The German government’s international cooperation enterprise for sustainable development, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, operates world-wide on behalf of German Ministries, the governments of other countries and international clients. GIZ has a record of more than 60 years working in Thailand. The “Mainstreaming Sustainable Rice through the Sustainable Rice Platform (SRP)” project is currently looking for an SRP Standard and Assurance Officer.

SRP Standard and Assurance Officer

Context:
The Sustainable Rice Platform e.V. (SRP) is a global multi-stakeholder alliance launched in 2011, that works to safeguard livelihoods of farmers while minimizing environmental impacts of rice production. It has fostered partnerships to enable farmers to adopt sustainable rice cultivation practices, connected farmers with buyers seeking sustainably produced rice, and driven scale through advocacy. The SRP has proven that by following sustainable practices, smallholder farmers can produce at lower cost, increase net incomes, protect their health, and reduce the environmental and climate footprint of rice cultivation. See www.sustainablerice.org.

The SRP Secretariat is responsible for establishing and managing systems and processes to enable the SRP to operate effectively; it supports over 100 SRP Members to engage in these processes.

Project:
The Mainstreaming Sustainable Rice through the SRP project (2020 – 2023) will support the SRP e.V. to upgrade its tools, systems and processes for use at a larger scale — to multiply the production of and demand for sustainable rice. Project activities will result in a stronger SRP that can coordinate and expand initiatives to reach and deliver tangible benefits to 1 million smallholder farmers by 2023 and beyond the project term.

The project will focus on:
- Establish SRP National Chapters to optimize country-level approaches and mainstream sustainable practices through policy measures;
- Elevate SRP Standard and Performance Indicators and associated upstream capacity building systems to meet international benchmarks for credible standards;
- Increase value of SRP Trademarks and broker relationships with downstream rice value chain actors to expand market penetration;
- Engage in data-driven reporting on impacts for more powerful communications and more effective knowledge management; and
- Work with scaling partners to drive sector transformation.

Position:
In support of the Sustainable Rice Platform e.V., we are looking for an SRP Standard and Assurance Officer who will plan, organize and coordinate the development, maintenance and consistent implementation of normative SRP documents on sustainable rice cultivation practices (SRP Standard), impact measurement (SRP Performance Indicators) and assurance (SRP Assurance Scheme, Internal Management System Standard, Chain of Custody Standard).
Responsibilities and Tasks:
S/he will rapidly achieve proficiency in the current tools, systems and processes used by SRP in order to serve SRP and its members effectively in the tasks listed below. S/he may be assigned additional tasks to support the SRP Secretariat.

Management of SRP normative documents:
- Support the SRP Technical Committee to implement a governance system to manage the SRP normative documents
- Coordinate the processes for periodic revision of the SRP normative tools (e.g., develop schedule and plan, facilitate working groups, organize public consultations)
- Reply to information requests from stakeholders on SRP normative documents
- Respond to disputes and complaints related to SRP normative documents
- Coordinate the drafting of position statements on technical issues for consistent application of the SRP normative documents
- Ensure alignment between the SRP Standard and any national interpretation guidelines developed by stakeholder groups to maintain equivalence
- Serve as counterpart to GLOBALG.A.P. (SRP’s Assurance Service Provider) to carry out agreed activities to strengthen the SRP Assurance Programme

Upgrading SRP normative documents to meet ISEAL Codes:
- Support the preparation of SRP’s application to become an ISEAL Community Member
- Lead SRP to actively participate as an ISEAL Community Member, including preparation and submission of annual improvement plans and reports

Supplementary tools:
- Coordinate development of supplemental tools to increase adoption of SRP core tools (e.g., FAQ, member support portal, farmer support tools, value chain assessment tools)

Qualifications:
We are looking for a candidate who possesses (the equivalent of):
- University or technical degree in agronomy, environmental sciences, natural resource management, or an area that is relevant to achieve the project's objectives
- Minimum five (5) years of professional experience in one or more of the following: multi-stakeholder standards development processes, certification (including auditing), the rice sector/industry, or corporate environmental and social responsibility programs.
- Familiarity with the codes and processes if ISEAL is an asset
- Demonstrated analytical and problem-solving skills, with the ability to seek all relevant information, liaise with stakeholders and analyze issues from different perspectives.
- Strong communication and negotiation skills with the ability to express own views in a constructive and diplomatic way
- Proficiency in English language (spoken and written) is required
- Excellent computer literacy (Microsoft Office, email, internet)

Contract:
This will be a fixed-term contract, starting in May 2021 and running until October 2022 (with high possibility of extension).

Duty station will be in Bangkok, Thailand.

Lines of Reporting:
The staff member will report to the GIZ Project Director on all administrative requirements.
The staff member will be seconded to the Sustainable Rice Platform e.V. Secretariat. The staff member will serve as a full member of the SRP Secretariat, which is led by the SRP Executive Director. The staff member will receive day-to-day direction and feedback on the responsibilities and tasks listed above from the SRP Executive Director.

**Application:**

Please submit your application and CV to chattayada.pattaragulwanit@giz.de. The deadline for applications is 7 May 2021. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. GIZ Thailand is an equal opportunity employer and actively encourages gender diversity within the company and operations.

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