



**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: J-PAL AFRICA**  
**SOUTHERN AFRICA LABOUR AND DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH**  
**UNIT (SALDRU)**  
**SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS**  
**FACULTY OF COMMERCE**

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J-PAL Africa seeks an outstanding professional to be based in Cape Town to lead the organisation as Executive Director, providing strategic leadership and day-to-day management of all office operations and finances to advance its mission of reducing poverty through evidence-informed-policy on the continent. This senior position will be based at the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU) in the University of Cape Town, School of Economics, which is the host for the Africa regional office of the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL).

J-PAL is a global research center working to reduce poverty by ensuring that policy is informed by scientific evidence. J-PAL affiliated researchers and offices conduct randomised impact evaluations to answer critical questions in the fight against poverty. We collaborate with NGO, government, and private sector partners to translate research into action, informing scale-ups of programs and policies that have reached more than 800 million people since 2003.

This role provides an unparalleled opportunity to lead and manage the day-to-day operations of J-PAL Africa, one of the most influential organisations in the evidence-to-policy space on the continent. As a member of J-PAL's worldwide Board of Directors and Senior Leadership Team, the Executive Director also provides critical inputs into J-PAL's worldwide strategy and management.

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**Closing date:** 15 August 2025

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