

Curriculum Vitae: Sarah Wewege

Nationality	South African
Education	<p>MCom, Economics, Cum Laude (2018-2019) Specialising in Economic Development <i>Awarded the class medal for "Problems of Globalisation, Industrialisation and Development"</i> University of Cape Town</p> <p>BSocSci Honours, Cum Laude (2017) Specialising in International Relations University of Cape Town</p> <p>BSocSci, Economics and International Relations (2014-2016) Minor in Media Studies University of Cape Town</p>
Short Courses	<p>Carbon Footprinting Course - Sustainability Institute (2020) Co-Benefits of Renewable Energy- Online Training Module I - Renewables Academy AG (RENAC) (2020)</p>
Languages	English (fluent), Afrikaans (fair)
Employment record	
October 2020- Present	<p>Junior Project Manager OneWorld Sustainable Investments Cape Town, South Africa</p>
February 2020- October 2020	<p>Research Analyst OneWorld Sustainable Investments Cape Town, South Africa</p>
August 2019- January 2020	<p>Project Assistant OneWorld Sustainable Investments Cape Town, South Africa</p>
January 2019 – July 2019	<p>Business Development Intern OneWorld Sustainable Investments Cape Town, South Africa</p>
December 2016- January 2017	<p>Administrative Assistant Pinewood Technologies (Pty) Lt Cape Town, South Africa</p>
November 2014- September 2015	<p>Wine Stewardess and Sales Constantia Uitsig Wine Farm Cape Town, South Africa</p>
January 2013 – December 2013	<p>Teaching Assistant Woodbridge School Woodbridge, Suffolk</p>
Relevant professional experience	
September - October 2020	<p>Supporting the German EU Presidency in Strengthening EU Capacity for Climate Security German EU Presidency</p> <p>Project Coordinator</p> <p>This project involves co-hosting two virtual workshops to support the German EU presidency in strengthening EU capacity for climate security. One event will focus on senior officials</p>

including climate envoys from the EU Commission and Member States in Brussels to discuss a strategy for delivering a ‘whole-of-EU’ approach to climate security in the European neighbourhood and the role of the EU in driving reforms in international institutions. The second event will focus on the strategic partnership between the EU and the African Union, its member states and other African institutions to better address climate-fragility risks in Africa.

Activities include identifying key stakeholders from the African continent, coordinating and organizing the African-led workshop, and assisting in the development of a working paper informed by these two events.

April-September 2020	<p>Facilitation of the Establishment of National Focal Groups in SADC Member States Southern African Development Community Groundwater Management Institute (SADC-GMI)</p> <p>Researcher</p> <p>This project involves setting up a National Focal Group (NFG) in five of the SADC Member States, to support integrated groundwater management through improved dialogue and exchange, capacity building and implementation of pilot projects.</p> <p>Activities include supporting in the research and development of a blended learning training course for NFGs.</p>
March 2020-June 2020	<p>Developing a Situation Analysis Report on Climate Change and its Impact on Mining in South Africa Department of Environment, Forestry & Fisheries (DEFF); Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) / International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), funded by USAID</p> <p>Project Coordinator, Economic Analysis</p> <p>Climate change risk and vulnerability (R&V) assessment for the mining sector in South Africa, involving desk-based research and analysis; initial stakeholder consultations, to develop a situation analysis report on the impact of climate change on mining in South Africa.</p> <p>Activities included: stakeholder mapping and the organisation and coordination of six online stakeholder engagements; climate change adaptation analysis elicited from stakeholder engagements and; contribution to report writing on climate change analysis and climate adaptation opportunities for the mining sector.</p>
May 2020	<p>SEED South Africa Symposium 2020- Building an Enabling Ecosystem: Policy and Climate Finance Solutions to Enterprise Challenges SEED</p> <p>Challenge Host Presenter</p> <p>SEED Practitioner Labs Climate Finance engage leading finance-focused organisations and financial institutions to co-create climate finance prototypes that increase financing for the missing middle of small and growing eco-inclusive enterprises. OneWorld was contracted as a challenge host for the SEED Climate Finance Labs.</p> <p>Presented OneWorld’s co-developed prototype entitled, “Platform for climate-resilient SME financing: Institutionalising access to climate finance” and responded to questions on the prototype posed by two expert panellists, Michael Sudarkasa from the Africa Business Group (ABG), and Tlou Ramaru from the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF).</p>
January 2020-October 2020	<p>Scaling Climate Action through Climate Technology and Innovation by SMEs African Development Bank (AfDB) Climate Change and Green Growth Department (PECG)</p>



Project Coordinator, Researcher

This project aims to enhance the capacity of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to develop businesses through accessing opportunities in the climate resilience and response space, as aligned with Nationally Determined Contributions, and/or to de-risk their enterprises against climate change

Activities involve general project coordination; developing a climate change risk and opportunity screening toolkit, GHG Accounting toolkit, and a toolkit training manual to enhance and capacitate SMEs in Africa to use the toolkits and to identify and develop climate-smart and bankable projects; helping to conduct a SME country case for South Africa and; coordinating the oversight of experts for the Moroccan and Angolan country case studies.

November 2019- January 2020

Capacity needs assessment in the areas of Environmental and Social Safeguards, Gender Equality and Indigenous Peoples

Green Climate Fund (GCF)

Project Coordinator, Researcher

Coordinated a project for the GCF Secretariat aimed at providing technical support and continued development of the technical competencies of Accredited Entities (AEs) and GCF staff; specifically, ensuring that GCF requirements, including the Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS) policy, Gender Policy and Indigenous Peoples Policy, are fulfilled and maintained throughout the duration of a project lifecycle.

Tasks included developing an online survey questionnaire aimed at both GCF staff and AEs, co-ordinating and conducting interviews and focus group discussions to verify and validate survey findings and contributing to report writing on recommendations for the GCF based on these findings.

September – December 2019

Case Study: The South African Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme

Managing Infrastructure Investment Reform and Regulation in Africa (MIRA) Programme, Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town/ Oxford Policy Management

Researcher, Contributing Author

OneWorld was contracted to update and summarise South Africa’s progress on and experience with the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme (REI4P), situated within the political and socioeconomic context of the country’s electricity sector. The case study report distilled the country’s experience with renewable energy auctions through the implementation of the REI4P and identified key lessons for other countries in auction design. Sarah conducted desktop review aimed at obtaining the most recent information and data on South Africa’s REI4P and analysing this in view of identifying good practices and key lessons.

July 2019- September 2019

“State of Preparedness of South African Cities in Addressing Climate Change Challenges and Building Climate Resilience”

Department of Environmental Affairs, South Africa/ GIZ

Research Support

The project developed a climate resilience indicator framework for cities and their supporting institutions to regularly monitor and evaluate city-level progress toward achieving urban resilience, and to develop, against this, an investment plan for building resilience in South African cities. Central to this project’s delivery was the development of a robust resilience indicator framework that is tested, and thus validated, by 15 project cities (eight metropolitan municipalities and seven secondary cities) in South Africa.

Activities included: research, validation and population of information to develop a baseline for the Microsoft Excel based Indicator tool. This tool collated and visualised the underlying data as a series of interactive graphs, serving as a dashboard.

<p>January 2019 – March 2019</p>	<p>Evaluation of Design and Implementation of the Western Cape Climate Change Response Strategy</p> <p>Western Cape Government Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning</p> <p>Research Support and Analysis</p> <p>OneWorld evaluated the design and implementation of the 2014 Western Cape Climate Change Response Strategy and Implementation Framework (WCCCRS) using a combined Theory of Change (ToC) and Adaptation Pathways evaluation methodology.</p> <p>Activities included: recording and analysis of interviews conducted through the development of a response matrix; contribution to the quantitative and qualitative analysis of the final report.</p>
<p>July 2018- October 2019</p>	<p>Economic Complexity and the Potential for Green Growth in South Africa</p> <p>Masters Dissertation, University of Cape Town</p> <p>This paper, using the Economic Complexity Methodology, identified green industries that South Africa is best positioned to develop and grow given the existing knowledge and capabilities within the economy. A case study was conducted on the wind turbine blade manufacturing industry, which proved to be a promising option (should barriers be overcome) given South Africa's current economic climate and the potential for employment creation. This paper aimed to highlight the opportunities for the development of green industries in South Africa and the limitations that hinder this potential.</p>
<p>September 2019- Present</p>	<p>Connecting the Dots: OneWorld Talk Series</p> <p>OneWorld</p> <p>Coordination of a series of talks, hosted by OneWorld on a range of sustainable development topics. Responsible for securing and coordinating the speaker line-up, as well as sending out invitations and managing event logistics.</p>
<p>January 2019- July 2019</p>	<p>OneWorld Sustainable Investments</p> <p>Business Development Intern</p> <p>Provided administrative and research support to the business development team through research, proposal writing and proposal coordination. In addition, Sarah developed OneWorld's consultant database to help increase efficiency within the business development department.</p>
<p>December 2016- January 2017</p>	<p>Pinewood Technologies (Pty) Ltd</p> <p>Administrative Assistant</p> <p>Provided support to the office through the management and distribution of information. Administrative tasks included the answering of phone calls and emails, optimising office functions and managerial client correspondence and communications.</p>

Publications

- Rawlins, J. and Wewege, S. 2020. Municipal Finance Reform: Urban Adaptation in Developing Contexts. International Conference on Sustainable Development.
- Filipova, A., Wewege, S., Unite, E., Kuse, S. (2019). South Africa Country Report. Report 6: Energy and Economic Growth Research Programme (W01 and W05) PO Number: PO00022908
- Wewege, S. (2019) Economic Complexity and the Potential for Green Growth in South Africa. MCom thesis. University of Cape Town. Economic Development.