

<b>Job Title:</b>	<b>Senior Economist: Smallholder Market Access (SMA)</b>
<b>Type of Position</b>	<b>Permanent</b>
<b>Reporting to</b>	<b>Manager: Smallholder Market Access (SMA)</b>
<b>Based:</b>	<b>Pretoria</b>
<b>Reference No:</b>	<b>HRREC011/24</b>

#### **QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE:**

An Honours degree in Agricultural Economics or Economics, Masters in Agricultural Economics or Economics will be an added advantage. 3 - 5 years' experience in Agricultural Environment. Drivers Licence. Strong financial management and budgeting. Understanding of Government Statutes, Procedures, and Processes. Good understanding of and/or. Experience working in public entities or other relevant organisations. Experience in conducting research and disseminating research output.

#### **KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS**

Knowledge of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act of 1996 (MAP) Act. Basic understanding of the agriculture subsectors and challenges faced by smallholder farmers. Knowledge and practical application of statistical software such as STATA, SPSS, Atlas.ti, R, Python and E-Views amongst others. Full knowledge and use of MS Word Office (Excel, MS Word and PowerPoint). Basic knowledge and practical application of project management. Knowledge of databases such as the Abstract of Agricultural Statistics, Statistics South Africa (StatsSA). TradeMap, South African Revenue Services (SARS) and ability to extract data and formulate an analysis.

#### **COMPETENCIES**

People management and empowerment. Presentation skills. Analytical and strategic thinking Confidentiality and diplomatic. Client-orientated. Intuitive and motivated. Pro-active and resilient. Time management. Report-writing skills. Research skills. Stakeholder engagement/liaison and management and Teamwork

#### **KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. **Approved smallholder market access reports**
  - Coordinate and compile the Agripreneur reports
  - Coordinate and compile the Smallholder Market Access Tracker (SMAT) annual report

- Supervise junior staff on their contributions towards smallholder market access reports
- Provide management support as and when required
- Co-author and submit peer-reviewed articles on smallholder market access to accredited journals.
- Make presentations at MERC seminars/symposiums/conferences/agricultural forums/committees on research activity/projects undertaken

## 2. Stakeholder engagement and public liaison

- Participate in policy engagements through round tables/working groups/industry and government forums/information and farmers' days
- Produce policy advisory/commentary/opinion piece/podcasts on smallholder market access research

## 3. Cross-divisional NAMC Initiatives

- Provide expertise and/or participate in MERC cross-focus and NAMC cross-divisional activities

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