



The **South African Environmental Observation Network (SAEON)** is a research platform funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and managed by the National Research Foundation (NRF) since 2002. SAEON is mandated to establish and manage long-term environmental observatories; maintain reliable long-term environmental data sets; promote access to data for research and/or informed decision making; and contribute to capacity development.

**Expanded Freshwater and Terrestrial Environmental Observation Network (EFTEON) Manager**  
(Based at SAEON National Office, Pretoria)

This permanent position offers an enormous opportunity to a mid-career scientist with at least 3 years' hands-on experience of managing *in situ* environmental research infrastructures, technical personnel and external stakeholders. The incumbent will drive the development of the large-scale and dispersed EFTEON research infrastructure within the SAEON framework and guidance from advisory structures. EFTEON is funded by the Department of Science and Technology and hosted by SAEON.

**Key responsibilities will include:**

- Overall project management of EFTEON: starting with translating the initial phase of the EFTEON proposal into an implementable business plan.
- Translation of high-level advice and guidance into practical implementation.
- Execution and continuous updating of the approved business plan, including the science plan.
- Supervision and development of staff, finances and equipment.
- Organisation of formal consultative processes with stakeholder groupings and participation in advisory panels.
- Proposal writing, reporting, general administration, procurement, financial control and compliance with NRF policies and procedures.
- Ensuring the data is quality controlled and openly available according to the SAEON/EFTEON data policies.

**Requirements:**

- A completed Master's Degree or equivalent in relevant and related fields.
- A minimum of 3 years management experience.
- A sound knowledge of freshwater and terrestrial ecosystems' structure and function and the main social-ecological interactions, with research experience in any of the sub-domains.
- Working knowledge of the installation, running and maintenance of outdoors research instruments e.g. automatic weather stations, atmospheric flux analysers, pH meters, data transmitters and others.
- Formal qualification in project planning and execution.
- Analytical and systematic approach with good organization, planning, problem solving, self-management, co-ordination and reporting skills.
- Strong interpersonal, collaboration and communication skills for interacting with technical and non-technical colleagues and collaborators.
- Service-delivery orientation towards internal and external stakeholders.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Driver's license, off-road driving skills and willingness to travel to and work at remote locations.

Applications should include a detailed *Curriculum vitae (no certificates)*, cover letter and contact details of at least three referees (upload as one document).

Interested applicants should study the EFTEON proposal on the SAEON website at <http://bit.ly/2nzdIu> before applying online at <http://www.careerjunction.co.za/jobs/2191725>

**Closing date for receiving applications: 15 March 2018.**

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