

Job Role: Regional Advisor

Reports to: EU TAF Team Leader

Contract Duration: Until 30.06.2026

Location: Accra - Ghana



Company Profile:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) - is a public-benefit federal enterprise working in more than 100 countries worldwide. We work on behalf of the German Government and support public and private sector clients in a wide variety of areas, including economic development and employment, energy and environment, and peace and security. Our activities in Ghana cover three priority areas: Climate and Energy, Just Transition; Sustainable Economic Development, Training and Employment, and Peaceful and Inclusive Societies, which focuses on good governance.

Project Brief:

With funding from EU, Germany, France and Sweden, GIZ together with Expertise France and FIIAPP supports the AfCFTA negotiation and implementation process through technical support to the relevant AU organs. The project in support of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) works in close collaboration with the AfCFTA Secretariat of the African Union (AU).

Scope of Role:

The Regional trade advisor will be part of the Project Management Unit (PMU) of the EU-TAF housed in the AfCFTA Secretariat. The advisor will support the content of AfCFTA negotiation and implementation in the areas of trade and environment; trade in goods and services, trade facilitation, customs cooperation as well as phase II protocols on IPR, Investment, Competition, Digital Trade and Women and Youth in Trade.

Tasks:

- Support the AfCFTA Secretariat through strategic capacity development activities.
- Close collaboration with AfCFTA Secretariat, the GIZ AfCFTA Support Programme (which the advisor is also part of) as well as with RECs.
- Support the bilateral partners in Ghana in fostering their role in implementing the AfCFTA through technical advisory services on the member state level.
- Manage short-term experts to undertake subject-specific research into areas of concern to Member State representatives participating in technical meetings throughout the key project component topics of Trade with special attention to trade, AfCFTA and environmental linkages.
- Technical advice and project coordination on various aspects of trade integration, Trade and environment, including trade in goods, trade in services, trade facilitation, and stakeholder involvement and possibly also industrialization, value chain and other emerging topics.
- Contribute to development of AfCFTA initiatives on Trade, women, youth and environment linkages
- Participate in the AfCFTA Team meetings and bilateral exchanges with AfCFTA advisors throughout the various project.
- Work with other GIZ projects and be familiar with GIZ internal procurement processes.

Profile:

- Master's degree in economics, International Trade, Trade law or equivalent.
- Citizenship of one (1) of the AU Member States.
- Fluent in written and spoken English and French. Fluency in other AU official language is an added advantage.
- Demonstrated experience of at least 5-7 years in trade policy, AfCFTA and regional integration issues.
- Demonstrated relevant professional experience working on trade and environment issues.
- Solid understanding of regional and continental economic integration issues in Africa.
- Solid understanding of Trade, women and youth linkages
- Experience in development cooperation is an asset.
- Experience in working with AU or other regional organizations is an asset.
- Flexibility to frequently travel.

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 2025/AfCFTA/14/01. If you do not hear from us four (4) weeks after the deadline, please consider your application unsuccessful.

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