



NATIONAL MUSEUMS OF KENYA

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International Museum Summit 2022

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

As global developments in the political, cultural, technological and financial sectors take centre stage, museums are forced to reconfigure themselves in order to remain relevant. Identity formation by several institutions has also received new impetus. Moreover, there is a resolve to correct the wrongs of the past so that these institutions could be acceptable to wider audiences. Issues of repatriation of artefacts always get a centre stage.

Within this broader context, the Nelson Mandela Museum (NMM) and the National Museums of Kenya will host an International Summit to deliberate on issues of national, continental and international significance. The Summit will attract various stakeholders including but not limited to: museum practitioners, academics, politicians, policy makers, technocrats and many others who hold the museum sector in high esteem.

The Summit is scheduled to take place on February 10, 2022. The plan is to hold a physical Summit at Mthatha in the Eastern Cape Province in South Africa. However, depending on the lockdown level of the COVID-19 pandemic, it might be necessary to use a hybrid system whereby some delegates and/or presenters would attend in person while others join virtually.

This is the official call for abstracts, which should be based on the following theme and sub-themes.

Theme: Towards Decolonizing museums in the context of repositioning Africa in the global community.

SUB-THEMES

The sub-themes are as follows:

1. Museums, exhibitions and nation-building
2. Museum ethics
3. Decolonizing exhibitions/collections
4. Integrating intangible cultural heritage in education to decolonize museums
5. Agenda 2063 and decolonizing museums
6. Museums and exhibitions as political sites.
7. Addressing disparities within the museum landscape
8. Museums in the digital era
9. Resourcing museums to realise decolonization.

Each abstract should meet the following requirements:

Length - maximum of 250 words; Font type - Times New Roman; Font size - 12; Line spacing- 1.5; Reference style - Harvard reference style.

Abstracts should include the following: problem statement, aim of the paper, methodology, theoretical framework (if any), findings and recommendations. Abstracts should also be accompanied by a maximum of five keywords.

SUBMISSION DATES

The following are the important dates to remember:

- Deadline for submission of abstracts - **November 25, 2021.**
- Notification of speakers- **December 1, 2021.**

For more information about the Summit, please contact **Ms. Lungisani Tyali** at the Nelson Mandela Museum on the following contact details: 047 501 9500 or email lungisani@nelsonmandelamuseum.org.za.

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