our partners. As sustainability and environmental awareness are part and parcel of our corporate philosophy, we will provide you with financial support in the form of a job ticket. Extensive check-ups and preventive measures (e.g. on appointment, before the outward journey, during the stay in a country of assignment, in an emergency) are provided to our staff and the family members accompanying them as a matter of course. We allow our staff to accrue working time credits in a long-term working time account. This credit can then be used to take a lengthy leave of absence. We offer you various part-time working models to give you flexibility in planning your working and home lives. Flexi-time and the possibility for mobile working gives staff maximum flexibility. We reward staff who achieve their agreed annual targets with a variable remuneration component. If your family is unable to go with you when you switch to another location, we will provide you with a separation allowance to help you cover the resulting extra costs. This will enable you to travel or to offset the costs of food or maintaining two households, for example.

About us

Your professional and personal development is important to us. At GIZ, you will be offered global work opportunities and an atmosphere that is characterised by diversity, respect and genuine equal opportunities. Our benefits are also impressive in terms of
work-life balance and family friendliness. Flexible working hours that fit your life situation, comprehensive onboarding and internal health management are an integral part of our corporate culture, along with the opportunity to use childcare facilities and parent/child offices.

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.

We support equal opportunities and welcome applications from people with disabilities.

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