Understanding Memorandum

2014.006

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Doing archives (a project)

South African Society of Archivists (a project partner)

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role

Doing archives improves the management and operations of agencies or institutions responsible for the preservation and communication of records selected for permanent preservation.

01.01 **Doing archives develops no cost interactive online classes and MOOCs hosted at an EdX destination (MOOC.org). Courses are designed to be interesting, fun and offer open badges - a credential to demonstrate the learner's knowledge achievements.**

01.02 **Doing archives curates persistent data sets on the the management and operations of agencies or institutions. We look at these organisations and measure the legal and administrative regulations through the life cycle of their records. Data is comprehensive and quantitative. Data facilitates comparisons across countries and over time. Each archival organization is measured, participants adding data decrease their 'distance to frontier' measures by providing verifiable information. Project data is permanent, curated and shared. Those who add data points receive open badges - - a verified indicia of trustworthy and accessible practices.**

01.03 **Doing archives offers detailed reports, which exhaustively provide data, rank each location, and recommend reforms to improve performance in each of the indicator areas. We provide an objective basis for understanding and improving archival organisations. Reporting organizations are offered open badges - a verified indicia of trustworthy and accessible practices.**

02.01 **South African Society of Archivists promotes professional and scholarly cooperation and communication between archives and archivists and their communities. Data collection, analysis and education increases global cooperation / communications and produces a leveling effect. It also promotes efficiency by reducing education transaction costs. This work moves people towards a information frontier.**

02.02 **South African Society of Archivists promotes archive services value. Data collection and analysis assists in the global definition of value. It also promotes efficiency by reducing data transaction and redundancy costs. This work moves people towards a standards frontier.**

02.03 **South African Society of Archivists promotes recognition of an archival professional status. Free, massive scale training / education assists in the global provision and maintenance of opportunities, producing a leveling effect among high and low resource organisations. It also promotes efficiency by reducing education transaction and opportunity costs. This work moves people towards a opportunity frontier.**

02.04 **South African Society of Archivists promotes recognition of an archival trustworthiness / open accessibility standard. Data collection and analysis assists in the global definition and maintenance of that standard. It also promotes efficiency by reducing compliance, transaction and operations costs. This work moves people towards a standards + opportunity frontier.**

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agreement

Doing archives and the South African Society of Archivists agree to partner to offer guidance, opportunities, standards and support which improves the management and operations of agencies or institutions responsible for the preservation and communication of records selected for permanent preservation.

02.05 South African Society of Archivists agrees to sponsor the further development of interactive online classes and MOOCs hosted at an EdX destination (MOOC.org).

02.06 South African Society of Archivists agrees open badges earned by learners - a credential to demonstrate the learner's knowledge achievement - will be offered at no cost for participants who are dues paying members.

02.07 South African Society of Archivists agrees open badges earned by all other learners - a credential to demonstrate the learner's knowledge achievement - will be offered at a cost equal to 1000 (ZAR one thousand rands) / number of course participants within 364 days (an ISO year). In 2014, the first year of the project, learners will receive open badges at a cost of 50 (ZAR fifty rands).

02.08 South African Society of Archivists agrees to appoint a staff member to a Doing archives council with a vacancy for a 1092 days (3 ISO years). In conjunction with 4 (four) other governing council members, this person will be a principal advisor on project decisions, implementation strategies and execution. The person appointed will be the principal conduit for engagement with archives, archivists, and the public through staff, officers, members and social networks.

02.09 South African Society of Archivists agrees to contribute data every 364 days (an ISO year) to enumerated persistent data sets relevant to its operations in service of promoting archives.

02.10 South African Society of Archivists agrees to work with Doing archives to include identity information (particularly name, open badge logos) into the Global Brand Database of internationally protected trademarks, appellations of origin and armorial bearings, flags and other state emblems as well as the names, abbreviations and emblems of intergovernmental organizations under a Creative Commons CC0 1.0 Universal (CC0 1.0) Public Domain Dedication

01.04 / 02.11 Doing archives and the South African Society of Archivists agree to take reasonable steps to increase the capacity, enhance and deliver on the project's agenda until 01.01.2025. Matters covered by this agreement will be open to comment, vote and implementation under Doing archives governing council guidelines.

01.05 / 02.12 Doing archives and the South African Society of Archivists agree this MoU may be amended any time by agreement. This MoU will be reviewed starting 12.01.2014 and republished 02.01.2015 with change information.

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identities

Doing archives and the South African Society of Archivists identified on this page those persons who are parties to this MoU.

01.A **Doing archives partners with others through its Governing Council (5 members). A governing council roster is available.**

01.B **Doing archives was created on 11.20.2013 by Christopher Felker.**

01.C **Doing archives curates digital collaboratories which are shared without cost. Project activities occur in these spaces - twitter | google plus | tumblr | courseware | publishing | photo | video | audio | data | eMail**

01.D **Doing archives (USA limited liability partnership) is based in New York. Christopher Felker (Doing archives project creator) is based in California (contact information available from Society of American Archivists, International Council on Archives, Academy of Certified Archivists, USA / New York legal bar, USA / Connecticut legal bar, USA / District of Columbia legal bar.**

01.E **Doing archives communicates best using twitter**

02.A **South African Society of Archivists was invited to accept this agreement by contacting the persons identified below.**

02.B **Professor Patrick NGULUBE, president**

02.C **Lebohang Mokoena, secretary: SASA National Committee, National Archives and Records Service of South Africa**

02.D **South African Society of Archivists (ZAF business number to be determined) headquartered in ZAF / NSW / Sydney. It has approximately 100+ dues paying members.**

02.E **South African Society of Archivists communicates best using email**

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