

Salary Band 4T	Digital Infrastructure Investment Advisor
Reports to:	Component Lead – Climate Support Programme
Duty Station	Hatfield, Pretoria
Duration	until 30 November 2025

BACKGROUND:

As an international organization commissioned by the **German Federal Ministry of Development (BMZ), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH** provides international cooperation service for sustainable development in a wide variety of areas, including energy, environment, digitalization, employment, and economic development. We work with partners all over the world across different sectors towards building a future worth living for every individual.

About the Digital Transformation Centre South Africa

The **Digital Transformation Centre (DTC)** is part of a global initiative of GIZ, it is a hub that enables local innovation worldwide and promotes digital solution for sustainable development. The DTC combines innovation, technical know-how, inclusive and collaborative participation, digital knowledge as well as research and entrepreneurial drive. With this, German Development Cooperation strives to systematically strengthen local ecosystem and capacities for digital transformation. The DTC South Africa focuses on the Green Digital Transformation. In the context of the country's Just Transition Framework, it explores ways to leverage the use of digital technologies for climate action in a manner of social equity and gender sensitivity. Thereby, the areas of intervention evolve around policy advice, the conceptualization of digital technology driven use cases, capacity development for relevant stakeholders and promotion of green and secure data infrastructures.

About the Data Economy Project and the Digital Investment Facility

The Data Economy Project is part of the Global Programme Digital Transformation, commissioned by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), with the overall aim of improving 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 on the topic of data economy, thus, being an official flagship-initiative under the EU Global Gateway Strategy to promote a human-centered approach to data economy and society. The initiative of 5 EU Member States - Belgium, France, Finland, Estonia, and Germany – is co-funded by the European Commission and aims to strengthen data sovereignty of African partner countries and foster local value creation from data. It supports the African Union Commission, Regional Economic Communities, and their Member States in (1) Developing data policy frameworks, (2) developing data use cases to showcase the value of data and enable data to flow across borders, and (3) supporting the identification of investments in secure and green data infrastructure in Africa.

To foster investments in green and secure infrastructures, GIZ is establishing a **Digital Investment Facility (DIF)** covering Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) in close collaboration with the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs Finland and Finnish HAUS Institute**. 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, under the **European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (EFSD+)** and other funding sources from EU Member States. The DIF will strive to achieve this by promoting enhanced and integrated partnerships between the public and private sector, as well as **European Development Finance Institutions (EDFIs)**, with a focus on facilitating interactions between European and African actors in line with the EU’s Global Gateway Strategy. The resources of the facility will be prioritized to regions that show the highest demand and capability to develop feasible infrastructure projects and where also markets show sufficient demand for sustaining the infrastructure. By this, the DIF will contribute to bridging the gap between European financing opportunities and African data infrastructure markets.

Against this backdrop, we seek a committed, motivated, and highly skilled individual to implement the Data Economy Project’s activities within the DIF in the Southern African region. The Digital Infrastructure Investment Advisor will be part of a global, multi-cultural team of up to 10 dedicated experts allocated across Finland, Germany, Senegal, Kenya, and South Africa.

A. TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Digital Infrastructure Investment Advisor is responsible for:

- ❖ Supporting the implementation of the DIF's activities relating to
 - ✓ enhancing stakeholders' capacities in Africa and Europe to design, promote and operate green and secure data infrastructure as well as in understanding and applying international environmental and cybersecurity standards in SSA;
 - ✓ providing the European Commission and EDFIs with market analyses identifying gaps and market failures as well as mapping of promising investment opportunities in line with the EU's Global Gateway Strategy on green and secure data infrastructure in SSA;
 - ✓ facilitating interactions between African project promoters and EDFIs on sound bankable investment projects for EDFIs' consideration through selecting and supporting projects of key stakeholders to become economically and technically feasible, robust, environmentally friendly, and secure.
- ❖ Develop and foster partnerships across all levels including the public sector, private sector, academia, and civil society
- ❖ Effectively managing a network of local and regional project partners as well as steering of consultants and other service providers
- ❖ Developing ownership for the overall project concept and its delivery; pro-actively identifying opportunities and supporting the project manager in updating the approach according to the latest developments and the needs of the project's partners
- ❖ Support planning, procurement processes, financial management and monitoring of the project activities
- ❖ Contribute actively to reports (regular and ad-hoc), PR materials, and other related tasks to reporting and communication for the DIF
- ❖ Coordinate closely with the other projects within the Global Program and beyond to ensure alignment

B. TASKS

The Investment Advisor will perform the following tasks under disciplinary management of the Climate Support Programme's Component Lead and technical supervision of the Global Programme's DIF team lead.

Technical advice for implementation of project activities

- ❖ Supporting the implementation of the DIF's activities related to capacity building, market analysis, mapping of funding opportunities and requirements, project advisory services and financial project structuring. This includes, e.g.:
 - ✓ Support the implementation of training activities
 - ✓ Draft terms of reference for the DIF's activities to mobilise external expertise
 - ✓ Review, comment and accompany the set-up of potential financial agreements
 - ✓ Support activities by implementing partners, follow-up and ensure that quality results are delivered in a timely manner

Project management

- ❖ Actively support project planning for partnerships activities within the DIF
- ❖ Prepare and manage consultancy assignments and financing agreements, and monitor service providers in completing their tasks
- ❖ Support in monitoring and evaluation (M&E) of project activities, and reporting
- ❖ Manage meetings and events with partners, service providers and other relevant stakeholders (preparation, implementation, follow-up)
- ❖ Support knowledge management and public relation of the programme, including documentation of lessons learnt, best practices, case studies and success stories
- ❖ Support the preparation of communication materials and progress updates to BMZ and the European Commission

Partnerships and network management

- ❖ Initiate and foster partnerships with government, private sector, academia, and civil society actors in Southern Africa for the DIF
- ❖ Manage a network of project partners consisting of African and European stakeholders
- ❖ Support in keeping positive and productive relations with implementing partners, and other stakeholders

Other duties/additional tasks

- ❖ Perform other duties and tasks as assigned

C. REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS, COMPETENCIES AND EXPERIENCES

- ❖ The Digital Infrastructure Investment Advisor should have the following qualifications, competences, and experiences:

Educational Qualifications

- ❖ Post-Graduate (honors and above) University Degree in economics, development studies, finance, international business administration, or related field

Professional Experience:

- ❖ At least 4-6 years of work experience in related field
- ❖ Substantial experience in origination of investment opportunities and project management (conceptualisation, planning, coordination, steering, monitoring), particularly regarding infrastructure project preparation and investment pipeline development
- ❖ Experience in market analysis, commercial and financial due diligence, and infrastructure business models
- ❖ Very good understanding of international and regional finance systems and markets in Africa
- ❖ Experience in preparing and supporting the implementation of trainings, ideally related to pipeline requirements of International and European Development Finance Institutions, and sustainable business models for data infrastructure for governmental and private sector stakeholders, among others
- ❖ Proven skills and experience in networking and fostering partnerships in the finance field. An existing network in African finance ecosystems, particularly in West, East, or Southern Africa, and beyond is an advantage
- ❖ Experience in working with and/or advising government institutions on digital topics; a focus on digital connectivity will be an advantage
- ❖ Proven work experience in the Africa region, experience in development cooperation is desired

Other knowledge, additional competences

- ❖ Excellent communication and presentation skills
- ❖ Demonstrated ability to communicate in both written and spoken English at high level. Knowledge of local languages is an advantage.
- ❖ Ability and willingness to work in a dynamic, international team under minimal supervision
- ❖ Strong interpersonal skills and a willingness to cooperate effectively with colleagues and partners.
- ❖ Self-starter, who works independently and has a flexible attitude but is a strong team player simultaneously

- ❖ Very good working knowledge of ICT technologies (related software, phone, email, internet), Excel and other computer applications (e.g. MS Office).
- ❖ Excellent oral and written proficiency in English; proficiency in local languages and/or German is desirable but not a must

D. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ❖ The position will be based at the GIZ Offices in **Hatfield, Pretoria**. The willingness for regular business trip in the region is expected.
- ❖ The contract period for this position is until **30 November 2025 in line with the commissioning period of the project**
- ❖ 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 disability. Applications from persons with disabilities are most welcome.
- ❖ The successful candidate will be expected to start full-time employment with GIZ on a fixed-term contract as soon as possible.

E. APPLICATION PROCESS

GIZ will only assess applications which meet the following criteria:

Suitable candidates should apply by submitting a

- ❖ A motivation letter (**concisely 1 page**) stating why they should be the preferred candidate, the value added they will bring to the project and **their desired salary range**.
- ❖ This should be accompanied by a **detailed CV and indicating their nationality**. Applications should be submitted to: recruit-pretoria@giz.de, with the email subject line "**Application for Digital Infrastructure Investment Advisor**" for the attention of Head of Human Resource.

Closing date for applications: **27th November 2024**.

Only shortlisted for interview will be contacted.

Applications without a Cover letter will not be considered!