GIZ Pacific Island Region
Technical Advisor – Marine Litter Prevention (Re-Advertised)
Duty Station -Samoa

Main Role:
The **CleanSeas: Marine Litter Prevention in Pacific Island Countries** project is implemented by GIZ on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUKN). The project works in **Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands** in partnership with relevant government ministries. To support these objectives in Samoa, GIZ is seeking a **Technical Advisor - Marine Litter Prevention** based in Apia, who will work closely with the Waste Management & Pollution Control Division of the Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment.

Reporting Relationship:
The Technical Advisor reports directly to the **GIZ Head of Project for CleanSeas**. The incumbent will be embedded within the Waste management & Pollution Control Division (WMPCDE) within the Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment (MNRE) to support the national implementation of the regional project "CleanSeas – Marine Litter Prevention in Pacific Island Countries" in Samoa on contract from GIZ.

Major Functions:
The Technical Advisor will be embedded within MNRE's **Waste Management & Pollution Control Division (WMPCD)** to support Samoa's national implementation of the regional **CleanSeas** project.
The position has a **dual function**, providing technical expertise to WMPCD while also supporting the **CleanSeas Project Management Unit (PMU)** in project implementation and reporting.

Key responsibilities include:

- Provide technical advice to the Waste Management & Pollution Control Division (WMPCD) and CleanSeas PMU on plastic waste management and marine litter prevention.
- Support the development and implementation of policies, legislation and guidelines, including single-use plastics, Extended Producer Responsibility and the Samoa Waste Levy.
- Support national planning, field activities, monitoring, reporting and technical documentation.
- Strengthen coordination and partnerships with government agencies, private sector, civil society, development partners and regional stakeholders.
- Support knowledge sharing, capacity building, awareness and behaviour change initiatives on plastic waste and marine litter.
- Facilitate access to regional mechanisms, including Moana Taka, to support recyclable material recovery and transport.
- Support consultants, project experts and consulting contracts as required.
- Ensure gender-responsive and inclusive approaches are integrated across activities.
- Contribute to CleanSeas project planning, monitoring and reporting.
- Be physically based within the WMPCD team to provide timely, hands-on technical support and coordination.

Experiences & Qualification:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent in waste management, ecology, environmental sciences or any other relevant field
- First professional experience in the fields of waste management, marine litter prevention and other relevant fields.
- First relevant professional experience in implementation of international projects.
- First relevant professional experience in waste management, environmental protection in the Pacific or similar Small Island States to Samoa.

The following skills will be desirable:

- Sound knowledge and awareness of Samoan cultural protocols, traditional governance structures, and community engagement practices, with the ability to work respectfully and effectively within villages, communities, and stakeholder settings.
- Dedicated, reliable team player with strong diplomatic interpersonal, and intercultural communication skills.
- Experience working in both professional and community-based environments in Samoa, with the capacity to bridge international project objectives with local realities and practical implementation needs.
- Excellent organizational and coordination skills.
- High standards of professionalism, confidentiality, loyalty and commitment to supporting national priorities.

Our offer:
Remuneration package to commensurate with qualification and experience. To source full Terms of Reference of the role, please email: Ms. Salote Dau, Senior HR Officer on Salote.Dau@giz.de (**This position is open to Samoan nationals only).**

All applications including achievement- oriented CV with details of 3 referees and accompanying documents should be sent by email to Ms. Salote Dau, Senior HR Officer on Salote.Dau@giz.de or by post/ hand delivered **no later than 4.00p.m Friday, 09 Octoberr 2026 addressed** to:

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