

Ratunku Gabriel Lekalakala

Personal Information

Gender: Male
Racial Group: Black African
Population Group: Pedi / Ndebele
Languages: English – Fluent; Sepedi – Native ; German, Sesotho, Ndebele, Zulu – basic
SACNASP Professional Natural Scientist Registration (Pending): Mathematical and Agricultural Sciences

Education

Present International Ph.D in Agriculture
Georg-August-University of Goettingen, Goettingen, Germany

2013 German Language B1.1
Goethe Institut, Goettingen, Germany

2003 -2012 Bachelor of Science (Hydrology; Geography), Bachelor of Science Honours (Hydrology), and Master of Science (Hydrology)
University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

2002 Science Foundation Certificate
University of the North, Polokwane, South Africa

2001 Senior Matric Certificate
E.D.L. Rampola Secondary School, Mokopane, South Africa

Awards

Present DAAD or German Academic Exchange Service PhD Scholarship

07. 2010 British Hydrological Society Conference Fellowship (Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom)

07. 2009 Conference on Sustainable Land Management in Drylands of Southern Africa Conference Fellowship (Windhoek, Namibia)

2003 - 2011 Limpopo Department of Agriculture Bursary

Work Experience

04.2009 – Present Researcher Polokwane, RSA
Limpopo Department of Agriculture (LDA) in Precision Agriculture and Socioeconomic Research
Develop, plan and design new research projects with agriculture and related fields.
Conduct statistical analysis, interpret results, formulate conclusions and present research findings to all relevant stakeholders and beneficiaries, through research reports; publications; presentations and provide information / basic advice
Keep up to date with regard to the applicable prescripts, policies, procedures, technologies and new developments to be able to render an efficient and effective Research service
Provide mentoring and support/advice to postgraduate students and Intern researchers

Committees Served on

11.2010 – 02.2013	Adaptation Network	Steering Committee Member
09.2011 – 02.2013	CPWF Young Professionals	Steering Committee Member
06.2010 – 06. 2011	LDA Research Committee	Acting Secretariat