

**Are you committed to transforming education policy and practices to increase equitable and meaningful access to knowledge, skills and learning for all? Do you thrive on finding innovative solutions using appropriate technologies?**

**Do you enjoy leading and participating in high-performing teams? Are you a self-starter, highly professional, and thrive on new challenges?**

We are looking to appoint a **Programme Specialist** who will play a leading role in the Siyaphumelela Network initiative ([www.siyaphumelela.org.za](http://www.siyaphumelela.org.za)) as well as becoming part of the *Saide* team and the educational services it offers. In Siyaphumelela, *Saide* acts as the convener among 17 South African universities, who collaboratively develop capacity, create and offer services, tools and systems to promote student success on the basis of evidence. The successful applicant will coordinate the *Saide* Siyaphumelela team, oversee its network services, its annual conference, and play a key role in strategic planning from an informed knowledge of student success practices.

### **Who we are**

*Saide* is a dynamic and professional team in a well-established organization based in Johannesburg, with a track record of contributing to educational transformation in the Sub-Saharan region. We focus on an appropriate utilization of educational technology, open educational resources, and various distance education strategies [www.saide.org.za](http://www.saide.org.za)

We offer a wide-range of services ([www.saide.org.za/#services](http://www.saide.org.za/#services)) to educational policy-makers and providers in the region, across all education sectors. These services include learning design mediated by technology for large scale provision, development and sharing of educational resources, mobilization of partners in educational transformation, instituting quality assurance processes, and contributing to educational policy from an open learning perspective.

Our current flagship projects include our ground-breaking African Storybook initiative ([www.AfricanStorybook.org](http://www.AfricanStorybook.org)), where we have a platform and tools available to create, version or simply read openly licensed storybooks reflecting local contexts and in local languages. They also include a major initiative OER Africa ([www.OERAfrica.org](http://www.OERAfrica.org)), launched in 2008 to encourage the creation and use of open educational resources. Over the years, we have also coordinated the development of a number of open licensed courses open for higher education. These are available on the OER Africa website.

### **What we require of you**

Significant experience of higher education, with NGO experience an advantage.  
Strong analytical abilities

Proven project leadership and management skills

Fluency in English; proficiency with other languages an advantage

Ability to present information in an insightful and structured manner, both oral and written

Ability to engage at all levels at universities

A relevant Honours or Masters qualification

South African citizenship or permission to work in South Africa

Remuneration will be commensurate with skills and experience.

*A written one page motivation, CV and three work related referees with contact details should be sent via email, by **31 May, 2022**, to: e-mail: [vacancies@saide.org.za](mailto:vacancies@saide.org.za);*