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South African National Biodiversity Institute

Legal Specialist Biodiversity and Land Use Project (Salary level 11)

**Contract Position – (contract ends 31 January 2020)
Cape Town**

The South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) is looking to appoint an efficient and enthusiastic person to undertake legal and policy research and provide legal and policy advice to the Biodiversity and Land Use Project and the Biodiversity Information and Policy Division on the interpretation and application of environmental and planning legislation and policy frameworks and the implications of these laws and policy frameworks on mainstreaming biodiversity into environmental and land use management. The Biodiversity and Land Use Project is a multi-faceted and multi-stakeholder project being implemented at the municipal scale. The project is funded by the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) through the United Nations Development Programme and is implemented by the SANBI and its project partners.

The appointment requires a LLB or equivalent law degree as well as a Masters' Degree in Environmental Law. A sound understanding and knowledge of environmental management, planning and biodiversity conservation law is required. A minimum of five years' experience in providing legal advice in one or more of biodiversity conservation, environmental management and planning fields of law. Training and capacity development expertise is required.

It is essential for the incumbent to have sound computer skills and experience in MS Office. The successful candidate must demonstrate the ability to maintain sound interpersonal relations and have an excellent spoken and written command of English, as well as the ability to work independently and as part of a team. Possession of a valid Code B driver's license with one year's practical driving experience is compulsory.


Key responsibilities include;

- Legal and policy research,
- Legal and policy review, advice and technical support,
- Legal advice on EIAs and appeals sent to SANBI for technical input,
- Knowledge and skills transfer and capacity development within SANBI, and
- Reporting and project management support

SANBI offers an all-inclusive annual salary package of R657 558.00. (Candidates who applied previously need not to re-apply).

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Please Note: 1) An application form (obtainable from SANBI website www.sanbi.org/jobs must accompany the CV together with a letter motivating why the applicant should be favourably considered for the position and confirming that the minimum qualifications are met (applicants lacking evidence of relevant experience will not be considered). 2) A skills test will be conducted as part of the selection process 3) Applicants must also provide the full names, addresses and telephone numbers and if possible e-mail addresses of at least three referees. 4) Failure to submit the requested information may result in your application not being considered.

Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.  . SANBI reserves the right not to fill this position. All applications will be considered with the understanding that, in terms of the SANBI Employment Equity Plan, preference will currently be given to candidates from the designated groups.

Contact Mr Siyabonga Makhonzi on (021) 7998877/8800 or preferably, forward the completed application form, a letter and concise CV via e-mail to recruitmentct@sanbi.org.za or fax 021 762 3229. Postal applications are to be addressed to the Deputy Director: Human Resources, South African National Biodiversity Institute, Private Bag X7, Claremont, 7735.

Closing Date: 08 August 2017

Candidates are expected to be available for selection interviews on a date and time as determined by SANBI.

If no response has been received within 30 days of the closing date, candidates may consider their applications unsuccessful.