

Call for New Nominations for Memory of the World (MoW), National, Regional and International Registers

The National Committee for the Memory of the World Programme (a UNESCO Programme) is inviting nomination proposals for submission and inscription in the national, regional and international registers for Memory of the World, a list of library collections and archive holdings of world significance, which was established in 1997 to promote documentary heritage of universal value.

Nominations should ideally be submitted through the National Committee for the Memory of the World. Proposals should be based on the selection criteria listed in the General Guidelines to Safeguard Documentary Heritage (<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0012/001256/125637e.pdf>), which stipulates that the most important criterion for inscription on the register is the universal significance of the documentary heritage.

The deadline for the submission of nominations is **15 March 2010** no late submissions will be accepted.

by mail accompanied by an electronic version on diskette, CD-Rom or USB key (addressed to The Chairperson, Ms Mandy Gilder , National Archives of South Africa, Private bag X 236 Pretoria 0001 or National Archives of South Africa, 24 Hamilton Street, Arcadia Pretoria, 0001),

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Nominations are posted on the Programme's Website and illustrations such as photographs or slides (TIFF, GIF, JPEG formats), and sound recordings (real-media) can be included to help describe the proposal. As the images

submitted may often be used by the Memory of the World Secretariat in publicity material, an authorization for their reuse for non-profit purposes should also be included. A copy of this form is attached below.

At present, a total of 193 collections (Four of which are South African collections) submitted by 76 different countries, 3 international organizations and one private foundation, are inscribed on the International Register of the Memory of the World Programme. Assessment for inscription on the Registers is determined by a panel of experts, nationally, regionally and internationally. If submissions are approved nationally they are then submitted to the Regional Committee for further evaluation, and further more by the International Register Sub-committee and the International Advisory Committee (IAC), whose recommendations are then forwarded to the Director-General of UNESCO for a final decision.

The announcement on the next round of inscription will be made in 2011 after the IAC meeting.

UNESCO launched the Memory of the World Programme to guard against collective amnesia, calling upon the preservation of the valuable archive holdings and library collections all over the world, ensuring their wide dissemination. The Programme is intended to protect documentary heritage, and helps networks of experts to exchange information and raise resources for preservation of and access to documentary material

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