



South African Society of Archivists

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

Date: 7-10 July 2026, Polokwane, Limpopo Province, South Africa

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Theme: Archives without archives in the digital era, availability and accessibility of records with enduring value

Like any other country in the universe, South Africa is faced with the challenge of transforming archives and records management in the current digital era to ensure that records with enduring value does not fade before its transition to archives repository. This conference will focus on how records with enduring value are managed, maintained, protected, digitised, made available and accessible to community in the digital era. 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

- Management of records and archiving in the digital age
- Conceptualising “enduring value” in the digital context
- Innovations in archives and records management
- Cloud technology and digital heritage preservation strategies
- Digital archiving and preservation
- Archival national documentary heritage safety and security
- Archives and records management digital transformation
- Digital archival recordkeeping legal and policy framework
- Records managers and archivists as role players in turning archival world around
- Application of archives and records management emerging technologies
- Archival Education and profession transformation
- Considering neglected archives (indigenous archives, sports archives, Community archives, etc.)
- Collaborative partnerships for digital access and preservation
- Governance, compliance, and information regulation in digital archives
- Open access and ethical considerations in digital archiving

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 emrutns@unisa.ac.za

Abstract format

Abstracts should strictly be not more that 300 words and include Sub- theme: Title of abstract, Name and surname, Affiliation: E-mail and Type of presentation (e.g. Full paper/panel discussion/poster)

Due date: 30 November 2025

Committee Members: Ms Maite Manganye (President); Mr Nkitseng Mahalefa (Deputy President); Dr. Makutla Mojapelo (Deputy Secretary); Dr Vanessa Neo Mathope (Secretary General); Ms Nikkita Singh (Treasurer); Prof. Ngoako Marutha (Journal Editor in Chief); Dr Mahlatse Shekgola (Head of Marketing); Mr. Nkwenkwezi Languza (National Archives and Records Service of South Africa Representative); INkosi Jongisilo Pokwana ka Menziwa (Former Chairperson).