

Land-Use Advisor

(Salary Level 10) – Biodiversity and Land-Use Project

UMgungundlovu District Municipality – this is a contract post to end 31 January 2020

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 Environment Facility (GEF) through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and is implemented by the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) and its project partners.

The SANBI is seeking to appoint a Land Use Advisor who will provide effective and efficient implementation and management of the planning and Land-use management component of the Biodiversity and Land- Use Management Project within the uMgungundlovu District Municipality.

The appointment requires a relevant postgraduate degree in Environmental Management or Natural Sciences. A minimum of three years' experience in Biodiversity, Environmental Management and Development Planning is required. Knowledge of National Environmental Management Act and National Environmental Biodiversity Act and associated legislation and regulations. Knowledge of Development Planning legislation, such as SPLUMA and other Development planning policies. Understanding of Integrated Development Planning (IDP) process. Ability to integrate biodiversity priorities into Development Planning processes.

The suitable candidate must be in possession of a valid Code B driver's license, as well as be willing to travel. The ability to maintain sound interpersonal relationships and highly effective verbal and written communication capabilities are essential. Proficiency in MS Office is also a specific requirement for this post.

The responsibilities include:

- Project manage the GEF Funded Land Use Project interventions in uMgungundlovu District Municipality;
- Capacity development among municipal officials and political office bearers in uMgungundlovu District Municipality and selected Local Municipalities on the interpretation and incorporation of biodiversity priorities into their day-to-day work;
- Technical support and advice to uMgungundlovu District Municipality's Development Planning and Environment Management unit and selected Local Municipalities on the integration of biodiversity priorities into SDFs and Land Use Schemes as well as on incorporating the biodiversity mitigation hierarchy in decision making;
- Investigate opportunities for investment through the project as well as other funding sources to facilitate the implementation of municipal projects that support biodiversity management.

SANBI offers an all-inclusive annual salary package of **R533 128.65**

Please Note: 1) An application form (obtainable from SANBI website www.sanbi.org/jobs or apply online) must accompany the CV together with a letter motivating why the applicant should be favorably 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 or preferably, apply on line via the website (www.sanbi.org/jobs) or forward the completed application form, a letter and concise CV via e-mail to recruitment@sanbi.org.za or fax 0865899569. Postal applications are to be addressed to the Deputy Director: Human Resources, South African National Biodiversity Institute, Private Bag X7, Claremont, 7735.

Closing Date: 29 August 2016

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.