



Subject: Invitation to the 2nd Regional Preservation Conference & Emergency Readiness Workshop

Dear Colleague

The National Library of South Africa (NLSA), in partnership with the National Archives and Records Service of South Africa (Department of Sport, Arts and Culture (DSAC)), is honoured to extend this formal invitation to you and your organisation to participate in the upcoming **2nd Regional Preservation Conference**, taking place on the **6th and 7th of November 2025**, at the **NLSA's Pretoria Campus**.

This year's conference is hosted in celebration of **World Digital Preservation Day** and will be held under the theme: **"Why We Preserve."** As digital transformation accelerates across the globe, the preservation of cultural heritage, institutional memory, and public records becomes ever more critical. The conference will convene thought leaders, professionals, academics, and policymakers to exchange knowledge, share best practices, and reflect on the enduring value of preservation in the digital era.

In the lead-up to the conference, the NLSA will also host a dedicated **Emergency Readiness and Disaster Management Workshop** from **4–5 November 2025**. This practical, hands-on workshop is designed to equip participants with essential skills and strategies for managing risks and responding effectively to emergencies that may threaten collections and preservation infrastructure. **Please note that space for the workshop is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.** Early confirmation is strongly recommended.

Importantly, this regional event will serve as a precursor to the **G20 Summit**, which will be hosted by the Government of South Africa later in November. It aims to contribute meaningfully to the broader national discourse on sustainable development, digital innovation, and heritage preservation as foundational pillars of our shared future.



We believe your participation will enrich the dialogue and underscore a collective commitment to safeguarding our heritage for future generations.

Kindly confirm your interest in attending by RSVPing to sonto.moleme@nlsa.ac.za should you require further information regarding the programme, speaker opportunities, or logistical arrangements, please do not hesitate to reach out.

We look forward to your positive response and to welcoming you to both the workshop and the conference.

Warm regards,

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