

<b>Salary Band 4T</b>	<b>Support to the South African COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-Out and Local Production (SAVax) Senior Technical Advisor</b>
Reports to:	Head of Component "Production"
Duration	Until December 2024 <i>with a likely extension of at least 1 year</i>

## 1. AREA OF WORK

South Africa is committed to strengthen its local vaccine development and production capacity. The Department of Science and Innovation is currently elaborating a national strategy to strengthen the innovation and manufacturing landscape. GIZ SAVax project will contribute to the empowerment of the local ecosystem by supporting training and research institution and the regulatory capacities as well as by ensuring demand for vaccines and vaccine-related products made in South Africa (*market shaping*).

The SAVax project is recruiting an experienced advisor with both technical skills in health innovation and a solid network and experience working with the private sector and government to advice and manage project implementation.

**The Senior Technical Advisor is responsible for:**

### A. TASKS:

- Ensure stakeholder engagement and an effective collaboration with the Department of Science and Innovation and the Medical Research Council, SAHPRA as well as other partners on vaccine production
- Under the leadership of the component leader, ensure delivery and quality of the project activities already from the planning to the implementation such as grants to universities or consultancy services
- Provide technical advice on the regional dimension of the project activities including alignment with the *African Medical Agency* and demand generation for South African vaccines
- Plan, implement and coordinate activities with other GIZ projects and diverse institutions including KfW and actively identify interfaces and synergies.
- Contribute to the monitoring and evaluation system of the project.
- Editing of content for public relations in coordination with the communication department of the Department of Science and Innovation and possible grantees.

- Support in the preparation and presentation of technical papers for internal and external information events.

## **B. REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS, COMPETENCIES AND EXPERIENCES**

### **Qualifications:**

- A Degree in pharmacy, medicine, biology, political science, sociology or comparable degrees
- Ideally Master Degree in business administration, pharmacology or comparable degrees.

### **Professional experience**

- Qualification should be enhanced by 10 years of experience in the pharmaceutical sector in South Africa including familiarity with government-related and research institutions (i.e Department of Science and Innovation, or Department of Trade or Department of Higher Education or Medical Research Council or Center for Scientific and Industrial Research).
- At least 5 years of experience working with Southern African start-ups and companies along the pharmaceutical value chain or in research
- Ideally experience working with vaccine development and manufacturing either in research or in the private sector

### **Other knowledge, additional competences**

- Good knowledge and experience of the regulatory framework (SAHPRA).
- Experience working with international and national stakeholders in South Africa, and ideally experience working at regional Southern African Development Community (SADC) level.
- High level of flexibility and ability to engage proactively, time efficiently and competently in new and changing assignments, as well as strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Enjoy working in diverse teams as well as gender and cultural sensitivity
- Business fluent in English.

## **C. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- This position is based in **Pretoria**.
- The contract period for this position is until **31 December 2024**.

**D. APPLICATION PROCESS**

Suitable candidates should apply by submitting a **motivation letter (max. 1 page)** stating why they should be the preferred candidate. This should be accompanied by a **detailed CV indicating nationality** to: [recruit-pretoria@giz.de](mailto:recruit-pretoria@giz.de), with the email subject line **“Application for SAVAX STA Output 2-4”** for the attention of Head of Human Resource.

**Closing date for applications: 26<sup>th</sup> of August 2022**

**Only shortlisted candidates will be informed.**

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