

Salary Band 4 T	C40 Cities Finance Facility (CFF) Adaptation Senior Technical Advisor; City of Mbombela
Reports to:	Project Manager LCCR Water
Duration	Until - 31 October 2024 (option of extension)

BACKGROUND

The **C40 Cities Finance Facility (CFF)** is a project **funded by the Government of Germany, United Kingdom, United States and France** and is jointly implemented by C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. The overall objective of the CFF is to provide technical assistance to cities in developing and emerging countries to technically prepare and financially structure sustainable low carbon and climate resilience infrastructure projects.

In South Africa, the CFF has established a partnership with the **City of Mbombela** with the aim of supporting the City administration in the project preparation process for a city-wide project looking at **Flood Alleviation in Response to a Changing Climate: Development of Stormwater and Flood Alleviation Infrastructure in three catchments (Tekwane, Kanyamazane and Msogwaba)**. For this, the CFF will support the City to technically prepare the project and develop a business case to prove the financial viability for using nature-based solutions instead of, or as a hybrid with, grey infrastructure. Furthermore, the CFF has established additional partnerships with the City of Cape Town and Drakenstein Municipality in the Western Cape and with the City of Johannesburg with the objective to build resilience of their river catchments through Hybrid (green and grey infrastructure) solutions using tailored approaches and capitalizing on similar experiences.

For this work the CFF is looking for an **Senior Technical Advisor** to support the CFF and the **City of Mbombela** in bringing this project to feasibility and cost benefit analysis stage.

A. RESPONSIBILITIES AND TASKS

The Senior Technical Advisor will support the CFF, the City of Mbombela's Environmental Management and the Stormwater Management Departments as well respective departments involved or to be involved in the project preparation. The assignment includes, e.g.:

- Building effective working relationships between CFF and above-mentioned departments
- Supporting these departments to identify technical assistance and training needs required to bring the project to finance –ready stage.

- Translating identified needs into Terms of References (ToRs) for national/international technical consultants
- Support GIZ in the procurement of consultants, supervise and coordinate the delivery of consultancy services on a day-to-day basis (incl. quality control of deliverables, technical backstopping)
- Ensure the effective implementation of technical assistance and training activities and report periodically on the progress.
- Actively steer and support knowledge exchange between the CFF partner municipalities, other CFF Advisors and within the Climate Cluster of GIZ South Africa

The Senior Technical Advisor will be placed in the City of Mbombela offices. S/he will report to the CFF Operations Team in Germany (and to the LCCR Water Project Manager locally). S/he will ensure that the respective departments are in the driving seats of the projects and her/his role will be that of an external advisor, empowering officials to deliver the project.

B. REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS, COMPETENCES AND EXPERIENCES

- Master's degree in urban planning/Management, Economics, Climate Change or Environmental Studies or a related field.
- Ten years of experience of working in or with public administrations and a thorough understanding of the structures and processes of South African municipal governments and their administrations.
- Ten years of experience of working in the field of climate change adaptation, flood management, Integrated Water Resources Management green infrastructure or nature-based solutions in urban areas.
- Proven working experience in project development and in the field of financing urban infrastructure, ideally in the area of climate change.
- Strong understanding of the national, provincial and local context including political situation, rules and regulations, stakeholders and institutions relevant for the projects.
- Experience in commissioning and supervising external consultancy services.
- Solid network of contacts and excellent communication skills.

C. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The successful candidate will be expected to start full-time employment with GIZ on a fixed-term contract as soon as possible.
- The employment location will be in the City of Mbombela offices.

- 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 contract period for this position is until **31 October 2024 (in line with the commissioning period of the project)**.

D. APPLICATION PROCESS

Suitable candidates should apply by submitting a **motivation letter (concisely 1 page)** clearly stating why they should be the preferred candidate and the value they will bring to the project as well as **salary range expectation**. This should be accompanied by a detailed **CV** as well as proof of eligibility to work in South Africa (**copy of SA ID**).

The application should be submitted to: recruit-pretoria@giz.de, with the following email subject line “**Application for CFF Senior Technical Advisor, CoM**” for the attention of Head of Human Resource.

Closing date for applications: **12 October 2023**.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Applications without a motivation letter will not be considered!