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URBAN AND MUNICIPAL CONSULTANT (SOUTH AFRICA)

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Job Opportunity: In-House Urban & Municipal 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 – Urban & Municipal Specialist to be embedded within DBSA's Project Preparation Unit.

The Urban and Municipal In-House Consultant will strengthen municipal engagement, support the preparation of urban climate infrastructure projects, and ensure feasibility studies translate into bankable, investment-ready opportunities by helping municipalities define, refine, and advance projects aligned with DBSA's funding requirements and climate objectives.

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

Key Responsibilities:

The Urban and Municipal Specialist will support DBSA's engagement with municipalities and strengthen the preparation of urban climate infrastructure projects. The role involves facilitating interactions with municipal stakeholders, guiding feasibility study processes, and contributing to capacity-building efforts to ensure alignment with DBSA's project preparation requirements. Embedded within the Project Preparation Unit, the position supports the integration of NUCA methodologies and tools into urban finance workflows and the development of a structured

pipeline of climate-resilient municipal projects. Core responsibilities include coordination between DBSA, municipalities, and NUCA's teams, enabling effective internal and external collaboration. The Urban and Municipal In-House Consultant will also contribute to internal decision-making through structured reporting, and technical inputs. Regular cooperation with the Programme Support Team and Country Programme Officer ensuring coherent planning, oversight, and implementation of NUCA activities within DBSA.

Profile & Qualifications

- Master's degree in urban planning, engineering, municipal finance, public policy, development studies, or a related field.
- Minimum 3 years' experience working in urban infrastructure development, municipal finance, project preparation, or service delivery planning in the South African context.
- Demonstrated experience working with or within South African municipalities, including engaging officials across planning, infrastructure, finance, or climate/environment units.
- Experience supporting feasibility studies, project preparation processes, or municipal pipeline development for infrastructure projects.
- Good understanding of urban climate finance and how municipalities access funding (from NDBs, DFIs, grants, blended finance mechanisms, or national programmes).
- Strong knowledge of South Africa's municipal finance regulatory environment, including borrowing frameworks, and infrastructure planning processes.
- Strong stakeholder management and facilitation skills, with a track record of organising and leading engagements, workshops, and technical sessions with municipalities.
- Experience with capacity building for municipal partners, including supporting project definition, prioritisation, or alignment with funders' criteria.
- Familiarity with ESG or climate integration in urban projects is an advantage.

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 with the following email object [Application] Urban and Municipal 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.