UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION SCIENCE
FOURTH BIENNIAL UNILISA CONFERENCE PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME
KGORONG FUNCTION HALL, MUCKLENEUK CAMPUS
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA, PRETORIA
01- 04 APRIL 2024

DAY 1: TUESDAY 01 APRIL 2025

07:30 – 08:30   *REGISTRATION AND COFFEE / TEA*

PLENARY SESSION 1: Introduction to the Conference

8:30   *CHAIRPERSON: To be confirmed.*

08:30 – 08:40:	Purpose, scope, and expectations
	Dr Mashilo Modiba, Chairperson: UNILISA Organising Committee
08:40 – 8:50	Welcome
	Prof Lorette Jacobs, Chair: Department of Information Science
08:50 – 09:00	Opening
	Prof Zethu Nkosi, Executive Dean: College of Human Sciences
09:00 – 09:30	Message of Support
	Prof Puleng Lenka Bula, Principal and Vice Chancellor: University of South Africa or representative
09:30 – 10:00	Keynote address
	Mr Gayton McKenzie, Minister of Arts, Culture and Sports or representative
10:00 – 10:10	Message of support
	Prof Mpho Ngoepe, Executive Director: Department of Library and Information Services, University of South Africa
10:10 – 10:20	Message of Support
	Mr Kepi Madumo, National Librarian and CEO:
	National Library of South Africa
10:20 – 10:30	Message of Support
	Mr Puleng Kekana, Chief Director:
	National and Records Services of South Africa

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10:30 – 10:45	**TEA / HEALTH BREAK**

PLENARY SESSION 2: Scholarship and practice in data science, analytics, and visualisation in Information Science for Society 5.0

11:00 — ***CHAIRPERSON –*** Dr Karin McGuirk, Senior Lecturer: Department of Information Science, UNISA

11:00 – 11:20 — ***GUEST SPEAKER:*** Prof Adeyinka Tella, Professor: Department of Library and Information Science, University of Ilorin, Nigeria

11:20 – 13: 00 — ***Conference speakers***

13:00 – 13:45 — **Exercise the right to food and freedom of dialogue and poster observation**

PLENARY SESSION 3: Institutional research niche areas aligned to Library and Information Science research.

13:50-14:00 — ***CHAIRPERSON-*** Dr Mduduzi Ntetha, Non-Commercial Digital Resources Developer: Department of Library and Information Services, UNISA

14:00-14:20 — **GUEST SPEAKER**: Prof James Lowry, Professor and Chair of Graduate School of Library and Information Studies: Queens College, City University of New York

14:20 – 16:00 — **Conference speakers**

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08:00 – 08:30   *REGISTRATION AND COFFEE / TEA*

PLENARY SESSION 4: Scholarship and practice for futuristic information dissemination and use in Society 5.0

08:30 – 08:40   *CHAIRPERSON –* Prof Samuel Mojapelo, Professor: Department of Information Science, UNISA

08:40 – 09:00   *GUEST SPEAKER:* To be confirmed.

09:00 – 10:20   **Conference speakers**

10:20 – 10:45   *TEA/HEALTH BREAK*

PLENARY SESSION 5: Scholarship and practice in information and knowledge management to advance a futuristic Society 5.0

10:45 – 10:55   *CHAIRPERSON –* Prof Madelein Fombad, Professor: Department of Information Science, UNISA

10:55 – 11:15   *GUEST SPEAKER:* Dr Refiloe Mabaso, Senior Manager: Information and Knowledge Management, Air Traffic Navigation Services

11:15 – 13:00   **Conference speakers**

13:00 – 13:45   **Exercise the right to food and freedom of dialogue and poster observation**

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PLENARY SESSION 6: Futuristic Information Science education for Society 5.0

13:45 – 13:55   *CHAIRPERSON -* Prof Acquinatta Zimu-Biyela, Associate Professor: Department of Information Science, UNISA

14:00: 14:20   *GUEST SPEAKER:* Prof Forget Chaterera-Zambuko, Assistant Professor: Sorbonne University, Abu Dhabi.

14:20 – 16:00   Conference speakers

END OF DAY TWO

DAY THREE: THURSDAY 03 APRIL 2025

08:00 – 08:30   *REGISTRATION AND COFFEE / TEA*

PLENARY SESSION 7: Disruptive technology for scholarship and practice in information science for Society 5.0

08: 30 – 08:40   *CHAIRPERSON –* Dr Amos Shibambu, Senior Lecturer: Department of Information Science, UNISA

08:40 – 09:00   *GUEST SPEAKER:* Prof Arthur Mutambara

                             Director and Full Professor, Institute for Future Knowledge

                             University of Johannesburg

09:00 – 10:30   **Conference speakers**

10:30 – 10:45   **TEA/HEALTH BREAK**

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PLENARY SESSION 8: Partnerships and collaboration among and between organisations associated with the Information Science industry to strengthen its impact on Society 5.0

10:45 – 10:55   **CHAIRPERSON:** Ms Thulisile Lemekoana, Deputy Director: National Archives and Records Services of Soth Africa

11:00 – 11:20   **GUEST SPEAKER:** Prof Suliman Hawamdeh, Regents Professor

Department of Information Science, University of North Texas

11:20 – 13:00   Conference speakers

13:00 - 13:45   **Exercise the right to food and freedom of dialogue and poster observation**

PLENARY SESSION 9: Scholarship and practices towards futuristic archives,

records, and data curation for Society 5.0

*13:50 – 14:00   **CHAIRPERSON –** Dr Lethabo Ledwaba, Senior Lecturer: Department of Information Science, UNISA*

*14:00 – 14:20   **GUEST SPEAKER:** Prof Luciani Duranti, Professor Emerita: Archival Studies, School of Information, The University of British Columbia, Canada.*

*14:00 – 16:00   **Conference speakers***

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18:00 – 22:00   *GALA DINNER: KGORONG FUNCTION HALL*

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DAY FOUR: FRIDAY 04 APRIL 2025

08:00 – 08:30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE / TEA

PLENARY SESSION 10: UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF COLLABORATING WITH SPONSORS AND PARTNERS.

08: 30 – 08:40	*CHAIRPERSON –* Dr Mashilo Modiba, UNILISA Chairperson
08:40 – 09:00	*GUEST SPEAKER:* Ms Khanyisile Ngcobo, Director: National Archives and Records Services of South Africa

Presentations

09:00 – 09:15	Library and Information Services of South Africa
09:15 – 09:30	National Archives and Records Services of South Africa
09:30 – 09:45	South African State Theatre
09:45 – 10:00	Department of Library and Information Services, UNISA
10:00 – 10:15	Knowledge Management South Africa
10:15 – 10:30	Archives Heritage Group
10:30 – 10:45	South African Society of Archivists
10:45 – 11:00	WorldWide Information Services
11:00 – 11:15	Vote of Thanks – Prof Lorette Jacobs, Chair of the Department of Information Science, UNISA
11:15 – 11:30	Conference closure – Prof Siya Tyali, Director: School of Arts, College of Human Science, UNISA
11:30 – 12:00	**Exercise the right to food and freedom of dialogue**
13:00 – 18:00	Excursion to the National Archives and Records Services of South Africa, State Theatre in Tshwane, and the Constitutional Hill

END OF DAY FOUR AND THE CONFERENCE