

PROGRAMME MANAGER: STRATEGIC WATER PARTNERS NETWORK (SWPN)

Closing date: 15 November 2018

Location: Johannesburg (South African or those with work visas only)

Duration: 1 year, renewable

Are you an energetic water management or sustainability specialist with an interest in advancing public private collaboration? Then please join us, a locally and globally leading multi-stakeholder partnership, with a mission to close the projected 17% gap between water supply and demand in South Africa. Taking direction from an experienced team of corporate, government and civil society leaders, you will exercise an entrepreneurial spirit in converting the goodwill, time and financial commitments from partners into programme results within an excellent results oriented and productivity focused work environment.

You will have access to highly experienced technical and administrative support from a range of partners to excel and in turn you will be responsible to lead the initiatives to ensure effective programme results.

About us

The SWPN is a formal multi-stakeholder partnership co-led by South Africa's leading corporates, the public sector (led by the Department of Water and Sanitation – DWS) and civil society; working collectively to ensure the country's water security. The NEPAD Business Foundation (NBF), a non-profit company that mobilises business for development in Africa, is the legal and administrative host of the SWPN Secretariat.

Scope

- Oversee the design, implementation and resourcing of strategic projects and processes of the SWPN in line with its objectives and results chain.
- Managing public-private stakeholder groups to identify and agree common areas of interest to close the water gap in South Africa
- Programme and project development ensuring that thematic working groups are fully leveraged to implement projects
- Seizing opportunities for securing financing from existing and new funding partners and effective follow up that includes proposal development of financing requests as may be required.
- Managing the full cycle of project management activities including: project scoping, development and execution; procurement; and management of project finances, consultants and other resources.
- Manage technical staff and establish strategic relations with public and private sector partners to ensure effective implementation of SWPN programme objectives

- Institute an effective monitoring and evaluation system that speaks to the expected programme results and in line with partner expectations and funding obligations
- Provide technical and financial reporting on projects and the full programme.
- Create and seize opportunities to communicate and showcase the work of the SWPN locally, regionally and internationally.
- Within the NBF and SWPN structures, ensure that due governance, procurement and project management processes are followed; and that programme and project decision making principles or criteria are clear and consultation is effective.

Education

As a minimum a bachelor's degree, with a master's degree preferred, in a field relevant to water resources or services management, corporate sustainability, or public private partnerships.

Experience

- At least 7 years sector specific experience in either:
 - specialist experience in any of the SWPN key result areas of work (municipal water loss, industrial and municipal wastewater treatment and reuse, agricultural water management);
 - water management, corporate water stewardship or sustainability professional with cross disciplinary experience.
- Acting as a neutral broker, you will have stakeholder engagement expertise including the ability to facilitate the functioning of multi-stakeholder groups (public, private and civil society groups).
- Your solid experience in programme and project management should be illustrated by excellent skills in programme/project conceptualisation and planning, budget management, contract management, reporting, communication and stakeholder management skills and an ability to self-manage.
- Experience in designing and implementing results based programmes including awareness of monitoring and evaluation requirements

If you would like to take up this exciting opportunity apply by:

Sending a CV and a brief cover letter (no longer than one-page) to support your application along with salary expectations and availability to commence duties to swpn.secretariat@thenbf.co.za **by 15 November 2018.**

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.