



## **Museums and Cultural Landscapes**

### **Joint ICOM-SA and ICOMOS-SA Programme**

#### **Second circular – March 2016**

The South African landscape reflects South African heritage in all its diversity. It includes sites and spaces rich in living heritage; sites containing evidence of our geological and palaeontological heritage; sites reflecting our agricultural and industrial past and urban townscapes that not only reflect our architectural heritage, but also our divided political past. The documentation and conservation of our cultural landscapes forms an integral part of our tangible and intangible cultural heritage and should be conserved and interpreted as such. Museums form an important part of the cultural landscape. There is a tendency to blur boundaries between museums, art and other heritage initiatives as well as blurring the distinction between in situ and ex situ conservation. In addition to being archaeological repositories and keepers of objects associated with the built environment, museums collect both tangible and intangible testimonies of their environment and can play an important role in promoting understanding of the evolving cultural environment.

ICOM-SA and ICOMOS-SA are planning a series of focus group meetings and workshops in April – May 2016 with the objective of developing a joint position statement on the heritage landscape in southern Africa. This will encompass concepts such as intangible heritage, cultural landscapes, living heritage as well as museums and their collections, and monuments (buildings) and sites.

The programme will kick off with a series of focus group meetings consisting of invited stakeholders. ICOM and ICOMOS members who would like to participate in these meetings are invited to contact the focus group coordinators. A draft document will be compiled from the inputs received from the focus group meetings. This draft document will be circulated to members for comment and input. A national workshop for further discussion by members is planned for late August 2016 in Gauteng.

The focus group meetings will be augmented by supporting events arranged by partner organisations. The partner events are independently organised by UNISA and SAMA Western Cape, but the discussions and recommendations at these events will be made available to the drafting team to be incorporated in the Policy Statement.

Programme	Date	Coordinator
<p><b>Consultative focus group meeting, Port Elizabeth Museum, Eastern Cape.</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Sylvia van Zyl Introductory papers: To be confirmed.</p> <p><b>Theme:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to define cultural landscapes</li> <li>• Defining the role of museums in interpreting and documenting cultural landscapes through collecting and research programmes</li> <li>• New models to extend the museum beyond the restrictions of buildings to interpret and conserve cultural landscapes and activities in situ</li> <li>• Heritage Education and Social Cohesion</li> </ul> <p>Duration:</p>	6 April 2016	<a href="mailto:Sylvia.Vanzyl@ecsrac.gov.za">Sylvia.Vanzyl@ecsrac.gov.za</a>
<p><b>Consultative Forum, Midrand, Gauteng</b></p> <p>Discussion: Defining cultural landscapes – exploring different perspectives: World Heritage Convention, museum practice, fine art, natural science Venue: African World Heritage Fund offices</p> <p>Time: To be confirmed Duration: 2 hours</p>	8 April 2016	<p>To attend, contact Anneliese Mehnert (<a href="mailto:mehneah@unisa.ac.za">mehneah@unisa.ac.za</a>) Ntsizi November (<a href="mailto:ntsizinovember@gmail.com">ntsizinovember@gmail.com</a>) Ann Wanless (<a href="mailto:awanless@iafrica.com">awanless@iafrica.com</a>)</p>
<p><b>Consultative focus group meeting, Graaff-Reinet Museum, Eastern Cape.</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Sylvia van Zyl Introductory papers: To be confirmed.</p> <p><b>Theme:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to define cultural landscapes</li> <li>• Defining the role of museums in interpreting and documenting cultural landscapes through collecting and research programmes</li> <li>• New models to extend the museum beyond the restrictions of buildings to interpret and conserve cultural landscapes and activities in situ</li> <li>• Heritage Education and Social Cohesion</li> </ul>	12 April 2016	<a href="mailto:Sylvia.Vanzyl@ecsrac.gov.za">Sylvia.Vanzyl@ecsrac.gov.za</a>

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<p><b>Consultative focus group meeting, East London, Eastern Cape - to be confirmed</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Sylvia van Zyl Introductory papers: To be confirmed.</p> <p><b>Theme:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to define cultural landscapes</li> <li>• Defining the role of museums in interpreting and documenting cultural landscapes through collecting and research programmes</li> <li>• New models to extend the museum beyond the restrictions of buildings to interpret and conserve cultural landscapes and activities in situ</li> <li>• Heritage Education and Social Cohesion</li> </ul> <p>Duration:</p>	26 April 2016	<a href="mailto:Sylvia.Vanzyl@ecsrac.gov.za">Sylvia.Vanzyl@ecsrac.gov.za</a>
<p><b>Consultative Forum, University of Pretoria, Gauteng</b></p> <p>Discussion: Museums within urban landscapes</p> <p>Duration: 2 hours Time to be confirmed</p>	14 April 2016	<p>(<a href="mailto:mehneah@unisa.ac.za">mehneah@unisa.ac.za</a>) Ntsizi November (<a href="mailto:ntsizinovember@gmail.com">ntsizinovember@gmail.com</a>) Ann Wanless (<a href="mailto:awanless@iafrica.com">awanless@iafrica.com</a>)</p>
<p><b>Consultative Forum, Freedom Park, Pretoria, Gauteng</b></p> <p>Discussion: The role of museums in interpreting and documenting cultural landscapes through collecting and research programmes.</p> <p>Duration: 2 hours Time to be confirmed</p>	21 April 2016	<p>(<a href="mailto:mehneah@unisa.ac.za">mehneah@unisa.ac.za</a>) Ntsizi November (<a href="mailto:ntsizinovember@gmail.com">ntsizinovember@gmail.com</a>) Ann Wanless (<a href="mailto:awanless@iafrica.com">awanless@iafrica.com</a>)</p>
<p><b>Consultative focus group meeting, KwaMuhle Museum, Durban, KZN</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Anne van de Venter-Radford <b>Discussion:</b> Anne conducted a survey regarding the removal and/or relocation of heritage statues and memorials in KwaZulu-Natal. At the workshop, Anne will discuss the results of the survey and facilitate a discussion towards recommendations to be included in the policy framework.</p>	26 April 2016	<a href="mailto:Steven.Kotze@durban.gov.za">Steven.Kotze@durban.gov.za</a>
<b>Consultative focus group meeting, Cape Town,</b>	26 April 2016	Nicolette Nunes

<p><b>Western Cape</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Laura Robinson</p> <p><b>Speakers</b> Liana Jansen, Helene Vollgraaff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How we understand cultural landscapes</li> <li>• (Cultural ) Landscapes in the African region, towards a charter</li> <li>• Meaning of heritage in public space, a museum perspective</li> </ul> <p><b>Venue:</b> To be confirmed</p>		<p><a href="mailto:admin@heritage.org.za">admin@heritage.org.za</a></p>
<p><b>Consultative Forum, EcoAfrica Office, Centurion, Gauteng</b></p> <p>Discussion: Developing new models to extend the museum beyond the restrictions of buildings to interpret and conserve cultural landscapes and activities <i>in situ</i>.</p> <p>Venue: EcoAfrica Office, 35 Theiler Street, Irene, Centurion</p> <p>Time: to be confirmed</p> <p>Duration: 2 hours</p>	<p>28 April 2016</p>	<p>(<a href="mailto:mehneah@unisa.ac.za">mehneah@unisa.ac.za</a>) Ntsizi November (<a href="mailto:ntsizinovember@gmail.com">ntsizinovember@gmail.com</a>) Ann Wanless (<a href="mailto:awanless@iafrica.com">awanless@iafrica.com</a>)</p>
<p><b>Consultative focus Group Meeting, Oliewenhuis Museum, Bloemfontein, Free State</b></p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> Loudine Philip</p> <p><b>Programme:</b> To be confirmed</p>	<p>4 May 2016</p>	<p>Marianna Botes <a href="mailto:mbotes@nasmus.co.za">mbotes@nasmus.co.za</a></p>
<p><b>Consultative Forum, National Heritage Council, Pretoria, Gauteng</b></p> <p>Discussion: Enabling conditions for the development of new models to integrate museum activities and heritage resource management practice. (A). An overview of the relevant legislative framework within which cultural institutions operate; (b). the possible integration and alignment of policy within such institutions</p> <p>Time: to be confirmed</p> <p>Duration : 2 hours</p>	<p>6 May 2016</p>	<p>(<a href="mailto:mehneah@unisa.ac.za">mehneah@unisa.ac.za</a>) Ntsizi November (<a href="mailto:ntsizinovember@gmail.com">ntsizinovember@gmail.com</a>) Ann Wanless (<a href="mailto:awanless@iafrica.com">awanless@iafrica.com</a>)</p>
<p><b>Consultative Forum, UNISA, Pretoria</b></p> <p>Discussion: Addressing the transformation of the urban visual landscape – dealing with apartheid era</p>	<p>13 May 2016</p>	<p>(<a href="mailto:mehneah@unisa.ac.za">mehneah@unisa.ac.za</a>) Ntsizi November (<a href="mailto:ntsizinovember@gmail.com">ntsizinovember@gmail.com</a>) Ann Wanless</p>

monuments and exploring new models for memorialisation.  Time: to be confirmed Duration : 2 hours		( <a href="mailto:awanless@iafrica.com">awanless@iafrica.com</a> )
Consultative Forum, Dept of Arts and Culture, Pretoria, Gauteng  Discussion: Heritage Education and Social Cohesion or Building responsible and proud citizens through Heritage Education.  Time: to be confirmed Duration : 2 hours	20 May 2016	( <a href="mailto:mehneah@unisa.ac.za">mehneah@unisa.ac.za</a> ) Ntsizi November ( <a href="mailto:ntsizinovember@gmail.com">ntsizinovember@gmail.com</a> ) Ann Wanless ( <a href="mailto:awanless@iafrica.com">awanless@iafrica.com</a> )
<b>National Workshop, Gauteng</b>  Date and programme to be confirmed	August 2016	Registration details to follow
<b>Partnership Events</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Contact person</b>
Africa Speaks, UNISA Keynote speaker: George Abungu, Vice-President of ICOM	18 May 2016	Event is open to the public. To attend, please contact Anneliese Mehnert for more information at <a href="mailto:mehneah@unisa.ac.za">mehneah@unisa.ac.za</a>
UNISA Seminar Keynote speaker: George Abungu, Vice-President of ICOM	19 May 2016	Limited seats are available for the seminar. To attend, please contact Anneliese Mehnert for more information at <a href="mailto:mehneah@unisa.ac.za">mehneah@unisa.ac.za</a>
<b>SAMA Western Cape Conference</b> <b>Theme:</b> <i>The Relevance of Museums located within Cultural Landscapes</i> Keynote speaker: Helene Vollgraaff, ICOM-SA Chairperson  <b>Venue:</b> Old Harbour Museum in Hermanus	9 – 10 June 2016	Programme and registration details to follow. For more information contact Eliz-Marié at <a href="mailto:es.museum@la-motte.co.za">es.museum@la-motte.co.za</a> .