

SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AFRICA: Project manager or coordinator (depending on experience) with a post-graduate degree in an energy, engineering, or related field



This exciting opportunity will involve working with a pioneering not-for-profit organisation. Sustainable Energy Africa (SEA) has 20 years of experience in working with energy and climate strategy and implementation in South Africa cities. They lead, in partnership with the SA Local Government Association and SA Cities Network, the Urban Energy Network – a learning platform of South African cities. SEA also works in partnership with innovative think-tanks and global climate networks across a range of Sub-Saharan African cities. SEA operate in the space between local government and civil society and between national and local spheres of government. They pursue social justice and equity through the idea of urban development that is pro-poor and sustainable.

SEA is looking for a person who is talented; able to combine strong technical ability with excellent communication and networking skills. The person should be extremely interested in the work and willing to teach themselves new skills and pick up knowledge as required, given the rapidly evolving and complex area of sustainable energy. A commitment to the values of equity, development and sustainability are important.

Location: Sustainable Energy Africa, The Green Building, 9B Bell Crescent Close, Westlake Business Park, Cape Town.

Salary range: This will depend on experience levels (relocation costs will not be covered).

Closing Date: 30 June 2018

Key Performance Areas:

- Provide specialised professional knowledge, experience, skills and leadership in the support of renewable energy and energy efficiency policy and implementation within metros and local governments in South Africa and in the Sub-Saharan Africa region.
- Areas of technical input include energy efficiency, energy generation, energy services development, utility business model development, city-level energy systems and climate change mitigation modelling, building and urban development, and sustainable (including electric) mobility.
- Support related outreach activities with stakeholders.
- Liaise with a range of city departments within SEA's partner municipalities.
- SEA requires that all staff engage in the leadership of the organisation through assuming responsibilities related to organisational management, including fundraising and proposal writing.

Essentials Skills and experience:

- Qualification in science, engineering, urban planning or economics. An energy-related qualification will be an advantage.
- Minimum 5 years' relevant work experience.
- Experience of working with or for municipal governments in South Africa and/or working knowledge of South African energy policy.
- Ability to work with spreadsheets and/or other modelling software with a high degree of proficiency to assess energy projects technically and financially.
- Experience of facilitating workshops with multiple stakeholders from the public and private sectors to contribute to policy development and implementation.
- Ability to build skills and capacity of stakeholders on technical aspects of energy and climate mitigation work (e.g. futures modelling).
- Strong interest in sustainable development.
- Good spoken and written communication ability in English (French or Portuguese a bonus).
- Analytical skills and attention to detail.
- Ability to produce quality outputs within deadlines.
- Project management experience will be an advantage.

Flexibility is important, as the work can include technical and non-technical aspects of sustainable energy, including renewable energy, energy efficiency, capacity-building activities, urban energy strategies, regulation/policy development, sustainable building, transport issues, and advocacy and lobbying.

This is a full-time position, based in Cape Town. However, you should be able and willing to travel within the country and Africa-wide.

The organisation provides a stimulating, supportive and varied work environment. Work-life balance is important to us, as is professional performance (see www.sustainable.org.za for more information).

Preference for the filling of this post will be given to historically disadvantaged applicants.

How to apply

If you are interested in applying, please e-mail a letter of motivation and a CV (including contactable references) to hendricksem@sustainable.org.za by end June 2018. For ease of administration, please use the subject line: Application SEA project manager/coordinator June 2018.