

EDITORIAL

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Dear valued readers,

We are pleased to present the Journal of the Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives (ESARBICA), Volume 44 of 2025, which brings together a diverse range of perspectives, research findings and practical insights relevant to our region and beyond. The contributions promote regional dialogue and cover themes around the repatriation of archives; public programming; community archives; custody issues; artificial intelligence and digital transformation in archives and records management that emerged from the ESARBICA XXVIII Biennial Conference that was held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

As a regional platform, the journal remains committed to engaging in emerging issues in the region, persistent challenges and propose solutions to our social, economic and institutional contexts. We extend our sincere appreciation to all the authors, reviewers and the whole editorial team whose dedication made this issue possible. We trust that our readers will find the articles informative and thought provoking.