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The Water Research Commission (WRC) is a dynamic hub for water and sanitation knowledge, innovation and intellectual capital, providing leadership and the support research, development and innovation of water and sanitation solutions. It engages stakeholders and partners involving water and sanitation challenges and opportunities, which are crucial to South-Africa's sustainable development and economic growth, and is committed to promoting a better quality of life for all. The WRC is a schedule 3A public entity and adherence to required legislation is imperative to the organization's strategy and values.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified, experienced individuals for the Pretoria-based position of:

Executive Manager: Knowledge Management and Communications

(Ref: EM: KMC)

This position calls for a suitably qualified candidate who will be responsible for the development, integration and implementation of a broad range of knowledge services, marketing and communications activities at the Water Research Commission. The Executive Manager will serve as a member of the WRC's Executive Management Team providing thought leadership on all Knowledge, Marketing and Communications strategic plans. He/she will form part of the Innovation and Impact Branch and will report to the **Group Executive Manager: Innovation and Impact**.

The ideal candidate must be in possession of a minimum of a Master's degree in Marketing/Communication/Science or an MBL/MBA qualification with specialization in Marketing/Communication/Knowledge Management or a related field. Registration with a professional Marketing and/or Communication or equivalent body will be an added advantage. A minimum of 7 years Marketing, Communications and Media related experience including 3 years management experience is essential. 1-2 years water sector experience will serve as an advantage. A proven track record in a leadership role within a communications/marketing or related department with demonstrated experience in managing diverse teams is essential.

The **Executive Manager: Knowledge Management and Communications** will be responsible for leading and developing the WRC's Knowledge Services, Marketing and Communication programme parallel to the WRC corporate objectives. This will include overseeing and guiding the implementation of innovative and supportive initiatives in the area of marketing and communications as well as directing the efforts of the knowledge dissemination department. The successful candidate will be responsible for ensuring that the articulation of the WRC's desired image and brand position is consistent across a number of constituencies both internal and external. In addition, the Executive Manager will work collaboratively with the other branches by ensuring that knowledge dissemination processes are embedded in the organisation and a shared language across teams is developed that focus on driving conversations as well as aiding in decision-making. The successful candidate will also manage and mentor a high performing team of professionals whose scope of work includes communications, public relations, digital and content marketing, events coordination and knowledge management.



The appointment will be made in line with the WRC's employment equity plan and the WRC supports applications from individuals with a disability. A detailed CV with three references, quoting clearly the Reference as a subject matter should be submitted to Human Resources, e-mail: hr@wrc.org.za

Closing date **30 October 2018**. If you are not contacted by **30 November 2018** please consider your application as unsuccessful. *A Recognition of Prior Learning Assessment may be considered for applicants with suitable work experience.*