

SAMA Conferences 1936 - 2021

| | Year | dates | | Venue | Theme |
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| | 1936 | 23 April | Kimberley | Public Library | SAMA inaugural meeting |
| 1 st | 1937 | 30-31 March | King Williamstown | Council Chamber, Town Hall | |
| 2 nd | 1938 | 19-21 April | Durban | Art Gallery | |
| 3 rd | 1939 | 10-11 April | Bulawayo | Public Library | |
| 4 th | 1940 | 26-28 March | Cape Town | Archives Building | |
| 5 th | 1941 | 2-4 July | Johannesburg | | |
| 6 th | 1942 | 7-9 April | Port Elizabeth | | |
| 7 th | 1943 | 27-29 April | Pietermaritzburg | Natal Museum, Pietermaritzburg | |
| 8 th | 1944 | 9-11 May | Bloemfontein | National Museum | |
| 9 th | 1945 | 7-9 May | East London | Technical College | |
| 10 th | 1946 | 26-28 June | Pretoria | Transvaal Museum | |
| 11 th | 1947 | 8-11 July | Grahamstown | Rhodes University College | |
| 12 th | 1948 | 16-19 March | Johannesburg, | Africana Museum | |
| 13 th | 1949 | 29 Mar – 1 April | Durban | No 3 Committee Room, City Hall | |
| 14 th | 1950 | 28-31 March | Cape Town | Archives Building | |
| 15 th | 1951 | 12-15 March | Bulawayo | Chamber of Commerce Building | |
| 16 th | 1952 | 7-10 April | East London | East London Museum | |
| 17 th | 1953 | 24-27 March | Kimberley | Northern Cape Technical College | |
| 18 th | 1954 | 17-20 May | Livingstone, Northern Rhodesia | Rhodes-Livingstone Museum | |
| 19 th | 1955 | 15-18 March | Pietermaritzburg | Natal Museum | |
| 20 th | 1956 | 1-4 May | Pretoria | Transvaal Museum | |
| 21 st | 1957 | 7-10 May | Bloemfontein | National Museum | |
| 22 nd | 1958 | 29 Apr-2 May | Grahamstown | Rhodes University | |
| 23 rd | 1959 | 4-6 May | Windhoek | Methodist Hall | |
| 24 th | 1960 | 7-10 June | Johannesburg | Africana Museum | |
| 25 th | 1961 | 25-28 April | Durban | City Hall | |
| 26 th | 1962 | 15-18 May | Cape Town | South African Museum | |
| 27 th | 1963 | March | Port Elizabeth | | |
| 28 th | 1964 | 7-10 April | Salisbury | Queen Victoria Museum | |
| 29 th | 1965 | 23-26 March | King Williams Town | Kafrarian Museum | |
| 30 th | 1966 | 19-24 April | Lourenco Marques | Museu Dr. Alvaro de Castro te Lourenco Marques | |
| 31 st | 1967 | 10-13 May | Bulawayo | National Museum of Rhodesia, Bulawayo | |
| 32 nd | 1968 | 7-10 May | East London | East London Museum | |
| 33 rd | 1969 | 22-25 April | Pietermaritzburg | Natal Museum, Pietermaritzburg | |
| 34 th | 1970 | 28 Apr–1 May | Bloemfontein | National Museum | |
| 35 th | 1971 | 23-26 March | Kimberley | William Humphries Art Gallery | Museums and the human species |
| 36 th | 1972 | 27-30 June | Pretoria | Pretoria Art Gallery | |
| 37 th | 1973 | 19-23 March | Oudtshoorn | CP Nel Museum | |
| 38 th | 1974 | 11-15 March | Port Elizabeth | Hotel Elizabeth | |
| 39 th | 1975 | 4-10 June | Cape Town | South African Museum | |
| 40 th | 1976 | 7-11 June | Blantyre, Malawi | Mt Soche Hotel | |

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| 41 st | 1977 | 3-5 May | Durban | Durban Oceanarium | |
| 42 nd | 1978 | 3-6 April | Ezulwini, Swaziland | Royal Swazi Hotel | |
| 43 rd | 1979 | | Stellenbosch | | |
| 44 th | 1980 | 29 April – 1 May | Pilgrim's Rest | Recreation Hall | |
| 45 th | 1981 | 27-30 April | East London | Kennaway Hotel | |
| 46 th | 1982 | 27-29 April | Gaborone, Botswana | National Museum & Art Gallery | |
| 47 th | 1983 | 19-21 April | Windhoek | Academy for Tertiary Education | |
| 48 th | 1984 | 15-18 April | Saxonwold, Johannesburg | SA Museum of Military History | |
| 49 th | 1985 | 23-26 April | Grahamstown | 1820 Settlers National Monument | |
| 50 th | 1986 | 22-26 April | Kimberley | Kimberley Sun | |
| 51 st | 1987 | May | Pietermaritzburg | Imperial Hotel | Museums in a changing and divided society |
| 52 nd | 1988 | | Stellenbosch | Stellenbosch Town Hall | |
| 53 rd | 1989 | April | Bloemfontein | Clarendon Hall – annex of Town Hall | |
| 54 th | 1990 | May | Port Elizabeth | | |
| 55 th | 1991 | | | | |
| 56 th | 1992 | June | Durban | | |
| 57 th | 1993 | | Blydepoort; Willem Prinsloo, etc | | Consisted of various study tours to Museums in the old Transvaal |
| 58 th | 1994 | 23-26 May | East London | | Towards a charter |
| 59 th | 1995 | 17-21 July | Cape Town | | Getting on with the job |
| 60 th | 1996 | 22-25 April | Kimberley | | Museums for the people |
| 61 st | 1997 | 21-27 April | Pietermaritzburg | | Changing gear: museums into the future |
| 62 nd | 1998 | 4-8 May | Berg-en-Dal | | Mahungu – let us talk together |
| 63 rd | 1999 | 20 April | Heidelberg | | The nature of museums and museums of nature |
| 64 th | 2000 | 29 May - 02 June | Robben Island, | | Museums 2000: rebirth and renewal |
| 65 th | 2001 | 5-7 June | Port Elizabeth | Pine Lodge resort | A question of museum ethics: Hayi bo! Shu! Eina! Ouch! A conference for the courageous |
| 66 th | 2002 | 3-7 June | Kwazulu-Natal | Durban & Pietermaritzburg | New Paradigms for the heritage sector in the 21 st century. Vuk'uzihathe: Umhlaba ukuphonsela inselelo |
| 67 th | 2003 | 1-6 June | SAMA Gauteng | | Museums the best kept secret. The key to education and exhibitions |
| 68 th | 2004 | 1-3 June | Cape Town | Castle of Good Hope | Democratising museums and heritage. 10 years on |
| 69 th | 2005 | 24-26 May | Bloemfontein | President Hotel | Bridging the Boundaries: Integrating collections, curators, communities |
| 70 th | 2006 | 12-14 June | Kwazulu-Natal, | Champagne Sports resort | Making the intangible tangible. Museums and intangible heritage |
| 71 st | 2007 | 29 -31 May | Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site, | Maropeng | Museums in a Virtual Age |
| 72 nd | 2008 | 8-13 June | Cape Town | Stellenbosch University Business School | Sacred and Secret Heritage |
| 73 rd | 2009 | 7-10 Sept | Port Elizabeth | Pine Lodge | Practical Museology – basics and new concepts |

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| 74 th | 2010 | 27-29 Sept | Durban | Riverside Hotel | Museums in Action: To 2010 and Beyond |
| 75 th | 2011 | 25-27 Oct | Pretoria | Ditsong Cultural History Museum | Museums and Memory: Objects tell a story |
| 76 th | 2012 | 30 Oct - 1 Nov | Paarl, Western Cape | Toringkerksaal | Museums in a changing world |
| 77 th | 2013 | 21-24 Oct | Kimberley | Horseshoe Inn | Museums (memory + creativity) = social change |
| 78 th | 2014 | 3-5 Nov | East London | East London Golf Club | Collections Make Connections |
| 79 th | 2015 | 26-29 Oct | Durban | Riverside Hotel | Museums for a sustainable society |
| 80 th | 2016 | 1-4 Nov | Pretoria | Diepindieberg | SAMA 80 th Anniversary celebration |
| 81 st | 2017 | 24-26 Oct | Bellville, Cape Town | Sanlam | Museums & contested history |
| 82 nd | 2018 | 22-25 Oct | Grahamstown/Makanda | NELM | Hyper-connected museums |
| 83 rd | 2019 | 21-24 Oct | Pietermaritzburg | Msunduzi Museum | Museums as Cultural Hubs |
| 84 | 2020 | 28 Oct | Online | Online | Interacting at a Distance |
| 85 | 2021 | 7-8 Sept | Online | Online | The Future of Museums: Recover ad Reimagine |
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