

Job Title:	Senior Economist: Agro-Food Chains
Type of Position	Permanent
Reporting to	Manager: Agro-Food Chains
Based:	Pretoria
Reference No:	HRREC003/25

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE:

A master's degree in Agricultural Economics. A PhD in Agricultural Economics would be an advantage. Minimum of three (3) years' experience in agricultural economics and agricultural sector development. Minimum of 1-year entry level supervision experience. Experience in conducting research and disseminating research output to various stakeholders. Must be in position of grade minimum B driver's license.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Knowledge and application of the Marketing of Agricultural Product Act of 1996.

Appreciation and knowledge of the agriculture and agro-processing nexus.

Expert knowledge and application of MS Word Office (Excel, MS Word and PowerPoint).

Knowledge and application of databases such as the Abstract of Agricultural Statistics, Statistics South Africa (StatsSA), TradeMap, South African Revenue Services (SARS), Trade MAP, FAO and ability to extract data and formulate an analysis.

Proven ability to operate economic decision-making tools such as SPSS, STATA, GAMS, GEMPACK, and e-views.

Knowledge and understanding of Government Statutes, Procedures, and Processes.

Knowledge and practical application of project management.

Clear understanding of the value chain analysis and report writing.

Ability to undertake economy-wide analysis of shocks and trends that affect the performance of the agricultural sector.

Strong financial management and budgeting.

KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. EXECUTE STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT, TIMELY AND QUALITY DELIVERY OF AGRO-FOOD CHAIN REPORTS
 - Assist with the implementation of the Agriculture and Agro-processing Master Plan (AAMP).
 - Contribute and write research papers and articles for publication in peer-reviewed journals.
 - Timeously develop and publish Agro-Food Chains reports as indicated in the Job Purpose.
 - Write reports from economy-wide analysis of shocks and trends that affect the performance of the agricultural sector
2. MANAGE / EXECUTE STAKEHOLDER MANAGEMENT
 - Manage stakeholders and engage in various platforms on programs related to Agro Food Chains unit.
 - Ensure information and knowledge sharing through platforms such as conferences, seminars, workshops.
 - Develop and maintain solid relationships with government departments throughout the three spheres.
 - Disseminate research output on agro food chains to stakeholders through various platforms (e.g., presentations, live media, conferences, etc).
 - Establish solid, broad and wide networks with stakeholders in various value chains.
 - Provide inputs/reports on cross-focus areas, cross divisional collaboration and partnership such as economy wide sector analysis.
3. ASSIST MANAGEMENT OF THE AGRO-FOOD UNIT RESEARCH TO ACHIEVE OUTPUTS
 - Establish collaboration and partnership with like-minded institutions to promote access to markets by all participants.
 - Undertaking independent research projects.
Conduct extensive research on market access policies, strategies, and programs whose research output is to increase access and participation in the agricultural economy.
 - Assist the Supervisor to develop the Strategic Plan and the Annual Performance Plan (APP) for Agro-food Value Chains unit.
 - Manage Economists and/or other junior staff to achieve the research objectives of the Agro-Food Chains unit.
 - Regular travelling to directly interface with exporters, importers and various stakeholders to optimise market access.

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