



SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY OF ARCHIVISTS

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

7 to 10 July 2026

Pre-conference Workshop: 7 July 2026

Main Conference: 8–10 July 2026

THEME:

“Archives Without Walls in the Digital Era, Availability and Accessibility of Records with Enduring Value”

Venues:

Pre-conference Workshop: UNISA, Polokwane Campus,
Limpopo Province

Main Conference: Bolivia Lodge, Polokwane, Limpopo Province



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PROGRAMME

Pre-conference Workshop

7 July 2026

Venue: UNISA, Polokwane Campus, Limpopo Province

Project: “Decolonising Archives”

Project Leader: Prof Nampombe Saurombe (Unisa)

Topic: “Archives and Records Without Walls: Decolonisation, Digitisation, and Access in the Digital Era”

Time	Event / Topic	Presenters
8:30 for 9:00	Registration and Tea	
9:00 – 10:30	Archives and Records Without Walls: Decolonisation, Digitisation, and Access in the Digital Era	Prof Nampombe Saurombe
10:30 – 10:45	Networking	
10:50 – 13:00	Archives and Records Without Walls: Decolonisation, Digitisation, and Access in the Digital Era	Prof Nampombe Saurombe
13:00 –14:00	Lunch	
14:00 –16:00	Archives and Records Without Walls: Decolonisation, Digitisation, and Access in the Digital Era	Prof Nampombe Saurombe



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Main Conference

Day 1: 8 July 2026

Venue: Bolivia Lodge, Polokwane, Limpopo Province

Time	Event / Topic	Presenter
7:45 – 9:00	Registration and Tea	
Chairperson: Ms Winnie Mangotlo		
9:00 – 9:10	Opening and Welcome Dr Maite Manganye	President: South African Society of Archivists
9:10 – 9:14	Messages of Support: Mr Puleng Kekana	Chief Director: National Archives and Records Services of South Africa
9:14 – 9:18	Dr Lucky Vuma	Chairperson: Provincial Archives Advisory Council of Limpopo
9:18 – 9:22	Dr Lesiba Ledwaba	Library and Information Services, University of South Africa
9:22 – 9:26	Prof Lefose Makgahlela	President-Elect: Library and Information Association of South Africa
9:26 – 9:30	Mr Sipho Zulu	President: Oral History Association of South Africa
9:30 – 9:34	Mr Thomas Mokhari	Chairperson: SASA Limpopo Chapter
9:34 – 9:55	Keynote Address: Hon Funani Jerry Maseko	MEC, Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts, and Culture
9:55 – 10:00	Performance:	Badirammogo Cultural Group
10:00 – 10:20	Tea Break and Networking	



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SESSION 1: Collaborative Partnership for Digital Access and Preservation		
Chairperson: Mr Nkitseng Mahalefa		
10:20 – 10:35	Guest Speaker: Collaborative Partnership for Digital Access and Preservation	Mr Apheo Manda President: Association for Records Managers and Archivists, Malawi
10:35 – 10:50	Infrastructural Transformation Towards Appropriate Digitalised Archival Service Delivery in South Africa	Ms Lyborn Mabapa National Archives and Records Service of South Africa Prof Ngoako Marutha & Dr Lungile P Luthuli University of South Africa
10:50 – 11:05	Strategic Collaborative Partnerships as a Marketing Lever for Digital Access and Preservation of Archival Records	Ms Itumeleng Mpete University of South Africa
11:20 – 11:35	Building Digital Futures: The Strategic Digitisation Workflow for Archival Collections at the Unisa Library	Ms Lufuno Kgamede & Ms Neo Luthuli University of South Africa
11:35 – 11:50	Metadata Quality and Digital Preservation Challenges in Audiovisual Archives in Zambia	Mr Abel M'kulaama & Mr Mupila Hilfred University of Zambia,
11:50 – 12:05	<i>Discussion session</i>	
SESSION 2: Digital Transformation and Infrastructure		
Chairperson: Mr Thomas Mkhari		
12:05 – 12:20	AI To Enhance Accessibility of Records in South African State-Owned Companies	Mr Johannes Jurie Pieterse University of South Africa
12:20 – 12:35	Human Resource Capacity and ICT Infrastructure Integration in Medical Records Management: A Case of Private Health Care in Limpopo Province, South Africa	Ms Phaphedi Sebjeng University of South Africa
12:35 – 12:50	Exploration of digital curation practices in archival institutions in South Africa	Ms Zandile Myeka Nelson Mandela Foundation
13:05 – 13:20	<i>Discussion session</i>	
13:20 – 14:20	Lunch	
SESSION 3: Management of Records and Archiving in the Digital Age		
Chairperson: Ms Lufuno Kgamede		
14:20 – 14:35	Digital Transformation of Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)	Prof Ike Hlongwane University of South Africa
14:35 – 14:50	ISO Standards and the Maturity of Records Management in Botswana	Mr Shadrack Lopang Venson United Nations Dr Vanessa Neo Mathope University of South Africa



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14:50 – 15:05	The Effectiveness of Electronic Records Management in Enhancing Good Governance: Greater Tzaneen Municipality	Dr Miyelani Nkwinika Greater Tzaneen Municipality Dr Kelvin Nkwinika University of South Africa
15:05 – 15:20	Development of a Central Registry at Air Traffic Navigation Services	Dr Refiloe Mabaso & Ms Phindile Bekwa Air Traffic Navigation Services Dr Vanessa Mathope & Prof Makutla Mojapelo University of South Africa
SESSION 4: Conceptualising “enduring value” in the digital context Chairperson: Ms Sharon Mashamaite		
15:20 – 15:35	Safeguarding Malawi's Archival Heritage in the Digital Era	Mr Clement Mweso National Archives of Malawi
15:35 – 15:50	Archives Without Walls in the Digital Era: Availability and Accessibility of Records with Enduring Value — The Case of the South African Society of Archivists	Mr Nkwenkwezi Languza National Archives and Records Service of South Africa Dr Vanessa Mathope University of South Africa
16:05 – 16:20	Reinventing Records Management: A Strategic Framework for Zimbabwe's Digital-First Universities	Mr Edwin Mudondo Midlands State University, Zimbabwe
16:35 – 16:50	Professional Identity Evolution in Zimbabwean Universities	Ms Sarudzai Mukarati Midlands State University, Zimbabwe
16:05 – 16:20	Rediscovering Value: Community-Led Approaches to Archival Inclusion and Justice	Ms Fair Matsvayi Midlands State University, Zimbabwe
16:20 – 16:30	Discussion session	



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Main Conference
Day 2: 9 July 2026
Venue: Bolivia Lodge, Polokwane, Limpopo Province

Time	Event / Topic	Presenter
7:45 – 8:30	Registration and Tea	
SESSION 5: Digital archival recordkeeping legal and policy framework. AND Records managers and archivists as role players in turning the archival world around Chairperson: Mr Nkwenkwezi Languza		
8:30 – 08:45	Guest Speaker Reimagining Archival Futures: Access, Authenticity, and Enduring Value beyond Physical Repositories	Prof Patrick Ngulube University of South Africa
8:45 – 9:00	Digital Inequality Paradox and Its Impact on Records Management Practices in South Africa: Challenges for Inclusive Information Governance	Prof Amos Shibambu University of South Africa
9:00 – 9:15	Records management policies and their influence on library service delivery in private higher education institutions	Mr Kabelo Bruce Kgomoewana Emeris
9:15 – 9:25	Discussion session	
SESSION 6: Governance, compliance, and information regulation in digital archives Chairperson: Ms Ntombikayise Mtsweni		
9:25 – 9:40	Digital Archival Recordkeeping in the Fourth Industrial Era: Evaluating the Legal and Policy Framework for Sustainable Archival Governance	Mr Nkwane Bashio Mogotle University of South Africa
9:40 – 9:55	Records Management as a Catalyst for Clean Audits: A Case Study of uMgungundlovu District Municipality	Dr Lindo Dlamini University of Zululand
9:55 – 10:10	Records as First Target in the Foundational Tactics of Corruption in Tembisa Provincial Tertiary Hospital	Mr Kepi Madumo University of South Africa
10:10 – 10:25	Discussion session	
10:25 – 10:40	Tea Break and Networking	



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SESSION 7: Social Inclusion and Heritage Safety. AND Considering neglected archives (indigenous archives, sport archives, community archives, etc. Chairperson: Prof Ngoako Marutha		
10:40 – 10:55	Developing Community Archives Curriculum for the Digital Era	Dr Tshepho Mosweu University of Botswana
11:10 – 11:25	Digital Readiness for Preserving Indigenous Knowledge and Cultural Artifacts in Selected Museums in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa	Ms Khethiwe Nkwanyana & Dr Lungile P Luthuli University of South Africa
11:25 – 11:40	A Systematic Review of Cybersecurity Risks Affecting Electronic Medical Records in Healthcare Institutions	Ms Rebhone Maphumulo University of South Africa
11:40 – 11:55	The Impact of Political Regime Changes on The State of Audiovisual Archives in Malawi	Mr McDonald Baluti National Records and Archives Services (Malawi)
12:10 – 12:25	Discussion session	
12:40 – 13:40	Lunch	
SESSION 8: Application of Archives and Records Management Emerging Technology Chairperson: Mr Lwazi Mestile		
13:40 – 13:55	AI for Smarter Records: Classification Systems in Community Engagement Organisations	Prof Isabel Schellnack-Kelly University of South Africa
13:55 – 14:10	Exploring Blockchain Integration to Improve Security and Compliance in Electronic Health Records: A Case Study of a Gauteng Public Hospital	Ms Mmakoma Katlego Sekgobela, Dr Lungile P Luthuli & Dr Kabelo Chuma University of South Africa
14:10 – 14:25	Batswana Ancestral Rituals in the Fifth Industrial Revolution (5IR) Era	Ms Pemla Ditsele & Dr Vanessa Neo Mathope University of South Africa
14:25 – 14:40	AI to Improve Efficiency of Road Traffic Fine Records in Limpopo” to “Digital Infrastructure for the Implementation of Artificial Intelligence to Streamline Traffic Fine Records Management in Limpopo Province, South Africa.	Ms Dikeledi Teffo Department of Transport and Community Safety
14:40 – 14:55	Discussion session	
SESSION 9: Mentorship and Education Chairperson: Dr Mahlatse Shekgola		
14:55 – 15:10	Mentoring the Next Generation of Archivists: A Structured Archival Mentorship Programme for Professional Growth and Capacity Building	Ms Mmathobela Ramogale National Archives and Records Services of South Africa Ms Matamela Maiwashi University of Venda



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15:10 – 15:25	Riding the History Wave: Oral History as a Subject in South African Education	Prof Jan Resenga Maluleka University of South Africa
15:25 – 15:40	Archives Without Archives in the Digital Era: Open Access, deontological dilemma, curation. Accessibility of special collections at an open distance learning institution	Dr Daniel Rankadi Mosako University of South Africa
15:40 – 15:55	Discussion session	

Main Conference
Day 3: 10 July 2026

Venue: UNISA, Polokwane Campus, Limpopo Province

Time	Event / Topic	Presenter
8:00 – 8:30 for 9:00	Registration and Tea	
	Tea Break and Networking	
Chairperson: Dr Vanessa Neo Mathope & Prof Makutla Mojapelo – SASA Secretariat		
9:00 – 11:00	Annual General Meeting (AGM)	Dr Maite Manganye, President: South African Society of Archivists
11:00 – 11:15	Conference Wrap-up and Final Remarks	Dr Maite Manganye, President: South African Society of Archivists
11:15 – 13:30	Excursion	Mr Nkitseng Mahalefa, Deputy President: South African Society of Archivists
	Lunch	
18:00	Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony	Bolivia Lodge

End of the Conference



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