POSTDOCTORAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MANDELA INSTITUTE SCHOOL OF LAW

The Mandela Institute of Law is an interdisciplinary centre in the Wits School of Law with a mission to develop the legal and regulatory tools needed to engage with global economic forces. It runs highly successful postgraduate short courses, research, workshops, seminars and conferences in various areas of law and policy for government, industry, community organisations and legal practitioners.

Two postdoctoral research fellowships are available in two exciting research focuses:

The first focus area is related to trade, economic governance and sustainable development. The postdoc will be required to do research on the regulatory reforms to investment and trade legal framework of South Africa and implications for trade as a driver of economic development. This includes issues of economic justice and the global/international trade regime.

The second focus is on sustainable energy, climate change and economic development. This research will focus on the use of economic incentives such as the proposed carbon tax to promote a low-carbon economy in an environment of energy insecurity, poverty, and economic slow-down.

The two post-doctoral fellows are for one (1) year ending 31 December 2016.

Keywords:

Economic justice and trade; sustainable energy; climate change and economic development; carbon tax; low-carbon economy; economic governance and regulation; Johannesburg (South Africa); Postdoc.

Minimum requirements:

- 1. PhD in law obtained within the last 5 years.
- 2. Knowledge and experience in the areas of international trade law, economic justice and governance, climate change, poverty and economic regulation. Developing country perspectives on these topics are preferable.
- 3. Knowledge and understanding of the regulatory functions of law especially current reforms in investment and trade law, and carbon taxation and low-carbon economy.

4. Evidence of ability to publish with at least two accredited publication on record.

Additional requirements:

An interest in mentoring PhD and LLM students would be an added advantage.

Duties and Expectations:

- 1. Undertake focused and high quality research;
- 2. Undertake other activities related to the academic programme; included limited guest lecturing in trade, foreign investment law and sustainability areas;
- 3. Publication of results in accredited journals;
- 4. Submission of monthly progress reports.

Contact:

Send a letter of application expressing research experience and interest, your full CV including details of publications and at least two academics referees with whom you have worked with, directly to the potential host, Prof Tumai Murombo.

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The closing date for applications is 11 December 2015