

REPORT ON A MEETING HELD WITH DR. BALIE- DIRECTOR OF GENADENDAL MISSION MUSEUM TO DISCUSS CONTENTS OF GENADENDAL MISSION MUSEUM AS SPECIFICALLY DECLARED COLLECTION AND CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE COLLECTION

DATE: 28 JUNE 2013

VENUE: GENADENDAL MISSION MUSEUM

TIME: 11H15

Present:

1. Dr. Balie – Director of Genadendal Mission Museum
2. Mrs. Regina Isaacs- SAHRA
3. Miss Nolitha Ngcai – SAHRA

Dr. Balie welcomed SAHRA officials and his extended words of appreciation for the work done by SAHRA- Inventory Unit when were doing the inventory although he mentioned that it was incomplete. However, he stated that SAHRA- Inventory unit left all the working tools they were using during inventory e.g., laptops and camera left to him etc. He complimented SAHRA's name being echoed in the community.

It was brought to the attention of SAHRA that the museum is not funded by Western Cape Provincial Department but, it is depended upon the Museum Board for finances, e.g. their salaries are being paid by the board. Dr. Balie mentioned that they got funding from German government which they used to purchase fire detection and CCTV. According to Dr. Balie, Genadendal Mission Museum is one in three museums in Africa funded by German government as German government has link (connection) to the museum. The museum employed 9 youth members from the community on a twelve months contract and only 2 were kept permanently. A detailed background on how the museum was established was given to SAHRA officials. During the briefing, SAHRA staff was taken on a tour to view all the buildings that the collection is housed at. The museum has a vast and diverse collection.

Dr. Balie was advised of SAHRA's intention on how to preserve and conserve the collection for present and future generation as it is a specifically declared collection. It was mentioned that in 2013/2014 financial year SAHRA has budgeted for Conservation Management Plan for Genadendal Mission Museum. It was further noted that not all the collection there was acquired by Dr. Balie or form part of the declared collection. But, they are people who donated some of their objects or collection to the museum as they were encouraged by Dr. Balie.

SAHRA is therefore having a task of identifying which collection was declared. Furthermore, to establish if those people who donated their collection would give it to the museum permanently or they would loan the museum. It did transpire that some

collection was loaned to the museum. However, SAHRA will have to establish terms on loan collection. Dr. Balie informed SAHRA officials that he was suppose to have retired but the board has requested him to stay for some time. He said after the people heard of his resignation some did say they will take their collection as they are not guaranteed as who will succeed him and that if he she will have passion as Dr. Balie is. On the other side, he said if people are assured of their collection taken or look after they will not take their collection and the fact that SAHRA has come on board to see to it that the collection is preserved. SAHRA mentioned that Mr. Stoffel Smallberg had provided them with a draft CMP of which SAHRA will work on or improve.

SAHRA advised Dr. Balie to write a letter to SAHRA Acting CEO requesting.....

Dr. Balie thanked SAHRA officials for their visit in return Mrs. Isaacs thanked Dr. Balie for his passion, dedication and hard work to the museum and the detailed history given to them. She wished him a good farewell when he retired with the hope that SAHRA will come before he retires.

Meeting was closed at 16H00

Report compiled by Miss Nolitha Ngcai