

## **Systems and Climate Change Researcher – Position**

This fixed-term contract position has opened at the Association of Water and Rural Development (AWARD), an NGO based in Hoedspruit, Limpopo Province. This position will form part of the AWARD team as part of the USAID RESILIM-Olifants program, the purpose being to reduce vulnerability through building improved transboundary governance and management of the Olifants Catchment so as to enhance the resilience of its people and ecosystems through systemic and social learning approaches. The post is based at AWARD's office in Hoedspruit

Job Purpose: To undertake climate change, risk and vulnerability research, and facilitate research efforts

<u>Tasks and Responsibilities</u>: •Facilitate team of senior climate change researchers from collaborating institutions •Synthesise climate change, vulnerability and risk assessment as part of resilience analysis •Participate in collaborative research •Perform certain research components independently

Qualifications, Experience and Key competencies: ●PhD preferable ●Relevant background and experience in socio-ecological-systems, with subjects such as geography, vulnerability and risks, climate change adaptation, systems thinking ● Knowledge of spatial data analysis is a strong advantage

## The following Key competencies are required for this post:

- Good interpersonal skills
- Interest in participatory systemic approaches
- Attention to detail and high level of accuracy
- Adaptability
- Ability to engage with a wide range of stakeholders and sectors
- Liaise with project partners
- Teamwork and collaboration
- Proven computer literacy and knowledge of office software packages (MS Word, Excel, MS Outlook, GIS software)
- Good planning and project skills
- Fluency in English (read, write, understand)
- Preference will be given to persons that have experience in working in and NGO environment
- Valid Driver's licence (EB)
- Prepared to travel

Closing date: 17 May 2013

Candidates who meet the above requirements, should forward their CV's, including at least two references, and certification copies of qualifications to:

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Applicants that have not been contacted by the 31<sup>h</sup> May 2013 must be considered unsuccessful.