

A large-scale solar panel array is shown from a low angle, looking up at the rows of panels. The panels are dark and rectangular, mounted on a metal framework. Sunlight filters through the panels, creating a pattern of light and shadow. In the background, some green trees are visible against a clear sky.

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# CLIMATE FINANCE CONSULTANT (SOUTH AFRICA)

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## **Job Opportunity: In-House Climate Finance Consultant (South Africa)**

**Location:** Johannesburg (hosted within DBSA Offices);

**Contract Type:** Consultant contract (approximately 210 working days per year)

**Duration:** 12-month contract, renewable up to 3 years

**Expected Starting Date:** January 2025

**Supervision:** consultant hosted within DBSA and jointly supervised by DBSA and the NUCA Programme Support Team (PST)

### **About the NUCA Programme**

The National Urban Climate Action (NUCA) Programme is a multi-country initiative led by the IDFC Facility, with financial and technical support from the International Climate Initiative (IKI) and the French Development Agency (AFD). NUCA is designed to strengthen the capacity of national and regional development banks and local governments to scale up low-carbon, climate-resilient urban infrastructure across five pilot countries: Brazil, Colombia, Indonesia, Mozambique, and South Africa. By providing technical assistance, knowledge exchange, and targeted support for climate project preparation, NUCA aims to accelerate climate-aligned investment in cities.

In South Africa, NUCA is implemented in partnership with the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), the IDFC member institution leading national-level deployment. The programme focuses on enhancing DBSA's integration of climate considerations across its strategies, tools, and operations, improving the development and financing of urban climate projects, and supporting municipalities in preparing bankable, climate-resilient infrastructure investments. To ensure close coordination and sustained institutional engagement, NUCA embeds two In-House Consultants within DBSA.

### **Role Overview**

We are seeking a highly motivated In-House Consultant – Climate Finance Specialist to be embedded within DBSA's Climate Finance team.

The Climate Finance In-House Consultant will coordinate the delivery of NUCA's technical assistance in order to support the integration of climate-aligned tools, climate risk methodologies, and ESG considerations into DBSA's financing processes, enhance the structuring of climate-smart financial instruments, and reinforce institutional systems for climate governance to strengthen DBSA's pipeline of urban climate projects, ensuring they meet international climate finance standards.

This role is directly embedded in DBSA, working closely with climate experts, financial specialists and can be extended up to three years based on performance.

### **Key Responsibilities**

The Climate Finance Specialist will contribute to strengthening DBSA's climate governance and financing systems through the integration of NUCA's technical assistance into institutional strategies, tools, and processes. The role encompasses coordination between DBSA and NUCA's



technical assistance providers, ensuring coherent cross-departmental engagement, alignment of methodologies, and timely progression of programme activities. Responsibilities include supporting internal decision-making structures by preparing analytical inputs, ensuring adherence to DBSA's validation and reporting requirements. The Climate Finance In-House Consultant will also play a role in enhancing the development of climate-aligned urban investment opportunities through the review of feasibility studies and contributions to the structuring of relevant financing mechanisms. Close collaboration with the Programme Support Team and Country Programme Officer forms part of the ongoing operational duties, together with systematic monitoring of progress and compliance with DBSA's climate and ESG standards.

## Profile & Qualifications

- Master's degree in environmental sciences, finance, engineering, sustainability, public policy, or a related field.
- Minimum 3 years' experience in climate finance, sustainability, climate change mitigation/adaptation or biodiversity programmes within Africa.
- Experience working with or within development banks, DFIs, climate finance institutions, think tanks or public-sector bodies.
- Strong knowledge of climate finance instruments, including blended finance, concessional structures, de-risking tools, green bonds, climate-linked loans, or climate-focused credit lines.
- Understanding of urban climate finance, including climate risk screening, mitigation/adaptation project structuring, and climate-aligned investment frameworks.
- Experience supporting ESG integration, climate governance, impact measurement or institutional capacity building in financial institutions.
- Ability to interpret or apply climate risk assessment methodologies and contribute to project evaluation or climate-financial modelling.
- Familiarity with South Africa's policy landscape related to climate finance, green economy, and sustainable infrastructure is an asset.

## How to Apply:

Interested candidates should submit: a detailed CV (**max 2 pages**) and a short cover letter (**max 2 pages**) highlighting relevant experience as well as expected daily rate to [\*\*hamdidouchem.ext@afd.fr\*\*](mailto:hamdidouchem.ext@afd.fr) with the following email object [Application] Climate Finance In-House Consultant – 'Candidate's name and surname'

All applications must be submitted no later than **6 January 2026**. However, as applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, we strongly encourage candidates to apply as early as possible.