

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ARCHIVES

17-19 September 2012 East London, South Africa



Archives deepening democracy

South Africa is about to realise its second decade of democracy. This democracy was preceded by a liberation struggle that was waged in the country and the world over. The heritage of these many pockets of memories lies strewn all over the world. To preserve the evidence of this heritage and acknowledge the achievements of South Africa's democracy, the NHC is hosting an International Archives Conference in September 2012.

The collection, organisation, and conservation of archival material are the foundational imperatives of archival practise. In the preoccupation with these elemental requirements however, one can often lose sight of the reasons for making this significant investment in time and resources. Many would argue that building and managing an archive is not an end in itself – to be relevant and meaningful, it must serve a wider purpose. A session of the Archives for Deepening Democracy Conference will be dedicated to exploring how the archive can be activated for social benefit, transformation and change by way of practical programmes and activities like exhibitions, publications, audio-visual productions, education and awareness-raising initiatives, etc. To this end the NHC is calling for abstracts for presentations, preferably illustrated, of actual case studies and projects that demonstrate this activist capability. Case-study presentations will be limited to a time of 30 minutes.

The National Heritage Council of South Africa invites you to submit abstracts for consideration at the International Conference on Archives, to be held at the International Convention Centre in East London from 17 to 19 September 2012.

**Abstracts of about 300 words should be submitted by 30 July 2012 to [liberation@nhc.org.za](mailto:liberation@nhc.org.za). Enquiries should preferably be sent by email ([liberation@nhc.org.za](mailto:liberation@nhc.org.za)) to Mr Babalo Mdikane.**

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