



SOUTH HERITAGE RESOURCES AGENCY

GRAVES MATTER SEMINAR PROGRAMME

Navigating Legal Requirements for Relocation Under the
National Heritage Resources Act

Date: 22 July 2026

Time: 10:00 am – 15:30 pm

Venue: Freedom Park



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SAHRA Inter-Unit Seminar for Funeral Undertakers

- **10:00 - 10:10 | Opening and Welcome | Ms Mamakomoreng Nkhasi-Lesaoana**
(SAHRA Executive)
- **10:10 - 10:20 | Seminar Orientation and Programme Overview | Mr Ben Mwasinga**
(Programme Director)

- **10:20 - 11:05 | Session 1: Unlocking the Basics | Mr Ngqabutho Madida**
(Burial Grounds and Graves Unit)

Topics:

- Understanding Protected Graves under the NHRA.
- When Is a Permit Required? (And When Is It Not?)
- What to Do When You Encounter Old or Unknown Graves

- **11:05 - 11:20 | Questions and Discussions**

- **11:20 - 11:30 | Tea Break**

- **11:30 - 12:15 | Session 2: Applying the Law | Ms Nokukhanya and Ms Reagile Sengane**
(Development Applications Unit and Burial Grounds and Graves Unit)

Topics:

- SAHRIS: What You Need to Know and How to Apply for a SAHRA Permit- Section 36 as part of a 38-development application.
- Consultation Requirements.
- Exhumation and Relocation: Legal and Practical Process.

- **12:15 - 12:30 | Questions and Discussions**

- **12:30 - 13:00 | Lunch Break**

- **13:00 - 13:45 | Session 3: Compliance and Consequences | Ms Kim Ngobeni**
(Heritage Protection Unit)

Topics:

- What Constitutes a Violation When Working with Graves.
- Reporting Protocols: What to do When Graves are Disturbed.
- Heritage Crimes: What Happens When Graves Are Disturbed Without Authorisation.

- **13:45 - 14:00 | Questions and Discussions**

- **14:00 - 14:25 | Open Discussion and Reflections | All**

- Key Takeaways from all units.
- Questions from attendees.

- **14:25 - 14:30 | Closing Remarks | Mr Ben Mwasinga** (Programme Director)
 - Way forward and appreciation.





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