

Mr. Qwede

NATIONALITY: South African

SUMMARY

Mr. Qwede has experiences in Environmental Management, Environmental Impact Assessment, Sustainable Development, and Marine & Coastal Management in Africa.

EDUCATION

- **2014: Masters in Environmental management [MPhil: Env. Mgt.]** – (Expected to complete end of 2015 academic year)
- **2009: Certificate in Environmental Impact Assessment Procedures**, Rhodes University
- **2003: Bachelor of Science Honours (B.Sc.: Hons)**, University of Fort Hare
- **2002: Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)**, University of Fort Hare
- **1998: Matric with exemption**, John Bisseker Secondary School, East London

EMPLOYMENT RECORD/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **01 November 2012 – Present**

DIRECTOR: BIODIVERSITY MAINSTREAMING

South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) – Cape Town

The South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) leads and coordinates research, and monitors and reports on the state of biodiversity in South Africa. The institute provides knowledge and information, gives planning and policy advice and pilot best-practice management models in partnership with stakeholders. SANBI engages in ecosystem restoration and rehabilitation, leads the human capital development strategy of the sector and manages the National Botanical Gardens as 'windows' to South Africa's biodiversity for enjoyment and education.

My Duties in this position include:

Strategic support to the institute and provision of science based policy advice towards the attainment of the corporate strategic plan in-line with the National Development Agenda of the Republic of South Africa.

- **2009-2012**

PROGRAMME MANAGER: Integrated Environmental Management & Sustainable Development

Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality (BCMM)

Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality's objectives, as a Local Government Sphere, are, amongst other things, to provide democratic and accountable government for local communities, to ensure the provision of services to communities and to promote social and economic development.

Additionally, the Metro's primary focus is essentially to pursue 'Developmental Local Government'. It is required to take a leadership role, and to involve and empower citizens and stakeholder groups in the development process, in order to create social resources and engender a sense of common purpose in finding local solutions for sustainability. The City therefore has a critical role to play as an influential policy maker and as an institution of local democracy. It is in this regard that my work programme in the Municipality over the years was crafted with principles to allow for it to be strategic, visionary and vastly influential in the way that I operated.

As an enabling Directorate, my work was cross-cutting to ensure accelerated service delivery in all sectors of the municipality including water services provision, housing delivery, engineering, roads and transport planning, solid waste management, air quality management, climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction and primarily to advise Council on science-based environmental management principles that enable enhanced service delivery.

- **2005-2008**

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER

Amathole District Municipality

My Main Duties in this position included:

- Implement the integrated environmental & coastal management systems and policies
- Utilize the District Municipality coastal resources for the development of its communities
- Protect and rehabilitate environmental resources, coastal & terrestrial
- Develop & Implement environmental awareness & education programmes
- Provide professional support to Integrated Waste Management
- Develop, manage & monitor effective, efficient, accountable & economically viable environmental management programmes to benefit communities through the implementation of Environmental Management System & IDP in accordance to relevant legislation
- Manage key performance areas & result indicators associated with the provision of strategy & policy development, planning & direction for environmental management
- Development, rehabilitation & management of public open spaces, cemeteries and landfill sites

Other professional experiences include:

- **Apr 2004 - May 2005: Environmental researcher in the Prince Edward Islands (Marion Island)**
- **June – Dec 2003: Researcher: Marine & Coastal Management (DEA-MCM)**
- **Jan 2001 - Dec 2002: Tutor/Mentor for Biological Sciences students: University of Fort Hare**

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2007 – ADM Municipal Manager's Office Employee of the year award
- 2004 – South African National Antarctic Programme Member
- 2003 – University of Fort Hare Senate Member
- 2003 – University S.R.C Member
- 1997 – Junior City Councillor, East London Transitional Local Council

PUBLICATIONS

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LANGUAGES



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