



South African Society of Archivists

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

Date: 8-11 July 2025, Western Cape, South Africa

EXTENSION OF CALL FOR ABSTRACTS (UNTIL APRIL 30, 2025)

Theme: Collaborative archives and records management in the era of Artificial Intelligence

As South Africa navigates the challenges of the 21st century, the role of archives and records management becomes increasingly critical for preserving our rich documentary heritage and ensuring transparent governance. This conference will highlight the balance between maintaining the integrity of historical records while embracing digital innovations that enhance accessibility, accountability, and efficiency. Papers on topics that address the theme of the conference, and the following sub-themes will be considered for inclusion in the conference programme. Accepted papers will be considered for publication in the Journal of South African Society of Archivists provided the authors submit full papers.

Sub-themes

- Archives and Records Management in the digital age
- Embracing innovation in Archives and Records Management
- Preserving heritage
- Archival preservation in a digital world
- Archives and the protection of the nation's documentary heritage
- Digital transformation in records management
- Legal and policy framework for digital records and archives
- The role of records managers and archivists in a changing world
- Emerging technologies in archives and records management
- Education and professional development
- Community archives

Practice-based papers, case studies, panel discussions and posters are encouraged. Authors need to indicate the type of submission in the abstract.

Abstracts of less than 300 words should be submitted to mosweutl@ub.ac.bw and emarutns@unisa.ac.za

Abstract format

Abstracts should include: Sub-theme, title of abstract, name and surname of author, affiliation, e-mail, type of presentation (Full paper/panel discussion/poster) and a short biography.

Due date: 1 March 2025

Committee Members: Inkosi Jongisilo Pokwana ka Menziwa (Chairperson); Ms Maite Manganye (Deputy Chairperson); Dr. Makutla Mojapelo (Ag. Secretary); Mr. Nkitseng Mahalefa (Treasurer); Prof. Ngoako Marutha (Journal Editor in Chief); Dr. Tshepho Mosweu (Journal Deputy Editor); Mr. Nkwenkwezi Languza (National Archives and Records Service of South Africa Representative); Mr. Jabu Nkatingi (Former Chairperson).