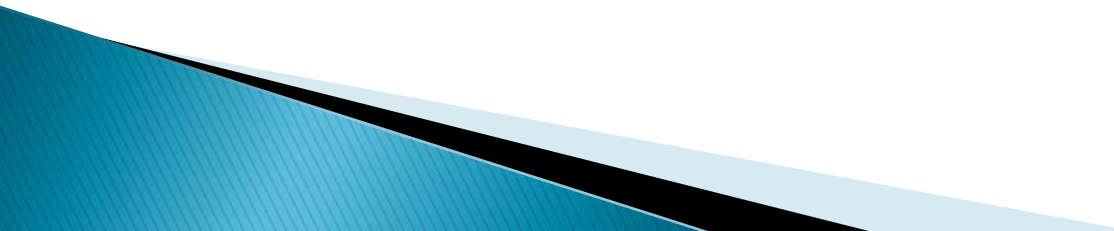


2013 WORKSHOP

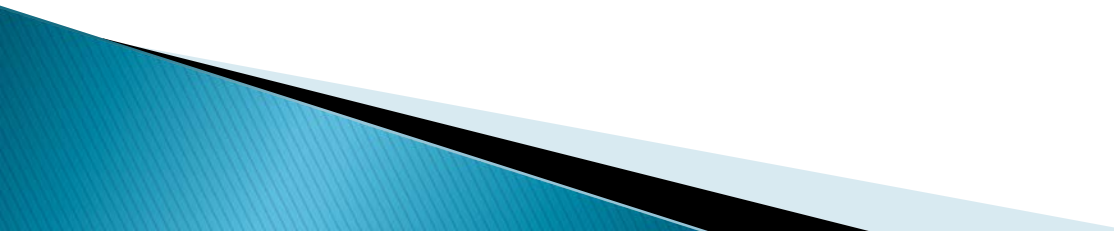
- ❑ February 2013 – workshop held at Wits on Standards, Best Practices, Policies and Technical Requirements for Digitisation & Digital Libraries.
 - ❑ Initiated by several Gauteng-based institutions: Wits, UP, the NRF and the Goethe Institute.
 - ❑ Aimed at reaching representatives from South African institutions involved in digitisation projects to provide a forum and mechanisms for:
 - Exchanging knowledge and experiences;
 - Fostering discussion, cooperation and collaboration;
 - Creating standardised metadata and digital collections;
 - Building a national platform and aggregator.
 - ❑ Attended by 48 participants from 20 South African Institutions and focussed on:
 - Local Experiences;
 - Potential areas of alignment and collaboration;
 - Proposals for the establishment of a collaborative national initiative.
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WORKSHOP OUTCOMES

- ❑ A national initiative under the name 'South African Digitisation Initiative' – (SADI).
 - ❑ SADI – open forum, consisting of institutions and individuals who are prepared to contribute, assist and offer expertise.
 - ❑ SADI to provide leadership in terms of digitisation guidelines, standards and processes.
 - ❑ A national resource of digital heritage materials through a searchable interface should be created.
 - ❑ SADI to build and host an information resource for digitisation processes, best practices, expertise, etc.
 - ❑ SADI projects to speak to draft National Policy on the Digitisation of Heritage Resources.
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WORKSHOP OUTCOMES (cont.)

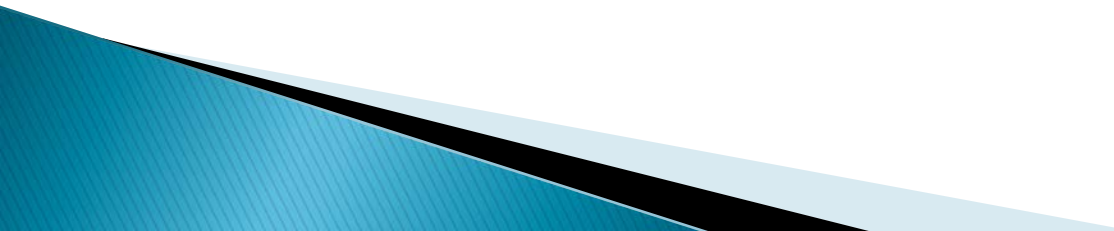
- ❑ SADI to coordinate various functions such as training and lobbying.

 - ❑ SADI Working Group formed to deal with:
 - Structure, Membership and Fundraising;
 - Standards, Benchmarking, Metadata and Interoperability;
 - Training and Skills Development;
 - Lobbying and Advocacy.
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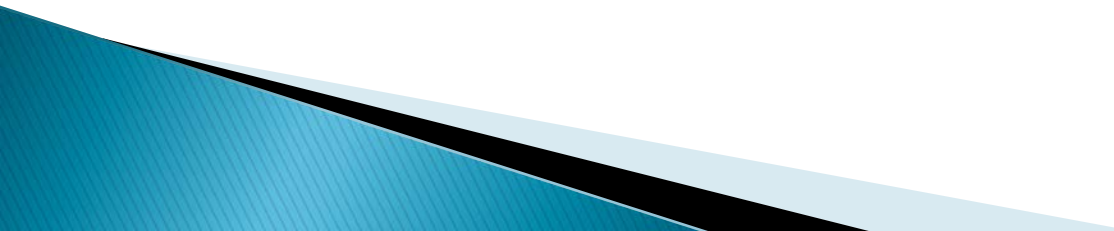
PILOT NATIONAL AGGREGATOR PROJECT

- ❑ A need for such a project from a research and access perspective;
- ❑ Would bring together and help address all the identified themes;
- ❑ Would enable participants to work to standards within their own environments;
- ❑ Would allow stakeholders and SADI to identifying problem issues around digitisation and suggest solutions;
- ❑ Formalisation of SADI could be implemented parallel or as continuation of the Pilot project;
- ❑ Initial Pilot Project participants:
 - Mayibuye Centre (UWC/Robben Island)
 - NLSA
 - Wits Historical Papers Research Archive
 - Tutu Foundation
 - UCT Special Collections

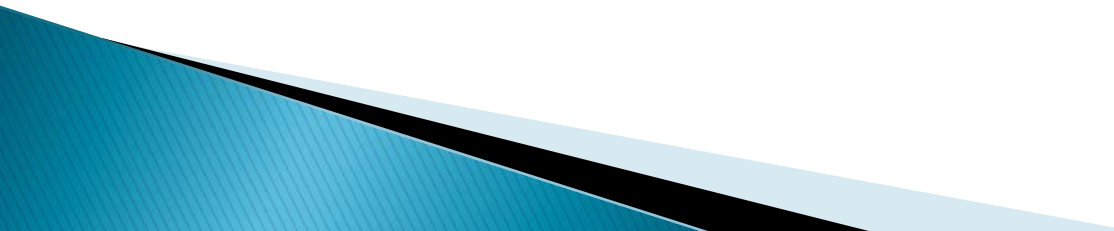
SADI'S ROLE

- ❑ Helping to get digitisation done and assisting in building capacity and expanding skills to support digitisation activity;
 - ❑ Building a national digital resource through a national platform and aggregator – a National Digital Library – which will also help to develop institutional skills, promote research and development and support national metadata standards and interoperability.
 - ❑ Building best practice methodologies and metadata production standards within participating institutions themselves.
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WHAT STILL NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED

- ❑ How do we fund the national project and what are the fundraising possibilities?
 - ❑ How do we build institutional capacity for metadata standardisation and creation using XML
 - ❑ How do we build the hybrid skills necessary to do this?
 - ❑ What other projects and activities do we prioritize for the next 3 to 5 years?
 - ❑ Unpacking the cost and budget implications at both institutional and project implementation level.
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WHAT STILL NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED (cont.)

- ❑ Governance and sustainability of SADI.
 - ❑ SADI's relationship with government bodies such as the NRF and DAC?
Main proposals in this regard:
 - A consortium under the chairmanship of or hosted by the NRF
 - An entity supported by DAC, such as that of the South African Institute for Digital Heritage.
 - ❑ Or does SADI operate independently on a membership basis, where participating institutions would pay a membership fee.
 - ❑ Sustainability, long-term curation and access to, digital resources that we create – and have been created – collaboratively and nationally.
 - ❑ Issues of duplication of effort.
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RESULTS OF TRAINING SURVEY

- ❑ 14 institutions responded to the Training Survey
- ❑ All respondents interested in attending digitisation training workshops
- ❑ Most would like to participate in the pilot national aggregation project
- ❑ Institutions are at different levels in terms of digitisation. In order of highest to lowest demand:
 - Metadata schemas and encoding;
 - Management systems, repositories and search engines;
 - Digital Preservation systems;
 - Hands-on Training;
 - Managing Digital Projects and policy formulation;
 - Imaging Preservation standards and colour management;
 - Setting up a Digitisation Centre;
 - Selecting Content for digitisation;
 - Collection Development;
 - Copyright.

Thank You!
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