

Job Title:	Economist: Smallholder Market Access Research
Type of Contract	Permanent
Reporting to	Manager: Smallholder Market Access Research
Based:	Pretoria
Reference No:	HRREC005/23

REQUIREMENTS

BSc Honours degree / (4) Four years Degree in Agricultural Economics, Master's degree in Agricultural Economics will be an added advantage. 2 - 3 years' experience in policy analysis and advisory in an agricultural environment. Good understanding of and / or experience working in public entities or other relevant organisations. Experience in conducting research.

SKILLS

Good Communication; Programme and Project Management; Good Planning; Change management; Presentation skills; Problem Solving; Confidentiality; Client orientated; Intuitive and motivated; Pro-active and resilient; Time Management; Writing Skills; Research Skills; Coordination Skills.

KNOWLEDGE

Good knowledge of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, 1996 (Act No. 47 of 1996); Knowledge and practical application of economic statistical software such as STATA and E-Views, amongst others; Full knowledge and use of MS Office (Excel, Word and PowerPoint); Knowledge and practical application of Project Management.

KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Smallholder market access research and reports

Acquire and apply relevant tools, techniques and methodologies in undertaking of independent research projects / programmes and policy analysis relating to smallholder market access; Identify potential research problems/opportunities and initiate research activities pertaining to smallholder market access focus area; Undertake research projects / programmes in the area of smallholder market access as assigned by supervisors from time to time; Supervise interns and other junior officials in the undertaking of research activities on smallholder market access focus area; Conduct

evidence-based research and submit research papers to conferences and peer-reviewed journals in consultation with supervisors on a regular basis; Lead and/or participate in the production of reports in the smallholder market access research unit; Extract data from applicable databases or data sources and formulate analysis to answer economic questions; Produce monthly smallholder market estimates reports on fresh produce markets; and Produce policy briefs, commentaries and advisories on smallholder market access focus area.

2. Cross Divisional NAMC Initiatives

Provide expertise and/or participate in cross-focus area and cross-divisional research activities; Participate in the work of the NAMC Transformation Review Committee (TRC); and Co-ordinate and lead the horticulture sub-sector desk.

3. Stakeholder engagement and policy liaison / advisory

Contribute to policy dialogue on smallholder market access focus area through various platforms such as market information days, seminars and webinars; Co-ordinate and produce reports on smallholder market information days; Develop presentations and present seminars at MERC divisional level; Liaise with NAMC stakeholders, Directly Affected Groups (DAGs) and industry bodies on matters pertaining to smallholder market access focus area; Participate in industry forums, workshops, and policy engagements such as commodity value chain round table and transformation schemes discussions to facilitate implementation of the Agriculture and Agro-processing Master Plan (AAMP); and Provide management support when required.

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