



SOUTH AFRICAN HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY

# SAHRA HERITAGE MONTH 2025

## HERITAGE WEEK WEBINAR

### Day 4: Innovating for Resilience: Sustainable Solutions for Heritage Futures

19 September 2025

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## INNOVATING FOR RESILIENCE: SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS FOR HERITAGE FUTURES

As we look to the future, innovation and sustainability must guide how we protect heritage. Day 4 will explore cutting-edge tools and solutions from digital preservation and smart monitoring systems to green materials and sustainable conservation practices. The programme will also examine funding models and strategic partnerships that can enable long-term resilience. This closing day offers a forward-looking vision of how the heritage sector can adapt and thrive in a rapidly changing world.

**Date: 19th September 2025**

**Platform: Microsoft Teams**

**Time: 09:30 am – 13:00 pm**

**Programme Director: Ms. Kim Morgan**

### 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

- **Ms. Natasha Higgitt:** Strategic Heritage Assessments in South Africa: Building Resilient and Inclusive Planning Frameworks | **10:30 am**
- **Mr. Ethan Cottée and Ms. Gerty Thirion:** Digitizing Museums, the practicality of creating a digital record of a collection | **11:00 am**
- **Ms. Bongiwe Havi and Mr. Joshua Slingers:** Heritage Protection in Climate Change: Community Museums and the Power of Local Voices Presentation | **11:45 am**
- **Dr. Thomas Jefferey:** Ecological-Decolonial Museology for Relevance and Sustainability | **12:30 am**

### Closing Session

- Thank you and closing remarks

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