

Curriculum Vitae: Seutame Maimele

Nationality	South African
Education	M.Com, Local Economic Development (2021) University of Johannesburg B. Economics, Economic Development (2018) University of the Western Cape
Languages	English (fluent), Sepedi (fluent), IsiXhosa (fair), Zulu (fair)
Other Training & Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Economic Development certificate (Erasmus University Rotterdam) – See the link Here Entrepreneurship and Empowerment of South Africa-EESA (University of the Western Cape) Python Data Structures Programming for Everybody (Getting Started with Python) Certificate (University of Michigan) – See the link Here Excel Skills for Business: Advanced Certificate (Macquarie University) -See the link Here Introduction to Artificial Intelligence Certificate (AI) (IMB) – See link Here Data Collection Online, Telephone and Face-to- Face Certificate (University of Michigan) – See the link Here
Professional Affiliations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of the Golden Key International Honour Society

Employment record

Feb 2021 – Present	Research Intern OneWorld Sustainable Investments Cape Town, South Africa
Jan 2019 – Jan 2021	Junior Economist Western Cape Government, Department of Economic Development and Tourism Cape Town, South Africa
Apr 2018 – Dec 2018	Student Office Assistant University of the Western Cape Cape Town, South Africa
Feb 2018 – Dec 2018	Economics Tutor and mentor University of the Western Cape Cape Town, South Africa
Jan 2017 – Dec 2018	Economics Student mentor University of the Western Cape Cape Town, South Africa
Jan 2016 – Dec 2017	Financial management tutor University of the Western Cape Cape Town, South Africa

Relevant professional experience



Feb 2021–Present	OneWorld Sustainable Investments
	Research Intern
	Providing support to the development of business development proposals for various projects and funders, as well as developing OneWorld Partners and Consultancy database.
	Supporting the delivery of various projects and supporting experts involved in the projects, including data management of the Capacity Building on Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (RVA) Tool and Development of National Climate RVA for Health Sector project; and supporting stakeholder engagements and research for the Revitalisation of South African mining ghost towns research project (see below).
Jul 2021 – Feb 2022	Revitalisation of South African Mining Ghost Towns Research
	Agence Française de Développement & Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa Limited
	Research Intern and Stakeholder Engagement Support
	Identification of alternate pathways for the sustainability of targeted mining towns under the scenario of declining mining activities, towards adopting pre-emptive interventions to prevent the project targeted towns from becoming “ghost towns”.
	Key tasks included supporting initial key stakeholder consultation, supporting the write up of the methodology for workshops with the client, leading the write up of the stakeholder engagement report, supporting mobilising and arranging meetings, supporting the identification of investment opportunities in Ba-Phalaborwa as well as Carolina areas, development of brief input reports – labour and skills input report, identifying existing pipeline projects, developing templates for assessing projects from the perspective of the just transition objectives, demographic assessments, identifying emerging growth sectors relative to mining, skills and labour profiles, literature review and data analysis.
June 2021 – Dec 2021	Capacity Building on Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Tool and Development of National Climate RVA for Health Sector
	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) and Department of Health
	Project Intern
	The project entailed reviewing, realigning and updating the Climate Change Health Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (HRVA) Tool and carrying out HRVAs for 52 districts across South Africa.
	Key tasks included supporting the climate change and health experts involved in projects, with a focus on data management of the project and supporting the write up of the 52 HRVAs for the districts.
Jan 2020 – Jan 2021	Western Cape Economic Recovery Plan (2020/21)
	Western Cape Government, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities
	Junior Economist
	The project entailed the drafting of the Western Cape Economic Recovery Plan post-Covid-19.
	Under the Research, Economic, Policy and Planning unit at the Department of Economic Development and Tourism in the Western Cape Government, key tasks and responsibilities included modelling economic scenarios at the provincial and municipal level, writing research, preparing slides, and mining and analysing economic data.
Jan 2019 – Dec 2019	Five Year Strategic Plan 2020 – 2025, Western Cape Government, Department of Economic Development and Tourism
	Western Cape Government, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities

Junior Economist

The project entailed drafting of the Western Cape Government's Department of Economic Development and Tourism five-year economic strategy (2020-2025).

Under the Research, Economic, Policy and Planning unit at the Department of Economic Development and Tourism in the Western Cape Government, key tasks and responsibilities included supporting the delivery of the economic strategy, through data mining and analysis, conducting and updating the situational analysis (i.e., Global, National and Provincial analysis), researching constraints of themes identified and sustaining the solutions highlighted (i.e., growing exports, addressing the skills gap, accelerating the Ease of Doing Business, etc.) and taking minutes during stakeholder engagements.

May 2019 – July 2019, 2020 Reviewing of Western Cape municipalities (all 30 municipalities) Integrated Development Plans and Local Economic Development strategies

Western Cape Municipalities

Junior Economist

The project involved reviewing all 30 Western Cape municipal (24 local municipalities, 5 districts and the City of Cape Town) Integrated Development Plans and Local Economic Development strategies in 2019 and 2020.

Under the Research, Economic, Policy and Planning unit at the Department of Economic Development and Tourism in the Western Cape Government, key tasks and responsibilities included reviewing the Local Economic Development strategies of Municipalities and the Integrated Development Plans, including finding links and synergies between the provincial economic strategy and plans and the municipal economic strategies and plans.

Feb 2019 – Dec 2020 Analysis of the Quarterly Labour Force Surveys (2019-2020)

Western Cape Government, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities

Junior Economist

The project required writing an analysis of the Quarterly Labour Force Surveys published by Statistic South Africa on labour force characteristics in South Africa and the Western Cape.

Under the Research, Economic, Policy and Planning unit at the Department of Economic Development and Tourism in the Western Cape Government, key tasks and responsibilities included facilitating easy interpretation of the labour force data through analysis and writing key labour market outlooks and situation, such as unemployment status of the Western Cape Province and how well it is positioned with other provinces and South Africa.

July 2019 – Sep 2019 Research Paper on the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCTA)

Western Cape Government, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities

Junior Economist

The project required writing a research paper on the opportunities and challenges the African Continental Free Trade Agreement portrays to the Western Cape province.

Under the Research, Economic, Policy and Planning unit at the Department of Economic Development and Tourism in the Western Cape Government, key tasks and responsibilities included researching, data analysis and writing up the key challenges and opportunities of the Agreement, for the Western Cape Province.

July 2019 – Sep 2019 Review of the South African Fisheries and the Southern African Development Community (SADC)-EU Economic Partnership Agreement- Review of the EU-SA abalone export policy

Western Cape Government, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities

Junior Economist

The project required writing a review paper on the SADC-EU Economic Partnership Agreement

Under the Research, Economic, Policy and Planning unit at the Department of Economic Development and Tourism in the Western Cape Government, key tasks and responsibilities included reviewing the export policy in relation to abalone exports in the Western Cape.

Feb 2019 – Jan 2021 Commenting on national and provincial legislations, economic policies and strategies and responding to parliamentary questions

Western Cape Government, Minister of Finance and Economic Opportunities

Junior Economist

The project required commenting on national and provincial legislations (National Health Insurance, Carbon tax policy), economic strategies and policies (Towards an economic strategy for South Africa, Western Cape Township Economic Strategy) and support answering parliamentary questions sent to the minister (including the technical response to the minister to the Cape Chamber of Commerce).

Under the Research, Economic, Policy and Planning unit at the Department of Economic Development and Tourism in the Western Cape Government, key tasks and responsibilities included writing and collating comments on these policies and legislations and reviewing and editing the comments.

Apr 2018 – Dec 2018 University of the Western Cape

Student Office Assistant

Key tasks and responsibilities included supporting the stakeholder and innovation manager with office needs, such as coordinating meetings, researching key topics as advised by the manager. Also, helped with organising the Africa Day celebration event, where the aim was to showcase the ITC capabilities of the University.

Feb 2018 – Dec 2018 University of the Western Cape

Economics Tutor and mentor

Key tasks and responsibilities included mentoring new economics tutors on how to balance studies, life and tutoring economics at the university. Similarly, tasks and responsibilities for being a tutor included tutoring first year economics students and marking their test papers.

Jan 2017 – Dec 2018 University of the Western Cape

Economics student mentor

Key tasks and responsibilities included mentoring first year economics students at the university including how to balance economics studies with life.

Jan 2016 – Dec 2017 University of the Western Cape

Financial management tutor

Key tasks and responsibilities included tutoring financial mathematics to first years and marking their test papers.

Publications and Conference Papers (selected)

Maimela, S.O. (2021). Leveraging Indigenous Knowledge for Local Economic Development: The Case of Home-Brewed Alcohol in the Sekhukhune District Municipality (Master's Dissertation). Johannesburg: University of Johannesburg.

Bux, S., Oliver, G., Kriel, C., Maimela, S.O, Kirsten, S., Ewers, C., Van Niekerk, R., (2020). Western Cape Economic Review (Unpublished). Western Cape Government, Department of Economic Development and Tourism

Chapters in Books

Maimela, S.O., Rashied, N. (2022). Leveraging Indigenous Knowledge for Local Economic Development: The Case of Home-brewed Alcohol in the Sekhukhune District Municipality (To be published in 2022).



Cape Town: AOSIS Publishing - Centre for Local Economic Development -University of Johannesburg: Topics in Local Development – Volume 2. Edited by Venter, M.

Maimela, S.O., Swanepoel, E. (2022). Local economic development and infrastructure: WaSTE - Water, Science, Technology and Economics – Zero wastewater, save ocean life, save the environment and save the people (to be published in 2022). Cape Town: AOSIS Publishing - Centre for Local Economic Development - University of Johannesburg: Topics in Local Development – Volume 2. Edited by Venter, M.