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Extension Science | Candidate Natural Scientist

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Results-driven natural scientist candidate with 3+ years of experience driving sustainable development initiatives, fostering multi-stakeholder collaborations and advancing SMME growth in the agricultural sub-sectors. Proven track record of delivering impactful projects, facilitating workshops and providing expert advisory services. Knowledgeable in international relations, policy development and planning, project management and research. Committed to leveraging global economic expertise and diplomatic acumen to drive strategic growth, empowerment and sustainable livelihood approach.

Core Competences & Skills

- Project management
- Programme administration
- Communication (written & verbal)
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Global & International trends
- Economic diplomacy
- Policy development & Planning
- Economic development
- Strategic thinking & planning
- Research & statistical analysis
- Cultural competence & awareness
- Collaboration & partner building

Major Highlights

- Successfully contributed to the development and implementation of a sector transformation initiative that supported over 2000 smallholder farmers, enhancing sustainable agricultural practices.
- Facilitated international training programmes on policy development and rural development planning, benefiting over 300 participants across various regions.
- Spearheaded the organization of a high-level stakeholder engagement workshop on environmental conservation, attracting key government and private sector representatives.
- Conducted comprehensive research on South Africa's trade and diplomatic position, influencing critical policy recommendations.
- Played a pivotal role in monitoring and evaluating multi-million Rand presidential employment stimulus initiative programme for COVID-19, ensuring compliance with national objectives and effective resource utilization.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

01/2023 – 07/2023

Assistant Agricultural Practitioner

- Assisted in rendering general agricultural advice to internal and external clients to ensure sustainable development.
- Demonstrated farming methods, to ensure efficient utilization of resources like soil, water, veld, money, and others.
- Organized farmers' days and information sessions.
- Conducted farm visits and use visitation tools for impact assessment and the development of farm business plans.
- Sourced technical and functional inputs from specialists as required by producers.
- Provided clients with information concerning financial assistance.
- Provided technical support on all agricultural projects, food security initiatives and land development support programmes.
- Planned, advised, and facilitated training and after care.
- Promoted a pluralistic approach and partnership with relevant agricultural stakeholders and organized agriculture.
- Established and maintained good working relations with existing key government, academia, development sector and civil society stakeholders, as assigned.
- Provided administrative and related functions.

Administrative Coordinator

- Provided administrative support, including maintaining records, handling correspondence and performing administrative tasks.
- Facilitated stakeholder engagement, coordinating with internal and external clients to advance departmental objectives.
- Conducted research and data analysis to inform policy decisions, programme development and stakeholder engagement strategies.
- Developed and implemented administrative systems, streamlining processes and ensuring compliance with departmental policies and procedures.
- Coordinated logistics and events, including workshops, meetings and training sessions for stakeholders.
- Maintained effective communication channels, ensuring timely and accurate dissemination of information to stakeholders and team members.

Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries

02/2017 – 01/2018

Transformation Officer Intern

- Assisted in the development, coordination of the implementation and monitoring of programmes targeting emerging producers in line with government objectives for the transformation agenda.
- Coordinated stakeholder engagement and facilitated communication between internal and external stakeholders, including industry representatives and government agencies.
- Conducted research and analysis on sector transformation policies and programmes including their impact on SMMEs and cooperatives.
- Assisted in the development of policy briefs, reports and documents to support sector transformation initiatives.
- Provided administrative support to the policy development team ensuring effective coordination and implementation of transformation charter policies.
- Gathered and analyzed data to inform policy decisions on sector transformation, including trade and diplomatic relations with other countries.

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Management, University of South Africa, Ongoing
- National Diploma in Community Extension, Mangosuthu University of Technology, 2015
- National Senior Certificate (Grade 12), Phikwase High School, 2010

TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Development Policy and Planning in Agriculture for Developing Countries – (China Institute for South-South Cooperation)
- Protocol and Etiquette Training for Diplomacy – (Department of International Relations and Cooperation)
- Microsoft Office Package – (on the Job training)

MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATIONS

- **Extension Science (Candidate Natural Scientist), SACNASP**

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- **Volunteer Mentor**, Thuthukisa Abantulayo Community Development Organization, 02/2021 – Present.

REFERENCES

- Available Upon Request