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## Economist vacancy

Agri SA is a federation of agricultural organisations, representing a diverse grouping of commercial and emerging farmers through 9 provincial unions and 26 commodity organisations. Through its affiliated membership, Agri SA represents a diverse grouping of individual farmers regardless of gender, colour or creed (approximately 28 000 farmers and 1000 local associations). In addition, Agri SA has 41 corporate members that participate in the business value chain.

Agri SA is looking for an Economist to join their team in the Economics and Trade Centre of Excellence (CoE). We're looking for an Economist with strong quantitative, writing and people skills. Working in the Economics & Trade CoE means applying your passion for meaningful work with intellectual rigour to support the development, profitability and sustainability of South African agriculture. The position will be based in Centurion.

### Job Duties:

The Economist will be responsible for activities within the Economics and Trade CoE and the commodity chamber. Duties include but are not limited to:

#### 1) *Economics and Trade CoE:*

- Economic research, drafting reports, agendas and presentations.
- Stakeholder engagement, participating in industry and policy meetings, secretariat function.
- Identification, analysis and reporting on policy areas relating to economic, trade and financial matters that have an impact on agricultural producers directly or indirectly.

#### 2) *Commodity chamber:*

- Providing support to the commodity chamber account manager (Head of CoE).
- Being the day-to-day point of contact for members' enquiries and liaising with the chamber management, specifically the chamber's chairperson.
- Administration of the commodity chamber: drafting minutes and resolutions of meetings, communicating key information to members as well collating member inputs for policy commentary.
- Administration of membership applications and fees.
- Communicate resolutions to the relevant Centres of Excellence/Agri SA personnel, tracking progress with the execution of these mandates to provide regular feedback to the chamber/account manager.
- Resolve member enquiries through engagement with the relevant Centres of Excellence and/or other stakeholders, for example DAFF and BUSA.

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### **About the Economics & Trade team:**

The Economics and Trade team help to facilitate solutions for the economic and trade challenges faced by our members. The team provides input on input costs, energy policy, tax issues, risk management, agricultural research, water and electricity tariffs as well as the review of agricultural legislation. This extends to aspects pertaining to road infrastructure, telecommunication as well as technology development and transfer.

### **Skills and Qualifications:**

- Minimum: BSc or BCom Honours (Agricultural Economics / Economics) with at least three years industry/work experience;
- A Masters level qualification will be considered an added advantage;
- Proficient in Microsoft Office;
- Strong quantitative, writing, people and communication skills.

### **Apply:**

If you have the necessary skills and wish to apply, please send your cover letter, CV and a recent example of your research/writing to Jahni de Villiers at [jahni@agrisa.co.za](mailto:jahni@agrisa.co.za). Applications close on 31 January 2019.

*Note: Agri SA reserves the right to not make an appointment.*