

<b>Salary Band 4T</b>	<b>Technical Advisor for the South African-German Digital Dialogue</b>
Reports to:	Head of Component - Climate Support Programme IV
Duration	Until 31 March 2025 (potential for extension until 31 March 2026)

## BACKGROUND

Digitalisation is transforming the global economy. It creates new business models, optimises production and revolutionises communication. Balanced and transparent rules enable legal certainty and fair competition on the internet. Only if these rules are harmonised internationally can the economy and society fully benefit from the opportunities of digitalisation.

On behalf of the **German Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport (BMDV)**, GIZ supports the German Federal Government and its partner governments in their efforts to promote value-based harmonisation in bilateral Digital Dialogues. The Digital Dialogues provide a platform for direct exchange between policy makers, regulators, businesses, academia, and civil society.

The **South African-German Digital Dialogue** is foreseen to commence by the end of 2024. Likely topics include: internet governance, data policy, emerging technologies incl. artificial intelligence, and more. Using a multi-stakeholder approach, GIZ ensures that the Digital Dialogues' activities reflect the interests and expertise of key players from politics, business, academia, and civil society. Together, stakeholders produce tangible solutions for harmonisation that are fed back into multilateral fora like the UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF).

In South Africa, the activities of the Digital Dialogue are closely linked to the GIZ **Digital Transformation Center (DTC) South Africa**, which is an initiative of German Development Cooperation. The DTC was established to support the country's digital transition towards a sustainable and human-centred digital economy and society.

## A. RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the technical guidance of the DTC Head of Component and the Digital Advisor at GIZ Germany, the **position holder** is responsible for:

- ❖ Ensuring the effective implementation of the bilateral South African-German Digital Dialogue in South Africa
- ❖ Coordination with the South African Department of Communications and Digital Technologies (DCDT) on political priority areas, workplan implementation and high-level meetings
- ❖ Engagement of various stakeholders from private sector, academia and civil society for active participation in the Digital Dialogue on the technical areas of cooperation

**In this context, the position holder fulfils the following tasks:**

**B. TASKS:**

- ❖ Advise the focal point at the DCDT, as well as national agencies and other stakeholders of the Digital Dialogue on strategic and political opportunities as well as conceptual and technical issues in implementation of the dialogue;
- ❖ Establish and further develop the local network of stakeholders, including research institutions, regulators and companies, as well as identify additional opportunities for collaboration based on the fields of technical cooperation;
- ❖ Prepare and coordinate the development of analyses and technical reports on relevant developments in economic, digital, and innovation policy issues in South Africa;
- ❖ Plan and implement activities such as workshops, technical exchanges, inter-ministerial meetings and high-level delegation visits by sensibly engaging all stakeholders required;
- ❖ Monitor topics, projects and structures in South Africa that are relevant to the country's digital transformation and of potential interest to the German Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport;
- ❖ Support the collaboration with ongoing GIZ projects on digitalisation;
- ❖ Support the implementation, management and financial planning of the project;
- ❖ Support the integration of the project within the Digital Transformation Centre;
- ❖ Quality and knowledge management as well as monitoring and reporting;
- ❖ Other tasks as may be required.

**C. REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS, COMPETENCIES AND EXPERIENCES**

**Qualifications:**

- ❖ Completed university degree in the field of political science, political communications, economics, social sciences, international relations, law or a similar subject (advanced degree will be considered an advantage);

**Professional Experience**

- ❖ 5 years of experience in policy advisory and/or implementation of international cooperation projects, preferably with a focus on digitalisation, or economic cooperation.

**Other Knowledge, Additional Competences**

- ❖ Excellent diplomatic, strategic, and networking skills, as well as confidence in handling politically sensitive issues and in working with high-ranking government representatives;
- ❖ Experience with facilitation of multi-stakeholder dialogues or cooperation with the business community;
- ❖ Proven in-depth knowledge in the areas of digitalisation and private sector cooperation, as well as high affinity for technology-related topics and trends;
- ❖ High level of organizational, communication, reporting, and writing skills;
- ❖ Ability to prioritize and deliver assigned tasks diligently under strict deadlines;
- ❖ Excellent skills in writing and speaking English;
- ❖ Willingness to travel also regarding international business trips is required.
- ❖ Proficiency in MS Office, ideally MS Office 365.

**D. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- ❖ This position is based in **Hatfield, Pretoria**;
- ❖ At GIZ, you will be offered a 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; and
- ❖ The contract period for this position is until **31 March 2025 (potential for extension until 31 March 2026)**

**E. APPLICATION PROCESS**

**GIZ will only assess applications which meet the following criteria:**

Suitable candidates should apply by submitting a

- ❖ A motivation letter (**max. 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](mailto:recruit-pretoria@giz.de), with the email subject line “**Application for Technical Advisor for the South African-German Digital Dialogue**” for the attention of Head of Human Resource.

Closing date for applications: **06<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

**Only shortlisted for interview will be contacted.**

**Applications without a Cover letter will not be considered!**