

<b>Job Title:</b>	<b>Economist: Agro-Food Chains</b>
<b>Type of Position</b>	<b>Permanent</b>
<b>Reporting to</b>	<b>Manager: Agro-Food Chains</b>
<b>Based:</b>	<b>Pretoria</b>
<b>Reference No:</b>	<b>HRREC009/23</b>

### **Qualification and Experience:**

BSc or BCom degree in Agricultural Economics, Master's degree in Agricultural Economics will be an added advantage. At least 3 years' experience in the agricultural sector environment. Good understanding of and/or experience working in public entities or other relevant organisations. Experience in conducting research.

### **Knowledge and Skills**

Knowledge of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, 1996 (Act No. 47 of 1996). Knowledge and practical application of Project Management. Knowledge and understanding of Policies, Procedures and Legislation within the agricultural sector. Financial Principles. Knowledge and practical application of Economic Statistical Softwares such as STATA and E-Views amongst others. Full knowledge and use of MS Word Office (Excel, MS Word and PowerPoint). Knowledge and practical application of Project Management

Advanced Communication Skills, Program and Project Management, Planning and Presentation skills, Problem Solving, Confidentiality and Client orientated, Intuitive and self-motivated, Pro-active and resilient, Time Management Report Writing Skills, Research Skills and Coordination, Ability to build strong and lasting relationships with stakeholders, Ability to work as part of a large team with varying interests and demands; Ability to work under pressure and tackle multiple tasks and ad hoc tasks, Flexibility and willingness to travel, Ability to critically evaluate the validity of information and in offering ideas and solutions; Ability to think logically and solve problems; Ability to communicate research output using various dissemination platforms: through report writing, policy briefs and public oral presentation, Ability to conduct evidenced-based research, Ability to extract data and formulate an analysis

### **Key duties responsibility**

- Acquire and apply relevant tools, techniques, and methodologies in undertaking of independent research projects/programmes and policy analysis relating to agro-food chains focus area;
- Manage certain aspects or parts of research projects/programmes in the area of trade as assigned by supervisors from time to time;
- Supervise interns in the undertaking of research activities on agro-food chains focus area;

- Provide expertise and/or participate in cross-focus area and cross-divisional research activities;
- Conduct 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 agro-food chains unit
- Identify potential research problems/opportunities and initiate research activities pertaining to agro-food chains focus area;
- Ability to extract data from applicable databases or data sources, formulate an analysis to answer economic questions;
- Participate in commodity value chain round table discussions on agro-food chains focus area in the agricultural sector.
- Contribute to policy dialogue on agro-food chains focus area through various platforms such as information days, seminars and webinars
- Liaise with NAMC stakeholders, Directly Affected Groups (DAGs) and industry bodies on matters pertaining to market access focus area.

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