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**COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE**

**URP PROJECT COORDINATOR (1 POST)**

**(PEROMNES GRADE 8)**

**(ONE YEAR FIXED-TERM APPOINTMENT WITH POSSIBILITY FOR RENEWAL)**

**uMNGENI RESILIENCE PROJECT**

**CENTRE FOR TRANSFORMATIVE AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SYSTEMS**

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**REF NO.: SAEES04/2020**

The South African Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) and uMgungundlovu District Municipality (uMDM) have partnered with the University of KwaZulu-Natal’s Centre for Transformative Agricultural and Food Systems (UKZN-CTAFS) on the uMngeni Resilience Project (URP). The uMngeni Resilience Project aims to reduce climate vulnerability and increase the resilience and adaptive capacity of vulnerable communities and small-scale farmers in production landscapes in the uMDM that are threatened by climate variability and change, through an integrated adaptation approach. This will be enabled through implementing a suite of complementary gender-sensitive project interventions, focussing on: i) early warning and ward-based disaster response systems; ii) ecological and engineering infrastructure solutions specifically focused on vulnerable communities, including women; iii) integrating the use of climate-resilient crops and climate-smart techniques into new and existing farming systems; and iv) disseminating adaptation lessons learned and policy recommendations, to facilitate scaling up and replication. The project seeks to appoint someone who will assist the URP Components Director in the successful implementation of the URP by coordinating all project activities, liaising with project stakeholders, documenting progress and communicating outcomes of the partnership. Under the overall guidance of the URP Components Director, the Project Coordinator will be responsible for (i) Administration of partnerships; (ii) Coordination of project activities; (iii) Research and knowledge management; and (iv) Communication.

**Minimum Requirements:**

* MSc in any relevant Natural Sciences or a closely related discipline
* 1 year relevant experience in coordinating and implementing development projects led by national/international NGO's/UN bodies/Government
* Experience in Project management and coordination
* Experience in working in research teams and with diverse stakeholders
* Experience in communicating project outcomes through various media

Other desirable personal attributes relevant to the post include ability to work under considerable pressure, good interpersonal skills and ability to work in a large and diverse research team as well as ability to show initiative and think out of the box.

Enquiries and details regarding this post, as well as requests for the job profile may be directed to Prof Tafadzwa Mabhaudhi on 033 260 6173 or email: mabhaudhi@ukzn.ac.za

**Short-listed candidates may be required to undergo a skills test**

**The closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 25 September 2020.**

**Applicants are required to complete the relevant application form which is available on the UKZN Vacancies website at** [**http://vacancies.ukzn.ac.za**](http://vacancies.ukzn.ac.za)**. Completed forms may be sent to Ms Phumelele Mshengu at** **mshengup@ukzn.ac.za****.**

**The advert Reference Number MUST be clearly stated in the subject line.**