**African indigenous knowledge and social work practice: Towards an Afro-sensed perspective**

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**ABSTRACT**

*South Africa is a multicultural society with diverse indigenous cultural communities. It has been argued that as Africa enters into a new phase of knowledge development, disciplines such as social work are equally challenged to rethink their methods and theories to embrace this emerging challenge. The central idea of the paper is based on the presumption that social workers should intervene in a culturally-sensed, appropriately and seeking to discover uniqueness in local indigenous ways within specific rural communities. It is argued in this paper that the practice of social work with its specific intervention approach that use local specific knowledge can be a catalyst for social change and transformation. Locally collected anecdotes are presented in the discussion. Broadly, the paper suggests that indigenous knowledge that encourages local cultures and contexts that integrate cultural-sensitive and Afro-sensed approaches have the potential in driving a changed social work practice.*

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