



JOB PROFILE

A. Post Information	
Post Title	Senior Researcher (Economic and Social Rights)
Component	Programme Support Division - Research
Location	Head Office
Post Reports To	Head of Research

Job Profile Verification	
Profile Verified By:	Dr Martin Nsibirwa - Head of Research
Date Verified:	4 September 2023

Job Profile Validation	
Profile Validated By:	Acting COO - Mr Eric Mokonyama
Date Validated:	4 September 2023

Job Evaluation Outcome	
Confirmed Grade:	
Date Graded:	

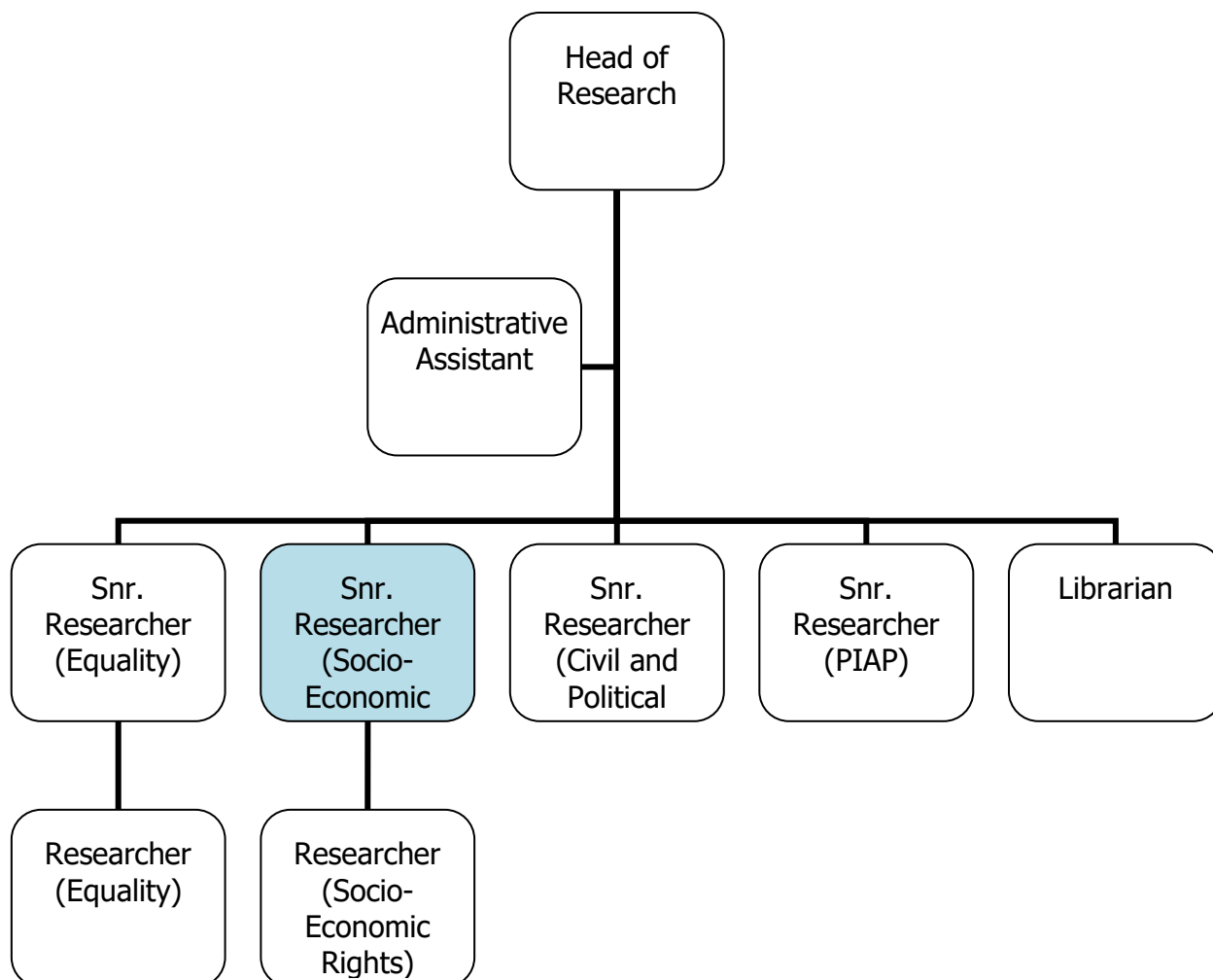
B. Job Purpose

Brief statement outlining the overall purpose/reason for existence of the post (one or two sentences).

Monitor and assess, through research, the progressive realization of economic and social rights (among others on Land, the environment, water, food, housing, health, social security and education) in line with the mandate of the Commission.

C. Position of the Post in the Organisation

Structure diagram



D. Key Responsibilities

List major activities and contribution to the organisation for which this post is held accountable

Key Performance Areas (KPA)		Activities (Linked to each of the KPAs)	
No.	KPA Description	No.	Activity Description
1	Manage the production of the social and economic rights report (Section 184 (3) report)	1.1	Develop the research methodology, approach and research proposal.
		1.2	Collect/ Manage the process of collecting relevant data.
		1.3	Manage the quality of the data.
		1.4	Analyse/ Manage the analysis of data collected.
		1.5	Compile/ Write and submit relevant reports for approval prior to formal submission to Parliament.
		1.6	Participate in relevant processes of communicating the outcomes of the research process to National Parliament.
2	Conduct and Manage Other Relevant Research	2.1	Provide input into the process of developing the research agenda of the Commission (Support the Head of Research) including prioritisation of research projects.
		2.2	Develop the concept papers for the relevant research projects.
		2.3	Collect/ Manage the process of collecting relevant data.
		2.4	Manage the quality if the data.
		2.5	Analyse/ Manage the analysis of data collected.
		2.6	Compile/ Write and disseminate research reports to relevant stakeholders (including the Commission's library).
3	Contribute towards enhancing the discourse on human rights	3.1	Engage relevant stakeholders (local or international) on the human rights discourse (this may include attending relevant forums and/ or structures, knowledge sharing etc)
		3.2	Provide research inputs and disseminate relevant information to support the Research Pprogramme and other programmes

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			within the Commission as well as substantive findings made by the Commission.
		3.3	Develop and deliver relevant training and awareness programmes on economic and social rights research.
		3.4	Provide research inputs to support the Commissioners in undertaking their responsibilities, this may include providing inputs at relevant committee meetings, providing information to be used in writing speeches, letters etc
		3.5	Develop opinion pieces as required regarding these rights (this may include scholastic articles, media statements etc).

E. Advisory Responsibility	
<i>Is it required from the post holder to give formal advice and engage with external stakeholders? Please indicate the type of advice given and to whom.</i>	
To Whom	Type of Advice/ Information
Commissioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide advice and information on specific issues based on international and domestic human rights legal norms and standards in order to determine a SAHRC position • Provide advice in indentifying and proposing research projects that seek to fulfill the Commissions' constitutional mandate • Engage with Commissioners on the research project design and provide updates • Advise Commissioners on findings, submissions and recommendations arising out of the research • Advise Commissioners and provide information for speeches and media appearances in respect of international human rights law norms and standards • Provide briefing notes, provide content knowledge and

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	draft speeches for commissioners at an international forum
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide the CEO with the advice requested by Commissioners from Research • Provide the CEO with general advice that inputs into decisions taken by Commissioners on the strategic direction of the Commission
COO: Programmes Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance management and monitoring • Setting up the research agenda • Expert advice and assistance on research related matters • Research Outcomes/Reports
Parliament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise with the Office of the Speaker, OISD, National Assembly (NA) and National Council of Provinces Committees (NCOP) • Provide information on request • Represent the SAHRC and conduct briefings on human rights issues in Parliament and any other designated fora • Represent the SAHRC and present submissions on legislation
Academic Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain relationships with relevant academic institutions and academics in relation to human rights • Engage and consult with academics on various research projects • Foster collaborative working relationships with academics
Donors (Both financial and non financial)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and manage relationships with potential donors • Engage with and negotiate donor agreements • Provide feedback to donors on projects
Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information on human rights issues and research work • Provide SAHRC positions on specific human rights issues

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be interviewed by the media• Provide media briefing information
Government Departments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide information on human rights issues and research work• Collect information• Submit reports
Other stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintain relationships with relevant stakeholders• Engage and consult with stakeholders on various research projects and work in the portfolio• Foster collaborative working relationships with stakeholders

F. Accountability

These fields are not compulsory and should only be completed if the fields are relevant to your post

Number of staff directly managed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 1
Number of staff indirectly managed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As may be determined
Financial accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As may be determined

G. Inherent requirements of the Post

The minimum qualifications, skills, knowledge, experience and behaviour that are required to perform the job competently.

Skills/ Knowledge/ Behaviour:

Requirement	Type
<p>Key competencies</p> <p><i>(This field requires a list of all skills, behaviour and attitude requirements)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and research management • Good writing skills • Strategic thinking skills • Programme and project Management • Problem solving and analysis • People management and empowerment • Knowledge management • Communication • Training and presenting ability • Service delivery innovation • Honesty and integrity • Client orientation and customer focus • Emotional maturity • Sound (positive) interpersonal relationship management
<p>Knowledge and education</p> <p><i>(This field requires a list of all knowledge requirements relevant to this post e.g. Knowledge of the Public Service Act.)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters Degree in Social Science or any Masters degree that is relevant to the position with applied research • Working knowledge of statistical packages i.e. SPSS / Stata • Knowledge of all relevant legislation, policies and procedures • Knowledge and understanding of international human rights law, the South African human rights legal framework, theory and practices • Applied knowledge of research, research project design and methodology • Knowledge and understanding of communications and stakeholder management requirements and processes

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge and understanding of the Commission's international obligations • Knowledge and understanding of performance and project management systems and processes • Applied understanding of the statutory and regulatory requirements regarding performance monitoring, evaluation & reporting
Experience <i>(Please list all relevant experience required for the post)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 years relevant experience • Should have a proven track record in producing well written documents that are of publishable quality

H. Career pathing	
Next higher position:	Head of Research
What is required to progress:	See profile

I. Job profile agreement				
<i>The Manager or his/her nominee reserves the right to make changes and alterations to this job profile as he/she deem reasonable, after due consultation with the post holder.</i>				
We the undersigned agree that the content of the completed Job Profile gives an accurate outline and content of the Post.				
Title	Name	Employee Number	Signature	Date