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YINI IMITHELELA? Lona umbuso obukeka sengathi ulula, kodwa ngisho izinhlangano zamazwe omhlaba jikelele ziyabalaza ukulinganisa, ukwenza umkhawulo encazelweni yegama, nokuchaza 'umthelela'. Alikwazi ukulinganiswa ngokonxa olulodwa ngoba ezinye izehlakalo eziningi nabasebenzisanayo kungenzeka bafake isandla emtheleleni wokugcina emphakathini. Inhlangano ingasho kanjani-ke ukuthi 'Sikwenzile lokho' ngokuzethemba? Lona omunye wemibuzzo ebalulekile Isikhungo Somthelela esijutshelwe ukuthi sikubheke. Omunye, ukuthi umthelela ubukeka kanjani eNingizimu Afrika nase-Afrika, wehluka kanjani nemazweni athuthukile? Yiziphi ezinye izindlela eziyingqayizivele esiletha ngazo izinto kuleli zwekazi ezingaba usizo ngayo engxoxweni yomhlaba jikelele nokuqonda umthelela? Uma kubhekwa kweminye imibhalo, isikhungo siye semukela lokhu okulandelayo njengencazelo yomthelela: Incazelo ephakanyiswayo yobudlelwano phakathi kwezinto ezelukene nokubheka izinto ezingafani ezidina incazelo kokusebenzia ucwaningo njengendlela yokwenza umehluko owusizo empilweni yomuntu.

Isikhungo i-Impact Centre siyengxene ye-Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) Lusebenzela iNingizimu Afrika iminyaka engaphezu kwengama-50, i-HSRC yisikhungo esikhulukazi socwaningo e-Afrika esigxile kwezesayensi ephathelene nomphakathi nabantu. Lukhiqiza futhi lusabalalise ulwazi olungelelo kwinqbomgomu nezinhlelo ekunciphiseni ububha, ixiazululo ekunciphiseni isikhala esidalwa ukungalingani nokuqhamuka nokusha ekudaleni amathuba omsebenzi. Lungapezu kokuba umdali wocwaningo nje, izimpiko ze-HSRC nezikhungo zisebenzela ekusetshenziselweni kocwaningo inqubomgomu nomthelela. Ukusebenzisana nokubambisana kubaluleke kakhulu kwinhlosongqangi kanti kufaka izinhlangano zasezwani, zasesifundi, nezomphakathi wamazwe omhlaba, ezizimele nezomphakathi.

Isikhungo i-Impact Centre se-HSRC sazalwa ngokuguqulwa kwesimo se-HSRC ngakuqaleni kuka-2020. Isikhungo sibhekana nokuhula kwesidingo somsebenzi wababambiqhaza oHlelweni Lukazwelone Lokuqhamuka Nokusha ukuthi ubonakale kakhulu, ngesikhathi sikhombisa ngokusobala umthelela wabo - umehluko obambekayo abawenzayo - emphakathini ongazi kahle ngesayensi.

Inhosongqangi yesikhungo i-Impact Centre ukuthola izindlela zokubona, amakhono nokusebenzisana okwehlukahlukene, ukulinganisa nokuhulumu ngocwaningo olunomthelela kwizinselelo ezibalulekile ezibhekene neNingizimu Afrika nomhlaba.

Umsebenzi wethu

Ngaphakathi, isikhungo i-Impact Centre sisebenzisana kakhulu ne-HSRC yonkana. Ngaphandle, sihlose ukuba sendaweni yobuholi obucabangisisayo bese buphendula imicabango iba yizixazululo eziqhutshwa ukwenza emtheleleni ngaphakathi koHlelo Lukazwelone Lokuqhamuka Nokusha ngokubanzi, futhi lube umholi oveza umqondo okhombisa ukuthi unolwazi emkhakheni othile wamazwe omhlaba endaweni yocwaningo olunomthelela.

Lokhu kusho ukusebenza nalabo abanomthelela nabathintwa yinhlangano bomkhakha kahulumeni nozimele ukuthuthukisa ukuqonda ubufakazi obuphathelene nezesayensi; ukukhuthaza igxoxompikiswano yomphakathi nokubamba iqhaza ngokuxhumana nokusabalalisa lokho okutholakele okwakhelwe eqinisweni kulabo abanomthelela nabathintwa yinhlangano nemiphakathi; ukwenza amaphrojekthi anokuqamba okuthile nenziwa ngesikhathi esifanele nanomthelela; ukwenza ngcono ukufinylela, ukusebenziswa nokuthathwa kolwazi; ukwenza ngcono ubunikazi bomphakathi nokusebenzisa ucwaningo; nokuhuthaza ukufundwa kwenqubomgomu, ukuqhamuka nokusha, kanye nokwenza.

- Ngesikhathi izinga lokubandakanya kwalabo abanomthelela nabathintwa yinhlangano abanezizathu zokubandakanya kuyo abalindele ukuhlomula lilihulu emkhakheni wocwaningo, yingesikhathi kunamathuba amakhulu okuthi ulwazi olusha okuqhanyukwe nalo luzosetshenziswa, ukuthi abanomthelela nabathintwa yinhlangano abanezizathu zokubandakanya kuyo abalindele ukuhlomula bazobona futhi baqonde umthelela, ukuthi amaphrojekthi ocwaningo abalulekile angafakelwa izimali ezikhathini eziyiminyaka eminingi, nokuthi ucwaningo olwesekekile lungaholela ekubeni nomthelela emiphakathini.*

Izindawo okugxilwe kuzo

Ezesayensi nomphakathi	Ukwakha umqondo wokuthile nokuqonda umthelela nokuthi kusho ukuthini ukwenza ucwaningo lapho ukukhiquza ulwazi, esimweni sezindaba ezingelona iqiniso nomsebenzi wokushintsha wocwaningo, kuyaguquka. Lokhu ngabe kusho ukuthini emtheleleni nokuthi yiziphi izinsizakusebenza abacwaningi abazidingayo manje?
Ukuholola komthelela	Ukugxila ezintweni eziphathelele nohlelo Iwezindlela ezisetsenziswa emkhakheni othile wocwaningo, isibonelo, umthelela ulinganisa kanjani hhayi kuphela mayelana nobungako bokuthile, kodwa futhi mayelana nobunjalo bokuthile. Ukubheka ikakhulukazi kwizinhlolovo ezinkulu ze-HSRC, njenge-HIV nokutholakala kokudla. Ukubhekisa ezinye izinhlelo zezindlela ezisetsenziswa emkhakheni othile wocwaningo zesayensi ephathelene nomphakathi ukuqonda nokulinganisa umthelela ngendlela eyiyo.
Ukwenza izivumelwano zokusebenzisana	Umsebenzi we-HSRC udinga ukuthi kusetsenzwe nalabo abanomthelela nabathintwa yinlangano abanangi - kusukela kwabafaka izimali, kuya kuhulumeni neminye imikhandlu yezesayensi. Ibheka okungasebenza kangcono ekubekeni ucwaningo Iwe-HSRC esimweni esingcono ukwenzela ukuhlomula nomthelela okufisakalayo. Okubalulekile ukwenza okusetsenziswana nabo ukuthi basheshe bahlanganye ocwaningweni, bacabange kabanzi ngokunesu mayelana nokusebenzisana okuhutshwa izimiso.
Ukuxhumana	Ukubheka izindlela ezingcono ukuhumusha, ukusabalala nokwabelana ngokutholakale ocwaningweni nomhlaba wonke. Ukubonakala nokuqonda kungandiswa kanjani ngokusebenzisa zonke izindlela ezikhona kulesi sikhathi sekhompyutha ne-intanethi. Kufaka ukunikeza abacwaningi amandla ukwenza umsebenzi wabo ukuthi kufinyelelele kuwo.

OKUBALULEKE KAKHULU:

Umthelela akuwona umsebenzi wesikhungo i-Impact Centre. Umcwaningi ngamunye unikezwe umsebenzi wokuhlela ucwaningo lwakhe olunomthelela engqondweni. Uguqula ngokubalulekile indlela esenza ngayo ucwaningo nendlela esibandakanya ngayo umphakathi. Uphonsela abacwaningi inselelo ukuthi bacabange ngomsebenzi wabo oguqukayo njengabakhizi bolwazi.

Incazelo emfishane yephrojekthi

- ◎ Ngengxene enku yomsebenzi wesikhungo i-Impact Centre ogxile ngaphakathi, kwenza umqondo ukuthi lokho okubalulekile kwenzela ukusiza abacwaningi ukuthi bacabange ngemisebenzi yabo futhi baqonde umsebenzi wabakhizi bolwazi ekubeni nomthelela, ekuguqulenii nasekuxhumaneni nomphakathi ngokubanzi.
- ◎ Ngaphandle, isikhungo sibheka ukuthi singasheshe sikugxilise kangcono kanjani ukucizelela emtheleleni kumaphrokethi ocwaningo. Isibonelo, ohlelweni neNyuvies yeseKapa, iqoq lososayensi bezemvelo babheka ezintweni eziphathelele nokuguquka kwesimo sezulu esimweni senqubomgomo yobulili. Lesi isibonelo esihle sephrokethi yeminyaka emihlanu lapho ithimba lomthelela lizofakwa kwiphrokethi zisuka nje. Iphrokethi ibandakanya amazwe amaningi ase-Afrika kucatshangwa ukuthi ngabe akuhumusha kanjani lokho okutholwe inqubomgomo; ngabe i-African Union nabanye abanomthelela nabathintwa yinlangano kuzwelonek nasesifundeni kungaxhunywana kanjani nabo ngokuguquka kwesimo sezulu; kungenziwa kangcono kanjani ukuthi kwenzeke umsebenzi ofisekayo; nokuthi umthelela wayo wokugapha, ukuhlola nokuhlola umthelela, noma okukhulunywayo koguquko kuyingxene kanjani yomthelela. Okokugcina, ukuhlonza ukuthi ngabe imphumela kufanele kukhulunywe kanjani ngayo futhi isatshalaliswe kudala zonke izinto eziphathelele nesikhungo i-Impact Centre.
- ◎ Amaphrokethi agxile ekukhulumeni ngezesayensi nezintatheli nabaxhumanisi bezempilo, izindlela zokuhlaziya nokuvikela ulwazi oluphathelele nezifo nokwelashwa kwazo olubalulekile ukwenzela ukuhlinzeka ukunakekelwa kweziguli okusezingeni ngesikhathi sobhubhane i-COVID-19, nezinhlelo zekhompyutha namalungelo abantu e-Afrika.
- ◎ Omunye umsebenzi ufaka ukwenza imiyalo yenqubomgomo, ukusingathwa kochunge lwemihlangano yokubonisana, ukuqaliswa kokusebenza kohlaka lokukhuluma ngocwaningo/ inqubomgomo okusemtethweni, ucwaningo oluhlola noluhlanganisa izindlela ezechlukene zokulinganisa umthelela, ukusingatha izindlela zokuxhumana ezechlukene zangaphakathi nangaphandle nezokukhulumisana.

- *Ngobekuvame ukwenzeka esikhathini esingaphambili, ezindaweni zezemfundo nezocwaningo, umthelela ubuliganiswa ngendlela enomkhawulo. Isibonelo ngokubuka kokucashunwe kwezemfundo, izishicilelo ezsimebhaweni yezemfundo ezinomthelela omkhulu, njll. Manje, sinentshisekelo enku ekuthini ngabe ucwaningo lunomthelela kanjani emphakathini; umsebenzi esiwenzayo kufanele uthinte izimpilo, noma ngabe lokho kusho ushintsho endleleni yokucabanga noma yokwenza. Singawuliganisa - singabuka ukuthi kwenzeke niqaphambilini nakamuva? Futhi, singenza okwethu futhi sifunde kulokho okuyincazeloo kwezindlela zokwenza ezikhona ezingcono, sakhele abanye insizakusebenza ukuthi bayisebenzise? Yilipi iqhaza elingabanja okulanda indaba okuvelayo?*

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