

Project Coordinator – AUC Africa Urban Resilience Programme (AURP)

Place of Assignment:	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Initial Contract Period:	01 June 2024 – 30 June 2026
Application Deadline:	07 April 2024

About GIZ

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The Resilience Initiative Africa (RIA) is a regional project commissioned by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. The project aims to increase the capacities of regional, national, local state and non-state actors for risk-informed urban development in Africa through fostering technical exchange and coordination across countries by bringing together relevant actors with existing and proven approaches to reduce, mitigate and manage risks. Unprecedented urbanisation is arguably the most significant transformation that African countries will experience this century, which presents challenges and opportunities, including the rise of urban disaster risk.

As a result, the African Union Commission (AUC), as part of its efforts to address the persistent challenge of disaster risk in Africa, has developed a comprehensive programme that focuses on cities and urban centres. The Africa Urban Resilience Programme (AURP) will support resilience-building on the continent and promote the integration of climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction into development planning.

The AUC's AURP is closely aligned with the GIZ Resilience Initiative Africa (GIZ RIA), which forms a strong basis for collaboration and support

Core Tasks

The appointed expert will be seconded to the African Union Commission (AUC) to perform his/her tasks.

- Serve as the central AURP focal person at the African Union Commission (AUC) to lead the coordination of the day-to day implementation of the AURP and liaise with multi-sectoral and multi-level key stakeholders.
- Work closely with all staff under the AURP including the Urban Resilience Advisor and the Urban Resilience Analyst in the development and operationalisation of additional AURP implementation mechanisms; namely the AUC-UNDP-UN-Habitat JRP and the GIZ RIA.
- Provide policy and regulatory advice that will facilitate the implementation of AURP activities.
- Advise Sustainable Development and Blue Economy Directorate of the AUC on urban resilience and risk informed development on the continent.
- Undertake resource mobilisation, and partnership building to support the operationalisation of the AURP and its operational mechanisms.
- Coordinate AURP communication activities to increase visibility and awareness on urban resilience matters and projects.
- Facilitate AU Member States and partner coordination around AURP and regional disaster risk reduction matters.
- Support the AUC on the development of a Continental Policy/guidelines on urban resilience.
- Coordinate all AURP Project Management-related and governance activities including periodic reporting, budget oversight, preparing of administrative, technical and policy documents, organisation of steering committee meetings and overall compliance with AUC monitoring and evaluation requirements.
- Follow-up and report on the implementation of joint AUC–GIZ objectives with respect to the RIA programme.
- Support the development and delivery of training (including training material), and capacity-building efforts that underscore the Urban Resilience programming.
- Support the Directorate of SEBE and the Department of DARBE at large during Ministerial, Summits of Heads of State and Government and conferences.
- Contribute to the Monitoring and Evaluation System of the AUC AURP and GIZ RIA.
- Perform any other appropriate and reasonable tasks assigned by the line manager outside the scope of the job description.

Qualifications

- At least a Masters' Degree in urban studies, disaster risk management, development studies, project management or related academic background.

Professional experience

- At least 10 years of progressive work experience in urban resilience, town and regional planning, management of cities or counties, climate or development finance, disaster risk management or sustainable development.
- Work experience in financing infrastructure projects including structuring and arranging transactional finance would be considered as an advantage.
- Demonstrated experience and knowledge of urban development and management, urban risk reduction, disaster risk reduction, and climate change and resource mobilisation concepts, frameworks and principles and ability to apply to strategic and/or practical situations, and to guide delivery at regional, national and community levels
- Proven track record in green development, policy research, strong writing skills, and a deep understanding of methods, approaches and practices, as applicable to urban disaster risk reduction, and urban resilience in Africa.

- Significant managerial, supervisory experience or leadership of teams.
- Proven track record of the coordination/facilitation of high-level political processes, or experience working with intergovernmental organizations, governments, development partners, and international organizations, including coordinating multi-partner interventions on the African continent. Work experience within AU institutions is a clear advantage

Other knowledge, additional competencies

- Strong computer skills (Microsoft Office Suite, internet research, social media, other digital tools)
- Excellent communication skills (written and verbal) and presentation skills.
- Fluency in English and knowledge of French or any other African Union Working Language will be an added advantage.
- Willingness to upskill as required by the tasks to be performed – corresponding measures are agreed with management

How to Apply

The application should include

- a motivational letter / letter of application,
- a recent CV, including at least three referee contacts.

Applications should be submitted via email to hr_au@giz.de with the subject line “**Project Coordinator – AURP – Your Name**”.

Closing date for applications: **07 April 2024, midnight EAT**. Only Shortlisted Candidates will be contacted.

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