YOUTH MUST BE AT THE FRONT OF THE STRUGGLE FOR ECONOMIC EMANCIPATION

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On 27th June 2010 I had a privilege to attend a lecture about Namibian history conducted by Dr Sam Nujoma, the founding president of the republic of Namibia and Father of the Namibian Nation. It was highly attended specifically by adolescents who ran towards this illustrious son of the soil upon his arrival at Katutura Multi-purpose centre stadium around 14h17. The event was characterised by a jovial mood and I observed the beauty of our precious resources namely our young people who have the potential to be future leaders. It is properly prepared, nurtured and groomed. As Dr. Nujoma was narrating the painful history of our country in general and the liberation struggle in particular that ushered to our hard won freedom and independence, a lot of thoughts were crossing my mind continuously. I thought about the bravery and heroes demonstrated by our forefathers and Nujoma’s determination to set us free from the yoke colonialism. I said to myself that yes, there were a lot of years of suffering and sacrifice but also thanks to the youth of today. I asked myself what are today’s youth including myself are prepared to die for that will immensely contribute to the well being of our nation and its people.

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Ministry of Regional and Local Government, Housing and Rural Development

Vacancies

Directorate: Rural Development Coordination

1) 1st Post Designation: Development Planner Grade 3B Level 1
   Sub-Division: Rural Industrialization
   Salary Scale: NS 153 795 x-P-NS 137 277
   Duty Station: Windhoek

   Minimum Requirements:
   A recognized four (4) Bachelor Degree in Industrial Commerce, Economics, Business Management, Development Studies or Equivalent qualification plus 5 years appropriate experience.

   Functions:
   Support and assist the Deputy Director of Rural Development Coordination in the operation of the rural industrialization sub-division.
   Establish and maintain inter-sectoral forum for strategy formulation and appropriate coordination and integration sector development plans, programs, projects and interventions as far as rural enterprises and micro credit scheme development is concerned.
   Provide follow-up to the National Development Plans I terms of implementation of the provisions related to rural enterprises and micro credit schemes development and planning.
   Attend inter-ministerial meetings related to Rural Extension, Rural Development/Industrialization and Poverty reduction.
   Liaise with other regional, national and international institutions involved in the development and dissemination of appropriate technology.
   Liaise with the Directorate/Division of SME Development and SME feasibility studies and Business Plan Support Programme of Ministry of Trade and Industry and other stakeholders on the provision of support to rural enter prises and sectoral policies impacting on the rural livelihoods.
   Engage in the development and planning of operational rural development guidelines for SMEs and micro credit development within the trade and industry sector.
   Facilitate the provision of demand driven training and other capacity interventions for SMEs, NGOs and CBOs by the private sector actors in collaboration with the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

2) 2nd Post Designation: Development Planner SP2
   Sub-Division: Food Security Secretariat
   Salary Scale: NS 105 975 x-P-NS 121 395
   Duty Station: Windhoek

   Minimum Requirements: An appropriate four (4) years tertiary qualification in Public Management/Administration majored in Development Studies, Rural Development, Community Development, Project Planning and Agriculture

   Job Description:
   Provide information, data and analyses required for the formulation of National Rural development Policy.
   Liaises with the relevant ministries/departments to design and implement the National Rural Development Policy.
   Consult with relevant ministries, agencies and other stakeholder on policy issuer that impact on the livelihood of rural people.
   Collect and compile statistics that illustrate the natural and socio-economic conditions of rural population.
   Identify groups within rural population that require particular government assistance, particularly female headed households.
   Promote the welfare and integration of rural women in development process, by designing policies that support “affirmative action for women”.
   Advise on agriculture policy, particularly as it affects food production, in comes in the rural sector and hence food consumption.
   Keep him/her abreast of all matters of concern to rural development (e.g. rural water supply, livestock raising, crop production, and natural resources utilization) and use these information to plan appropriate interventions in conjunction with line ministries and departments.
   Recommend to the division rural development issues that need to be investigated and address with main objective of improving the quality of life of the rural communities.
   Keep the Chief Development Planner (CDP) informed of progress and shortcomings with regard to rural development.

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   Closing date: 13 July 2010

   Applicants must be Namibian citizens. Application (form S5605) obtained at all Government Offices) together with a comprehensive Curriculum Vitae and certified copies of educational qualifications must be submitted to:
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