

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

Date: 2-5 July 2024, Richard's Bay, City of Umhlathuze, KwaZulu- Natal, South Africa

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Theme: *Digital Transformation for access to archives and records*

Digital transformation is meant to modernise and improve the creation, organisation, preservation, access, and maintenance of records as well as archives using digital technologies. In the field of archives and records, digital transformation benefits include disaster preparedness and business continuity, enhanced efficiency, cost saving, improved compliance, enhanced data security, faster access and sharing of information as well as breaking down proximity barriers. Digital transformation also helps organisations to adapt to the evolving digital landscape and better serve the information needs of users and stakeholders. The central questions are, which records should be digitised? What digital solutions should organisations use to digitise the management of archives and records? How are data integrity and authenticity ensured in digitalisation? Which metadata standards should be considered in archives and records digital transformation? What legal and ethical considerations should be applied in digital transformation? Which kinds of training and change management initiatives are required to face digital transformation? How should digital transformation assist organisations to ensure long-term preservation of archival materials? How can digitisation sustain ongoing access in times of disasters?

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 the South African Society of Archivists, provided the authors submit full papers.

Sub-themes

- Digitisation
- Digitalisation
- Digital preservation
- Electronic records and document
- Collaboration and sharing
- Access
- Records retention and disposal
- Audit trails and accountability

- management systems
- Workflow automation
- Cloud- based storage
- Data analytics
- Data security
- Compliance and legal considerations
- Training and change management
- Standards and formats
- Technology adoption
- Cybersecurity
- Fourth/Fifth Industrial revolution technologies
- Information governance
- Business continuity and disaster preparedness

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 emarutns@unisa.ac.za and mosweuti@ub.ac.bw

Abstract format

Sub- theme:

Title of abstract:

Name and surname:

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Abstract: (strictly not more than 300 words)

Type of presentation: Full paper/panel discussion/poster

Due date: 1 April 2024