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PRESERVATION SYMPOSIUM 2026

Preservation Symposium AI and the Future of Cultural Heritage Preservation



DATE:

Wednesday, 28 October 2026



TIME:

10H00 - 15H00



VENUE:

Senate Chamber, UKZN Westville Campus



FACILITATOR

Dr Vishal Surban

Senior Lecturer: School of Law Chairman:
Advisory Board of the Gandhi-Luthuli Documentation Centre



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mr Alexio Motsi

Director and Archival Preservation Specialist
The Archive and Heritage Group



Alexio Motsi is a prominent South African archivist, conservator, and preservation specialist with over three decades of experience in documentary heritage management. He holds an MSc in Archives and Records Management from the University of Dundee, Scotland, United Kingdom. He received professional certifications in project management, disaster risk management, and digitization.

Motsi began his career at the National Library of South Africa (1993–2001), serving as a conservator and acting program manager where he designed disaster response protocols and digitization facilities. He later joined the National Archives and Records Service of South Africa (2002–2024), rising to the position of Deputy Director of Preservation. During his tenure, he spearheaded national policies for preservation, oversaw major storage modernizations, and led landmark preservation and digitization efforts, most notably the international Timbuktu Manuscripts Project.

An advocate for modernizing the field, Mr Motsi emphasizes leveraging mobile technology and digital strategy to make archives more engaging and accessible to younger generations and technocrats. He frequently represents South African archival preservation at international conferences and academic forums.

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Physical Attendance



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