Main project objectives
GIZ is launching the 5-year project “Sustainable use of ecosystem services” in Jordan. The project aims to promote biodiversity protection and the sustainable use of ecosystem services. The main objective is to raise awareness for the importance that biodiversity protection is considered in the formulation of Jordan’s national policies. Capacity Building measures will focus on the adaptation of ecotourism and pasture management to climate change and address all relevant levels of society including civil based/farmer based organizations as well as the relevant stakeholders of the private and the public sector. Pilot projects demonstrating the sustainable use and protection of ecosystems shall be carried out and will serve as good examples to demonstrate how the use of ecosystem services can be managed sustainably but nevertheless still contribute to the socio-economic development of the involved communities in the area.

About GOPA
GOPA is Germany’s leading development consultancy and member of one of the strongest consulting groups in Europe. Our reputation for excellence and efficiency is built on almost half a century of planning and implementing technical assistance projects in developing and transition economies. The net result: extensive and proven global expertise in development issues, and access to a qualified network of local specialists and partner organisations around the world. For more details: www.gopa.de

Main responsibilities
- Coordination and implementation of all project activities
- Designing, implementing and monitoring the pilot projects in the fields of ecotourism and pasture management in close cooperation with the private sector, NGOs and governorates
- Analysis of the potential and suitability of governorates and communities in the East of Jordan Valley for pilot projects in the field of ecotourism and pasture management
- Advising of governorates, communities, NGOs and actors of the private sector with regard to the planning, implementation, and M & E in the East of Jordan Valley
- Project coordination of the pilot projects in the fields of ecotourism and pasture management in cooperation with the involved actors of the private sector, with non-governmental organizations and with the governorates
• Regular status quo evaluations of the pilot project, identification of supplementary advisory needs, and close coordination of activities and communication of results with the projects of other donors and actors in Jordan
• Monitoring of project results in particular considering the aspect if the project has managed to generate socio-economic development based on ecosystem services
• Responsible for budget planning and the monitoring of resource utilization
• Writing regular reports and ensuring transparency for partner organizations
• Adaption of concepts with regard to 5 success factors within the Capacity WORKS model
• Identifying the need for short term assignments within the available budget as well as coordination of local experts and support staff
• Planning and conducting of trainings
• Documenting and supervising the overall progress of the project
• Ensuring M&E system
• Assisting AV and DV with the adaptation of the operation plan, coordination of associated investigations, implementation of a final evaluation and compiling the final report

Education, qualifications and experience
Higher University degree in environmental management, forestry, agriculture, geography or in a related field. At least 10 years of experience in project management and project coordination including proven skills in strategy development, negotiation and in advising as well as methodological skills (participatory methods). Experience in the implementation of pilot projects in cooperation with bodies of public administration, private sector and non-governmental organizations. Expertise in the assessment of ecosystem services, in the application of instruments for climate change adaption, as well as theoretical and practical knowledge of biodiversity, natural resource management and ecotourism. Experiences in managing interdisciplinary projects and multicultural staff with the aim of socio-economic development based on ecosystem services. Familiarity with GIZ’s Capacity WORKS management model (completed course and work experience). Regional working experience in the MENA region. Spoken and written proficiency in English, knowledge of German would be an advantage.

Terms of appointment, salary and benefits
For the planning and coordination of project activities GOPA Consultants is looking for a team leader for the duration of 36 months. The project duration is 5 years. The mission of the team leader may be intermittent and will presumably start in December 2014. The team leader will be supported by a team of national consultants. The project office will most likely be in Amman.

How to apply
Interested candidates may send their CV as soon as possible but latest till August 10th to Caroline Fischler (caroline.fischler@gopa.de).