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Director,
National Archives of Swaziland,
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ARCHIVISTS ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP INVITATION: LETHUMUSA SIMELANE

Dear Madam Director,

First of all, thank you for all the support and the beginnings of an important collaboration focused on the Swaziland Oral History Collection, a full copy of which will soon be deposited at the Swaziland National Archives.

As part of our collaboration we are delighted to report that we have been able to respond positively to your request to us to change the dates of the proposed Archivists Oral History Workshop, focusing on clan histories, from 11 and 12 February, to 15 and 16 February, 2016, so as to be able to include a staff member from the Swazi National Archives.

It thus gives us pleasure to invite Mr. Lethumusa Simelane to attend the two-day workshop to be held in Durban, South Africa.

Our hosts, the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Archives, are currently finalizing the venue and starting times for the new dates. As soon as these details are confirmed we will relay them to Mr. Simelane. At this stage we are planning to arrive in Durban either the evening before or very early on the 15th, as we anticipate a possible early start to the proceedings. In the course of this week Mr. Simelane will receive a reading pack as part of his preparation for the workshop.

We anticipate that the workshop will have, amongst other things, three significant effects for the Swaziland National Archives.

The first will lie in the opportunity afforded Mr. Simelane to upgrade his skills in this area.

But perhaps more importantly, the workshop will allow him to become part of a network of people all specializing in clan oral histories, with ongoing benefits flowing from this, including the sharing of ideas and best practice, as well as opportunities for joint problem solving and so on.

The third effect is that connections between the clan histories projects in Swaziland and in KZN will allow both to begin to develop a shared regional overview.

Please do confirm Mr. Simelane's participation as soon as possible so as to facilitate the necessary planning.

Yours sincerely,



Carolyn Hamilton
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