

Elite-Edge Development Initiative

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With the Elite-Edge Development Initiative SASA brings together exceptional talent in the information, records, and archival management sectors. This cohort represents a balanced synthesis of practical public sector leadership, dynamic early-career governance expertise, and rigorous academic research. The profiles below detail the professional backgrounds, qualifications, and core areas of focus for each participating mentee.

PROFESSIONAL PROFILES

Patricia Mudzelwana

Information Science Professional & Governance Specialist

Current Role: Records & Information Management Intern, University of Venda

Professional Summary:

Patricia is an Information Science professional dedicated to optimising organisational information assets while maintaining compliance with regulatory and statutory frameworks. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Information Science from the University of South Africa (UNISA, 2023). Her professional experience includes a foundational internship at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in 2024, followed by her current role at the University of Venda. She focuses on leveraging structured records management to advance digital transformation, modernization, and corporate governance.

Education:

- Bachelor of Arts in Information Science– University of South Africa (UNISA), 2023
- Core Focus Areas: Legislative compliance, information governance, digital transformation, and organisational modernization.

Hlengiwe Precious Qwabe

Academic, Researcher & Archival Specialist

Current Role: Adjunct Academic, Department of Information Science, University of South Africa (UNISA)

Professional Summary:

As Adjunct Academic Hlengiwe teaches three core modules Managing Archives,

Preservation of Records and Archives, and Audio-Visual Archiving.

She serves on departmental committees, participates in research projects, and supervises six Honours research report students. Hlengiwe specialises in archival science, heritage preservation, and inclusive archival practices. Her practical groundwork was established working with the KZN Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, closely collaborating with the KZN Provincial Archives.

Education:

- Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Candidate in Information Science – UNISA
- Master's Degree in Information Science – UNISA
- Active Member – South African Society of Archivists (SASA) Core Focus Areas: Inclusive archival practices, audio-visual preservation, digital outreach, and equitable access to archival heritage resources.

Selaledi Sentsomediz

Records Practitioner & Public Sector Governance Specialist

Current Role: Records Practitioner, Mahikeng Local Municipality

Professional Summary:

Selaledi has hands-on experience in managing paper-based and electronic records systems within local government. At Mahikeng Local Municipality, he oversees document integrity, enforces file plan implementation, and leads quarterly internal training for administrative staff and management. His operational interventions have improved data retrieval efficiency by 80% and significantly mitigated data loss risks. Beyond municipal operations, he serves as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors for the Boikago Savings and Credit Cooperative.

Education:

- Selaledi is a 2nd Year Candidate for a Diploma in Records Management at Stadio Higher Education. Holding a Higher Certificate in Public Sector Management.

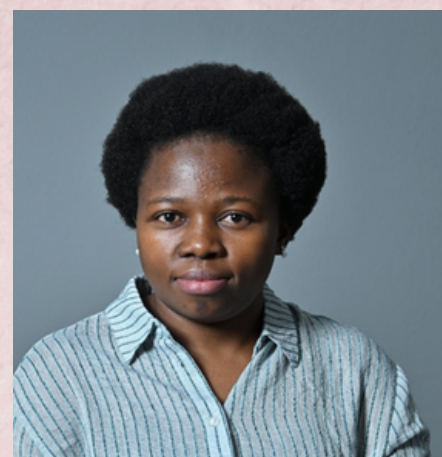
- He obtained various certificates in Records Management for the Public Sector Certificate, Supply Chain & Logistics Management, Business Administration, Risk Management.
- Core Focus Areas: EDRMS integration, municipal records governance, staff capacity building, and analyzing the impact of artificial intelligence on digital archiving practices.



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