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I am currently working for the national government of South Africa at the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE). The scope of my work encompasses negotiating on **carbon markets and climate change** under United Nations Conference on Climate Change (**UNFCCC**) and other forums such as, **G-20 (Climate and environment working group)**; **BRICS**; International Civil Aviation Organization (**ICAO**) and International Maritime Organization (**IMO**).

At the core of the workscope is the evaluation implications of COP decisions, communicate outcomes and monitor implementation thereof and report on progress. These include South Africa's commitment, Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), Low Emissions Development Strategies (that express Net Zero aspirational goal) under UNFCCC; provide support to the Department of Transport (DOT) team on environmental agenda under International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and IMO. This involves research, consulting with the necessary stakeholders, including through the cluster system of government, consolidating positions, negotiating and reporting on the progress and outcomes made, briefing and de-briefing political principals. In executing these one negotiates based on national priorities of the country as well as being conscious of the foreign policy requirements. The other leg is to link decisions that have implications for domestic implementation and **oversee the development and submission of mandatory international reports** on climate action, i.e., BURs and National Communications. I also manage the directorate responsible for managerial responsibilities, including planning, organizing, staffing, leading and controlling.

Prior joining DFFE, I worked at the Department of **Trade and Industry (the dti)** as a **Deputy Director** in the division - *International Trade and Economic Development Division* (ITED). My work scope entailed, economic research and analysis, technical fact-finding missions in various sectors; consultations with industry players, develop and oversee the development of briefings to principals, government stakeholders and counter-parts in the respective countries. I also had to facilitate the implementation of the Joint Commission commitments, market access and state visit commitments. On the management side, I also had supervisory responsibilities to the staff under my sub-directorate.

The exposure and experience acquired over the years in economic analysis, research, negotiations and implementations has empowered me to appreciate the role of the various stakeholders in the economy, including key climate change developments, policies and sectors, international economic trends.

I am a holder of an **MSc Finance (Economic Policy)** through University of London; an **honors degree** in economics, a **B comm-** degree: **economics major**. Other short course certificates are, amongst other **Certified expert in NDC financing**; **Macroeconomics of climate change**; **Energy certificates**; **Project Management etc**.

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