

Oral History Association of South Africa

Call for abstracts

“VOICES ACROSS TIME AND SPACE: ORAL HISTORIES OF RESISTANCE, COLLABORATION AND RESILIENCE”

OHASA invites abstracts for its 23rd National Conference. This year focuses on documenting the "living archives"—stories of those who have remained silent or marginalized throughout history.

THEMES & AREAS OF FOCUS

- Social Justice & Activism: Gender-Based Violence, Femicide, and LGBTQi+ protests.
- Land & Labor: Land expropriation, forced removals, and mining in former Bantustans.
- Education & Knowledge: Oral history in the classroom and struggles for epistemic justice.
- Culture & Heritage: Indigenous game, sports as resistance, and contestation over heritage sites.
- Power Dynamics: Traditional leadership disputes, customary law, and histories of collaboration with colonial authorities.
- Methodology: Innovative archiving practices and the ethics of oral history.

HOW TO SUBMIT

- Abstracts should be submitted through the online submission portal using this link: <https://forms.gle/XysHpLFpykWygZjY6>
- Abstracts may be in any of the Official Languages of the RSA
- Due date for abstracts: Friday, **1 May 2026**.
- Confirmation of acceptance or rejection: Friday, 22 May 2026.
- Should you experience any challenges, contact Ms Calda de Vries: ohasasecretary@gmail.com

For a list of the 25 sub-themes or for further details regarding submission guidelines, contact Ms Calda de Vries: ohasasecretary@gmail.com

HOST: Eastern Cape Dept: Sport, Recreation, Arts & Culture
VENUE: Summerstrand, Gqeberha, Eastern Cape
DATE: 12 Oct (Workshop) & 13 to 16 Oct 2026 (Conference)



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