

Updated Job Description: **AGVENTURE KEPHIS LIASION**

<b>COMPANY:</b>	AGVENTURE LTD
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	AGV SEED
<b>FUNCTION:</b>	KEPHIS LIASION
<b>POSTED DATE:</b>	03.09.2024
<b>APPLICATION CLOSING DATE:</b>	22.09.2024
<b>STARTING DATE:</b>	01.10.2024
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Since its inception in May 2021, AGV Seed has been a full department that requires continued focus and attention.

Based out of our in Nakuru – or Head Office in Timau, with frequent travel, the role of AGV KEPHIS Liasion & Compliance Officer is a supporting role to take Agventure through this journey.

Reporting to the AGV & KWS seed managers, this position will be responsible for a focused range of duties relating to the ongoing development of AGV Seed department, such as:

1. Improving AGV Seed's ability to commercialise high-quality certified seed in a timely and cost-efficient manner
2. Coordinating all NPT / DUS activities to the highest standards
3. Developing and nurturing a professional relationship with KEPHIS and other industry stakeholders
4. Playing a key role in the development of AGV Seed's commercial portfolio.

**ESSENTIAL SKILLS:**

1. 1 year's experience working within the KEPHIS system
2. Statistical analysis skills
3. Full driving license
4. A background in seed science and / or plant breeding is highly desirable.

**SPECIFIC ROLES:**

1. Improve AGV Seed's ability to commercialise high-quality seed in a timely and cost-efficient manner:
  - a) Be fully conversant with the seed certification procedures (CAP 326 & CAP 324) and UPOV guidelines.
  - b) Be fully engaged with other seed stakeholders, including STAK, ISTA etc.
  - c) Plan, coordinate and lead all activities related to certified seed production together with field teams
  - d) Identify and move on all areas for improving efficiencies and cost control.
  - e) Provide regular industry updates on policy changes
  - f) Develop and oversee seasonal production calendar
  
2. Coordinate & advise on all KEPHIS tasks related to Trials & Seed departments, including:
  - a) Execution of NPT & DUS, PBR and others as required
  - b) Have a good understanding of plant breeding terminology, including the development of NPT descriptors
  - c) Lead the improvement in planning and communication of all related activities, including monthly planning reports.
  
3. Act as Agventure's primary point of contact with KEPHIS including:
  - a) Be fully conversant with KEPHIS SC & PVP automation system, including sticker label applications.
  - b) Design and execute a strategy to improve the AGV <> KEPHIS working relationship.
  - c) Lobbying KEPHIS for regulation improvements which improve efficiency and turnaround.
  - d) Providing guidance and training on KEPHIS processes for the rest of the seed team.
  - e) Attend KEPHIS stakeholder training sessions and report back as appropriate.