

Project Manager – Climate & Energy Justice Programme (ECO-JET)

Organisation: Southern African Faith Communities' Environment Institute (SAFCEI).

Location: Cape Town

The Southern African Faith Communities' Environment Institute (SAFCEI) is a leading multi-faith environmental justice organisation. We support leaders and green champions across Southern Africa to raise awareness, build skills and support communities to take action on eco-justice, sustainable living and climate justice.

We're looking for a **Project Manager – Climate & Energy Justice Programme (ECO-JET)** to lead the implementation of the ECO-JET Project, while also managing and contributing to other energy, climate justice and related organisational initiatives. The project strengthens community participation in South Africa's Just Energy Transition by establishing community-owned renewable energy hubs while building local leadership, organisational capacity, climate resilience and community agency. The role is responsible for delivering SAFCEI's obligations under the ECO-JET consortium agreement. In addition you will be required to contribute to organisational learning, strategic programme development and long-term sustainability.

Key Responsibilities:

- Lead the planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting of energy and climate justice projects, ensuring delivery on time, within budget and to agreed quality standards.
- Manage project finances, procurement, compliance and donor requirements, ensuring transparency, accountability and value for money.
- Build and maintain strategic partnerships with communities, consortium partners, government, donors and technical stakeholders to strengthen programme impact and sustainability.
- Support community-led renewable energy initiatives by strengthening local leadership, governance, inclusion and ownership, with a focus on women and youth.
- Oversee the implementation and quality assurance of community renewable energy hubs, ensuring technical excellence and long-term sustainability.
- Lead organisational learning, advocacy and stakeholder engagement, while managing project risks and representing the organisation to external partners.

Qualifications, Experience and Knowledge

- Relevant postgraduate qualification in project management, environmental management, development studies, social sciences or a related field (project management qualification desirable).
- Minimum five years' experience managing complex donor-funded programmes, including budgets, teams, procurement, partnerships, monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL), reporting and compliance.
- Proven experience managing consortium partnerships, consultants and diverse stakeholder relationships.
- Knowledge and experience in renewable energy, climate and environmental justice, Just Energy Transition, participatory community development and advocacy.



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- Experience in community-owned renewable energy initiatives, climate finance, gender-responsive programming, faith-based work or similar contexts will be advantageous.
- Valid South African driver's licence.
- Willingness to travel

Interested?

Send a short note, no more than one page, telling us who you are, detailing why this role interests you. Attach a CV or professional profile. Send to melanie@safcei.org.za by 7 August 2026.

We review applications as they are received and will be in contact with candidates who are shortlisted for the next stage of the recruitment process.