

The South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) based on the campus of the University of the Witwatersrand is an independent foreign policy and development think tank advancing a well-governed, peaceful, economically sustainable and globally engaged Africa.

SAIIA seeks to make the following appointment:

Economist (ECN010/2020) (12-month contract with a possibility of renewal)

SAIIA is seeking to appoint an Economist for a new project on the macroeconomic impact of COVID-19 on low- and middle-income countries in Africa. The person would be responsible for undertaking macroeconomic research related to Covid-19's impact on African economies. This includes collection of primary and secondary data, as well as macro-economic modelling, authoring related research briefs and policy papers, and presenting research findings at seminars.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Economist will:

- Have extensive knowledge and experience in macroeconomic modelling and design of economic indices
- Design modelling studies to quantify economic impacts
- Collect primary and secondary data to conduct quantitative economic analyses
- Recommend solutions to economic problems
- Frequently scan the landscape and monitor best practice to keep abreast of latest macro-economic research and reports
- Compile and present independent economic research reports

Essential experience, skills, qualifications

- A Master's degree in Economics
- A minimum of 3 -5 years' experience in macro-economic modelling and index construction
- Background in macroeconomic policy analysis would be an advantage
- Ability to create positive relationships with project teams and other stakeholders across the organisation
- Excellent communication and English writing skills
- Good planning and organisational skills
- Flexible approach to work, willingness to travel and willing to play a full role in ensuring the success of the team

For more information on SAIIA and its research agenda please visit www.saiia.org.za. Candidates for this position should submit a motivational letter **quoting clearly the reference number of the position that they are applying for**, a comprehensive CV, together with the names of three referees with their contact details to Shannon Gard (Shannon.gard@wits.ac.za)

Please note that only short-listed candidates will be called in for an interview. Applications close on 20 November 2020. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

SAIIA will make an appointment in line with their employment equity policy. SAIIA reserves the right not to make an appointment.