



SOUTH AFRICAN HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY

SAHRA HERITAGE MONTH 2025

HERITAGE WEEK WEBINAR

**Day 1: Heritage at Risk: Development and the Climate Crisis
on our Cultural Legacy**

16 September 2025

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HERITAGE AT RISK – THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND OUR CULTURAL LEGACY

South Africa's heritage is increasingly under threat from the impacts of climate change, including rising sea levels, extreme weather, and desertification. Day 1 will unpack the science and lived realities of climate-induced risks to both tangible and intangible heritage across the country. Experts will share insights on vulnerability assessments, site mapping, and case studies from coastal, rural, and urban contexts. This day sets the stage for understanding why urgent climate action is critical for safeguarding our cultural legacy.

Date: 16th September 2025

Platform: Microsoft Teams

Time: 09:30 am – 13:00 pm

Programme Director: Mr Keenan Africa

Introduction

- 1) Adv. Lungisa Malgas | Welcome and Opening | **10:00 am**
- 2) Ms. Elodie Tlhoaele | Introduction to G20 | **10:10 am**
- 3) Ms. Nkhasi-Lesaoana | Purpose | **10:20 am**

Main Session

- Mr. Ben Mwasinga: Climate Threats to South Africa's Heritage Landscapes: An Overview | **10:30 am**
- Ms. Thuli Mseleku and Ms. Bethany Meyer: Climate Change and Museums: Tatham Gallery Disaster | **11:00 am**
- Ms. Naledi Nyatela: Role of Natural Pozzolans in Enhancing the Performance of Heritage Materials | **11:45 am**
- Mr. Fayyaadh Stober: Green Heritage: Life Cycle Assessment and Conservation Strategies for the Castle of Goodhope | **12:30 pm**

Closing Session

- Thank you and closing remarks

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