
Terms of Reference
Green Economy Programme Philippines (EU-GEPP)
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The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH is an international cooperation enterprise for sustainable development with worldwide operations on behalf of the German Government. Presently, GIZ Philippines seeks a qualified candidate for one (1) position as:

Advisor for Low Carbon Circular Economy
(Band 4T)

Background and field of project involvement

Circular economy is gaining significant importance in the Philippines and in international discussions. Particularly relevant is the promotion of more sustainable production and consumption models as well as waste prevention and recovery.

The GIZ is implementing part of the EU-funded 'Green Economy Programme in the Philippines' (GEPP). The GIZ contribution focuses on strengthening a low-carbon circular economy and includes the following components: (1) Establishing a multi-stakeholder platform with participants from the EU and the Philippines for knowledge exchange and partnership building; (2) Policy consulting and dialogue with a focus on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and a comprehensive framework legislation on circular economy; (3) Identification, implementation, and impact assessment (including climate impact) of demonstration projects related to circular economy or waste prevention with policy or technology reference; (4) Development of training modules on low-carbon circular economy together with national institutions. Additionally, knowledge exchange and awareness-raising activities are included. Other elements of the GEPP are being implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Expertise France, and the International Finance Corporation (IFC World Bank Group), including collaboration with cities and the private sector. GIZ plays a coordinating role vis-à-vis these implementation partners. The GIZ activities are part of the regional BMWK project "Urban Act" based in Bangkok.

Tasks:

- You will independently implement project activities regarding policy consulting, demonstration projects, and training. Your focus will be on technical questions related to circular economy and climate change.
- You will advise the Philippine Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) on policy options for strengthening a low carbon circular economy and waste prevention measures. Particularly relevant here is the strengthening and possibly expansion of the existing EPR system for plastic and packaging waste. You will independently lead the development of technical

studies and ensure the involvement of key stakeholders. You will contribute your expertise on global initiatives (e.g. Global Methane Pledge, UNEA Plastic Treaty) and develop action options for the DENR, incorporating climate aspects.

- You will manage the process of selecting, designing, packaging, implementing, and measuring the impact of demonstration projects, particularly those focusing on technology implementation. You will ensure that demonstration projects reduce emissions and/or strengthen climate resilience. Moreover, you make sure that their impact is regularly monitored and can be integrated into the NDC (Nationally Determined Contributions) monitoring.
- You will do this by involving all relevant stakeholders, not only at national government level but also including potential funding institutions and local government institutions. Potential demonstration projects include (1) the introduction of a national 'Deposit Return System' for beverage containers and (2) the promotion of sustainable school buildings (Model Green School) and (3) organic waste solutions, such as biogas digesters and black soldier fly farming.
- You will lead the development of training modules on low carbon circular economy and ensure their integration into the programs of existing training institutions.
 - You will significantly contribute to designing content of circular economy – related technical events within the multi-stakeholder platform. This includes creating relevant materials and moderating technical events (e.g. webinars).
 - You will lead the procurement process, management, and quality assurance of external service providers.
 - You will support the project management team in the further conceptual design of the project.
 - You will contribute towards preparing project-related reports in coordination with project management, including reporting for the BMWK and the EU Delegation in Manila.
 - You will closely coordinate activities with partners from the Philippine government as well as other implementation partners such as UNDP, Expertise France and IFC. In addition, you will ensure consultation of the private sector, cities, and research institutions, particularly regarding the design and implementation of demonstration projects.
 - You will ensure collaboration with regional networks on circular economy and actively participate in relevant events.
 - Within a delegated framework of responsibility, you will represent GIZ in relevant committees, conferences, and EU-initiated events.

Your Profile:

- Completed university degree in engineering, economics, or natural sciences.
- Several years of work experience in the field of circular economy and resource efficiency. Experience on plastic and organic waste management, climate mitigation and/or green buildings is desirable.
- Work experience in international development cooperation on environmental policy issues is desirable.
- Experience in implementing and measuring the impact of waste management or climate policy with partners from government and industry is desirable.
- Quick understanding of technical as well as operational and economic issues.

- Strong conceptual, interdisciplinary thinking and pragmatic action.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills (English, Tagalog is highly desirable).
- Diplomatic skills and intercultural competence, and a competent, friendly, and confident demeanor.
- Ability to work independently and as a part of a team.

Other knowledge, additional competences

- Readiness for frequent travel within the Philippines

Duty Station: Quezon City

Direct Line Manager: Project Leader of EU-GEPP

Duration of assignment: 01.01.2025 - 31.12.2027