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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE AFRICA REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR MEMORY OF THE WORLD

South Africa hosted the 8th UNESCO International Advisory Committee (I.A.C.) meeting for the Memory of the World (MoW) Programme in June 2007. The MoW Programme promotes the preservation of the world's documentary heritage against natural and man-made disasters. The meeting was aimed at evaluating all proposals submitted to UNESCO for enlisting in the UNESCO's Memory of the World International Register (MoWIR). Two South African collections were accepted for registration in the MoWIR. These two collections are the Rivonia Trial collection, housed at the National Archives of South Africa, and the Living Apartheid collection which is housed at the Doxa Productions in Cape Town. The Minister of Arts and Culture Dr. Z. Pallo Jordan unveiled a plaque in February 2009 to celebrate the enlisting of this collection in the International Register.

A pre-meeting workshop for African heritage practitioners was held on 11-12 June 2007 with the aim of raising awareness about UNESCO programmes and to encourage African countries to form national committees for the Memory of the World programme and to establish an all encompassing African Regional Committee of the MoW Programme. An interim Committee for Africa was put in place. South Africa was tasked to organise the first meeting of the Interim Africa Regional Committee

South Africa organised a meeting of the Interim Committee on 30-31 January 2008 in Tshwane with the aim of establishing a permanent all Africa Regional Committee for Memory of the World Programme. At this meeting, delegates from 15 countries signed a declaration where they committed themselves to the preservation of "Africa's documentary heritage to ensure access by present and future generations". The highlight of the meeting was the election of an Executive Committee comprising of a president, five vice-presidents and a secretary general

The composition of the new committee is as follows:

	Country	Name	Position
1	South Africa	Ms Mandy Gilder	President
2	Mozambique	Mr Simao Jaime	Deputy President
3	Mauritius	Mr Roland Chung Sam Wan	Deputy President
4	Senegal	Mr Papa Momar Diop	Deputy President
5	Kenya	Mr John Mreria	Deputy President
6	Namibia	Ms Ellen Ndeshi Namhila	Secretary-general
7	Algeria	Mr Bechane Abdulaziz	Deputy President



Africa Regional Committee for Memory of the World Executive Committee from left to right Mr. Simao Jaime (Mocambique), Ms Ellen Ndeshi Namhila (Namibia), Ms Mandy Gilder (South Africa), Mr Roland Chung Sam Wan (Mauritius) and Mr. John Mreria (Kenya).

The Regional Committee, led by South Africa's Deputy National Archivist, Ms Mandy Gilder, will serve for four years. Attached is the constitution of ARCMOW and the Tshwane Declaration. For any enquiries on the Regional Committee please contact Ms Mandy Gilder on Mandy.Gilder@dac.gov.za or Ms Ellen Namhila on enamhila@unam.na

In November 2008 the first Executive Committee meeting took place in Namibia with the aim of drafting a Plan of Action for ARCMOW. Attached is the Plan of Action for information. The National Archives of Namibia organised a plaque unveiling event for the Hendrick Witbooi Collection. This collection consists of journals depicting his struggle with the colonisers in Namibia



Plaque unveiling ceremony in Namibia Windhoek. From Left to right Ms Khanyi Ngcobo, Ms Thobeka Zulu, Mr. Freddy Selomo, Mr. Dennis Maake, Ms Ellen Namhila (Secretary General), Hon. Nangolo Mbumba, Minister of Education, Mrs. Hendrick Witbooi, Dr. Hendrick Witbooi (Great Grandson of Hendrick Witbooi) and Ms Mandy Gilder

A task team was also selected to draw the Rules of Procedure and Code of Ethics for ARCMOW. Attached are the above mentioned draft documents drawn by the Task Team in a meeting hosted by Kenya Archives in April 2009. An extra –ordinary meeting is planned for September 2009 and a general meeting organised for February 2010 to further discuss these documents.

CONSTITUTION

AFRICA REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE MEMORY OF THE WORLD PROGRAMME [ARCMOW]

Article 1: Name and status

- (i.) The name of this Committee shall be the Africa Regional Committee of the Memory of the World Programme (ARCMOW).
- (ii.) ARCMOW is a subsidiary body of the International Advisory Committee (IAC) of Memory of the World (MoW), created in accordance with the General Guidelines of the MoW Programme.

Article 2: Objectives

- (i.) To promote, facilitate and monitor the MoW Programme within the Africa Region.
- (ii.) To represent the Africa Region at the international level.
- (iii.) To support and facilitate nominations from Africa.
- (iv.) To encourage adequate representation of Africa's documentary heritage in the International MoW Register.
- (v.) To support and complement the work of the National MoW Committees of member countries on UNESCO's MoW Programme.
- (vi.) To raise awareness of the MoW Programme and of the documentary heritage of Africa in the Africa Region.

Article 3: Terms of Reference

- (i.) ARCMOW shall be responsible for the following functions:
- (ii.) To raise awareness of the importance of documentary heritage, of its preservation, and to improve its accessibility and use.
- (iii.) To promote resource-sharing and optimal use of resources in the Africa Region
- (iv.) To mobilize political, social and economic support for the MoW Africa Program, in the AU structures.

- (v.) To encourage and support transnational nominations of shared documentary heritage.
- (vi.) To encourage and support collaborative projects and linkages on shared heritage and other valuable shared collections.
- (vii.) To encourage linkages of shared heritages and related collections amongst various countries in the Africa Region.
- (viii.) To facilitate the establishment of National MoW Committees.
- (ix.) To create and manage the Africa Regional Register of MoW documentary heritage
- (x.) To contribute to the determination of the selection criteria and any other matters determined by the MoW Programme.
- (xi.) To mobilize resources and support for MoW projects/activities within the Africa Region.
- (xii.) To facilitate the integration of heritage in all national policies and programmes, paying particular attention to its infusion in the formal curriculum at all educational levels.

Article 4: Membership

- (i.) ARCMOW shall be composed of UNESCO's National MoW Committees in member states in the Africa Region, represented by their appointed delegates.
- (ii.) An obligation of membership is the submission of an annual report in terms established by the Executive Committee. The right to vote at ARCMOW meetings is conditional on the timely submission of these reports.

Article 5: Termination of Membership

- (i.) If a member fails to attend three consecutive meetings that specific member will be expelled and the National Committee of his or her country will be requested to nominate another member for the remainder of the term.
- (ii.) A member will be allowed not more than two proxies per his or her term (4 years).

Article 6: Voting

- (i.) Each country representative in the Executive Committee shall have the right to exercise one vote at ARCMOW Meetings.
- (ii.) In the case of a tie, the President shall have a casting vote.

- (iii.) The voting shall be done by secret ballot.

Article 7: Meetings

- (i.) ARCMOW shall meet in general assembly once every two years. It may meet in extraordinary session, if it decides to do so, or if summoned by the Executive Committee of the MoW Programme.
- (ii.) The Executive Committee shall draw up the agenda for the meetings of ARCMOW and shall circulate it to members at least two months in advance of the meeting.
- (iii.) Meetings shall normally be in-person gatherings at a specified place but, if warranted by circumstances, they may be conducted virtually by electronic means, where possible.

Article 8: Quorum

- (i.) A simple majority of members at a meeting of ARCMOW and any of its Committees will constitute a quorum.
- (ii.) A member state may assign its proxy to another member state in a form prescribed by the Executive Committee.

Article 9: Observers

- (i.) The President, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, may invite or admit observers at specified meetings of ARCMOW. Observers shall not have the right to vote.

Article 10: The Executive Committee

- (i.) ARCMOW shall elect a President, five Vice-Presidents, one each from the Southern, Western, Eastern, Central and Northern Africa Regions, and a Secretary General to comprise its Executive Committee.
- (ii.) The Executive Committee will have the power to co-opt or appoint sub-committees whenever it deems it necessary.
- (iii.) The term of office of Executive Committee shall be four years – that is, twice the interval between general meetings of ARCMOW. A new Executive Committee shall be elected at every second general meeting of ARCMOW.
- (iv.) The Executive Committee shall establish its “Rules of Procedure” and “Code of Conduct” which shall be submitted to ARCMOW for approval.

- (v.) Executive Committee (EXCO) members, when acting in that capacity, represent the interests of the whole membership of ARCMOW, and DO NOT represent the interests of a particular country or National MoW Committee (NATCOM).

Article 11: Amendment

- (i.) Amendments to the statutes may be made at a general meeting of ARCMOW if two thirds of the members present and represented so decide.
- (ii.) Proposed amendments must be circulated to all members in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting where they are to be presented for decision.

Article 12: Effectivity

- (i.) This constitution takes effect at the conclusion of the first ARCMOW meeting of 31 January 2008.

**Inaugural meeting of the African Regional Committee of
the Memory of the World Programme (ARCMOW) 30 - 31
January 2008, Tshwane, South Africa**

TSHWANE DECLARATION

WE the participants at the inaugural meeting for the Africa Regional Committee of the Memory of the World Programme, responsible for managing documentary heritage in Archives, Libraries, Museums and other related heritage institutions in Africa, assembled here in Tshwane, South Africa, constitute the Africa Regional Committee for the Memory of the World (ARCMOW) Programme.

NOTING:

1. That Africa has a rich documentary heritage in her own right;
2. that this heritage of Africa was neglected, ignored, denied, removed, transferred and/or destroyed during the colonial era;
3. that due to limited resources at our disposal, lack of will and determination, apathy and ignorance, African documentary heritage continues to be neglected;
4. that African peoples continue to experience problems regarding access to, and ownership of their own documentary heritage;
5. that UNESCO has provided *Guidelines for Protecting and Safeguarding Documentary Heritage*; and that
6. the UNESCO's Memory of the World Programme encourages the establishment of an Africa Regional Committee of Memory of the World.


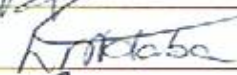
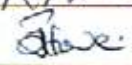

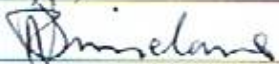
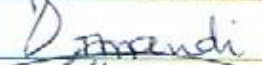

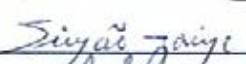
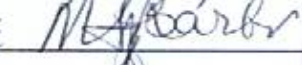

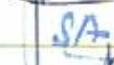

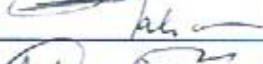
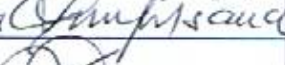


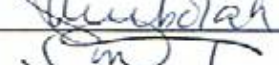
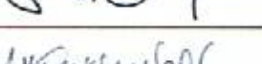
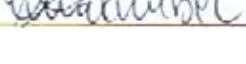
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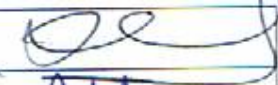
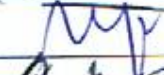


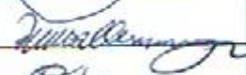


1. That the documentary heritage of Africa should be well preserved for access by present and future generations;
2. that African governments should train and develop their professionals in the heritage sector;
3. that African governments should provide adequate budgets and resources for the preservation and awareness of documentary heritage;
4. that the formation of the ARCMOW is a necessary step in preserving and safeguarding of our documentary heritage;
5. that the ARCMOW should encourage and support the implementation of UNESCO's *Guidelines on the Protection and Safeguarding of Documentary Heritage*;
6. that the ARCMOW should encourage and support the establishment of National Committees to take the lead in implementing UNESCO's Memory of the World Programme in their respective countries;
7. that the ARCMOW should encourage and support transnational nominations, the sharing and exchange of shared documentary heritage within the framework of the laws and policies of the respective countries;
8. that the ARCMOW should encourage National Committees to translate the existing UNESCO Memory of the World *Guidelines for Protecting and Safeguarding Documentary Heritage* into their respective indigenous languages;
9. that the ARCMOW in its work to safeguard the African Documentary Heritage contributes and benefits from the African World Heritage Fund;
10. that the ARCMOW should develop relationships with the AU in order for it to place its mandate as a standing item on the AU agenda; and
11. that the ARCMOW should promote and raise awareness of the documentary heritage of Africa.

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TSHWANE DECLARATION

Issued on behalf of the delegates from the following African Countries:

COUNTRY	REPRESENTATIVE	SIGNATURE
1. SOUTH AFRICA	NANDY GILDER	
2. South Africa	Lubi Ndabisa	
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4. ETHIOPIA	ALMAZ ABUHAY SEKDE	
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6. KENYA	IRENE M. KIBANDI	
7. NAMIBIA	VENDO KAUARIA	
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9. SEYCHELLES	MARINETTE BARBE	
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19. South Africa	M. Makumbel	

20.	South Africa	Musee Nkondo	
21.	Malawi	Joel S. Thaulo	
22.	South Africa	PATRICK NAKULUBI	
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24.	SOUTH AFRICA	MANDLA MAKHANNA	
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ABBREVIATIONS:-

ARCMOW: African Regional Committee of the Memory of the World Programme

AU: African Union

MoW: Memory of the World

NATCOM: National Commission for UNESCO

NEPAD: New Partnership for Africa's Development

UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural