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Unyaka wezimali ka-2025/26 wawungunyakawokuqala wokusebenzisa uhlelo lwe-Human Sciences Research Council's (HSRC) 2025-2030 Strategic Plan, olukhombisa isigaba esisha sokuvuselelwa kwezikhungo. Ukugxila kwethu bekuwukuqinisa ikhono lenhlangano, ukuthuthukisa umthelela wocwaningo, kanye nokubeka i-HSRC njengesikhungo socwaningo somphakathi esihamba phambili esikhonza iNingizimu Afrika, i-Afrika, kanye neNingizimu Yomhlaba.

INingizimu Afrika iyaqhubeka nokubhekana nezinselele ezixhumene zobumpofu, ukungalingani kanye nokuntuleka kwemisebenzi kanye nokushintsha okusheshayo kobuchwepheshe, ukungaqiniseki kwesimo sezulu, ukushintsha kwezepolitiki kanye nemikhawulo yezezimali. La maqiniso aqinisa ukubaluleka kwesikhungo socwaningo somphakathi esikhiqiza ubufakazi obuqinile ngenkathi siqinisekisa ukuthi ulwazi lunikeza ulwazi ngenqubomgomo, luqinisa izikhungo futhi luthuthukisa izimpilo.

Ngenxa yalesi simo, i-HSRC yaqhubeka nokukhombisa ukubaluleka okuhlala njalo kwesayensi yezenhlalo kanye nobuntu. Phakathi nonyaka, sikhiqize imiphumela yocwaningo engu-498, kufaka phakathi izihloko zejenali ezibuyekezwe ontanga ezingu-143, okudlule kakhulu umgomo wethu wonyaka. Siqhubekile ne-South African Social Attitudes Survey (SASAS), saqhubekisela phambili imiphumela ye-First South African National Gender-Based Violence Study (2022), intuthuko yasemakhaya ethuthukisiwe, ezolimo, kanye nocwaningo lokuphepha kokudla nokondleka, kufaka phakathi i-Integrated Rural Development Sector Strategy Baseline Survey, futhi sakhiqiza ubufakazi obubalulekile ngokusebenzisa ucwaningo lwethu lwezwe lonke lokusungula izinto ezintsha kanye nocwaningo kanye nentuthuko. Ukuzibophezela kwethu ekusakazweni kolwazi kwaqiniswa kakhulu yi-HSRC Press, eyaqhubeka nokushicilela izincwadi zezemfundo neziphathelene nenqubomgomo ezandisa izifundo zase-Afrika futhi zandisa ukufinyelela kocwaningo lwethu ngale kwezemfundo.

Ukuvuselelwa kwezikhungo kwahlala kuyinto ebaluleke kakhulu unyaka wonke. Sisonke, njengeQembu le-HSRC, sigxile ekufakeni imigomo yoHlelo Lwesu luka-2025-2030 kuyo yonke inhlangano, sithuthukisa imodeli ye-Research Hub ukuze siqinise ukubambisana kwemikhakha eyahlukene kanye namagugu enhlangano, senze ukuhlolwa kwamakhono enhlangano yonke kanye nokuhlolwa kwezidingo zokuqeqeshwa, kanye nokuqinisa ukubambisana phakathi kwezigaba zethu zocwaningo kanye nokusekelwa. Sisonke, lezi zinhlelo ziqinisa ubuhle bocwaningo, ukuqina kwenhlangano kanye nokusimama kwesikhathi eside.

Ukuphathwa kwezimali kwahlala kuyisisekelo somsebenzi wethu. Naphezu kwesimo sezimali esibucayi, i-HSRC iphathe izinsiza zayo ngokuzibophezela ngenkathi ifinyelela imigomo yayo yokusebenza yonyaka engu-24 kwengu-25 (96%).

Nakuba siphuthelwe kancane umgomo wethu wemali engenayo engaphandle kwephalamende, safinyelela ku-48% uma kuqhathaniswa nomgomo ongu-50%, saqhubeka nokuhlukanisa imithombo yemali engenayo ngenkathi sixoxisana noMnyango Wezesayensi, Ubuchwepheshe Nokusungula Izinto Ezintsha (DSTI) ngemodeli yokuxhasa ngemali eqhubekayo.

Ukuzibophezela kwethu ekufundiseni okuhilelekile kudlulela ngale kokukhiqiza ucwaningo oluhle kakhulu. Kubonakala ngokufanayo ekhonweni lethu lokubiza ingxoxo phakathi kwabacwaningi, abenzi bezinqubomgomo, ochwepheshe, imiphakathi kanye nabalingani bamazwe ngamazwe. Phakathi nonyaka, i-HSRC yabamba iNgqungquthela Yaminyaka Yonke ye-HSRC igxile kuCwaningo Oluhilelekile, iqinisekisa ukuqiniseka kwethu ukuthi ucwaningo lufinyelela inani lalo elikhulu uma lwabelwana ngalo, luxoxwa futhi luhunyushwa lube izixazululo ezisebenzayo eziqinisa inqubomgomo yomphakathi futhi zithuthukise izimpilo zabantu. Ingqungquthela yaqinisa indima yesayensi yezenhlalo kanye nezenhlalo ekubhekaneni nezinselele zomphakathi eziyinkimbinkimbi ngokudala ulwazi ngokubambisana.

I-HSRC iphinde yaqinisa iphrofayili yayo yamazwe ngamazwe kanye nohlelo lwe-diplomacy yesayensi yaseNingizimu Afrika. Sizizwa sihloniphekile ukuba ngusihlalo weQembu Lokusebenza le-BRiCS Social Sciences and Humanities Research (SSHR), elihlinzeka ngobuholi bokuqinisa ukubambisana kocwaningo kuwo wonke amazwe e-BRICS kanye nokuthuthukisa uhlelo locwaningo lwe-Global South olusekelwe ekulinganeni, ukubambisana kanye nokufunda okwabiwe. Ngaphansi kobuMongameli be-G20 baseNingizimu Afrika, i-HSRC yasekela futhi yanikela kwi-W20 South Africa, okuhlanganisa nokuthuthukiswa kanye nokulethwa kweNgqungquthela ye-W20 South Africa. Siphinde sahlanganyela ekuxoxisaneni okunesu ne-Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) kanye ne-Chinese Association for Science and Technology (CAST), ngenkathi sandisa umsebenzi we-Science Diplomacy and Internationalisation Research Hub yethu. Ngokubambisana, lezi zinhlelo zaqinisa umnikelo weNingizimu Afrika ekubambisaneni kocwaningo lwamazwe ngamazwe ngenkathi ziphakamisa izifundo zase-Afrika kanye nemibono ye-Global South ezingxoxweni zomhlaba wonke ngentando yeningi, ukusungula izinto ezintsha, ubuhlakani bokwenziwa kanye nentuthuko eqhubekayo.

Ukutshala imali kubantu abasha abaphothule iziqu kanye nokudala izindlela zokuthola imisebenzi enenjongo kusalokhu kuphakathi kweminikelo ehlala njalo ye-HSRC ohlelweni lwesayensi, ubuchwepheshe kanye nokusungula izinto ezintsha eNingizimu Afrika. Phakathi nonyaka, sigubhe iminyaka engamashumi amabili yoHlelo Lokuqeqeshwa Kwe-HSRC, olusekele abafundi abangaphezu kuka-7,600 kusukela lwasungulwa. Lolu hlelo luhlinzeka abafundi abangasebenzi ngolwazi olubalulekile emsebenzini, intuthuko yobungcweti kanye namathuba okufaka isandla ocwaningweni, inqubomgomo, uhulumeni, amakhansela esayensi, izazi zemfundo ephakeme, umphakathi kanye nomkhakha ozimele. Ngokwenza kanjalo, kuqinisa uhlelo lwesayensi, ubuchwepheshe kanye nokusungula izinto ezintsha eNingizimu Afrika ngenkathi kusiza umphakathi ohlanganisa bonke abantu abasha lapho intsha ihlonyiselwe khona ukubamba iqhaza ngendlela enenjongo ekuthuthukisweni kwezenhlalo kanye nomnotho wezwe.

Ngakho-ke, lo nyaka wawungekhona nje kuphela ukusebenzisa olunye uhlelo lokusebenza lonyaka. Wawuphawu lokuqala kohambo olusha oluhlelekile lwe-HSRC. Sagxila ekwakheni isikhungo esihlangene, esisebenzisanayo nesisheshayo, esisesimweni esingcono sokubhekana nezinselele zomphakathi eziyinkimbinkimbi kakhulu. Ukuvuselelwa kwesikhungo akuyona into eyenzeka kodwa inqubo eqhubekayo, futhi intuthuko eyenziwe phakathi nonyaka inikeza isisekelo esiqinile seminyaka ezayo.

Njengoba singena onyakeni wesibili wokusebenzisa uhlelo lweqhinga luka-2025-2030, sikwenza lokho ngokuzethemba, ngenhloso kanye nethemba. Sizoqhubeka nokuqinisa ikhono lezikhungo, sithuthukise ikhwalithi yocwaningo kanye nomthelela, sandise ubudlelwano bamasu, sijulise umnikelo wethu kwisayensi yezobunhloli, futhi siqinise ubuholi be-HSRC ngaphakathi kwe-Afrika, i-BRICS kanye ne-Global South ebanzi.

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Ngibonga kakhulu uNgqongqoshe Wezesayensi, Ubuchwepheshe Nokusungula Izinto Ezintsha, uSolwazi Blade Nzimande, iPhini likaNgqongqoshe, uDkt. Nomalungelo Gina, uMqondisi-Jikelele, uDkt. Mlungisi Cele, kanye nobuholi bonke boMnyango Wezesayensi, Ubuchwepheshe Nokusungula Izinto Ezintsha ngokusekela kwabo okuqinile kanye nokubambisana ekuthuthukiseni uhlelo lwesayensi, ubuchwepheshe kanye nokusungula izinto ezintsha eNingizimu Afrika. Ngibonga futhi iBhodi ye-HSRC, ngaphansi kobuholi bukaSolwazi Xoliswa Mtose, ngesiqondiso sayo samasu kanye nokuqapha. Ukubonga kwami okuqotho kudlulisela kubalingani bethu kuhulumeni, ezikhungweni zemfundo ephakeme, emikhandlwini yesayensi, emphakathini, embonini kanye nasezinhlanganweni zomhlaba wonke ngokubambisana kwabo kanye nokuzibophezela okufanayo ekuthuthukisweni okusekelwe kubufakazi. Ngaphezu kwakho konke, ngibonga wonke amalungu omphakathi we-HSRC. Ngiphefumulelwe ubungcweti bakho, ukuqina, kanye nokuzibophezela kwakho okungantengantengi njengoba uye wamukela ukuvuselelwa kwenhlangano ngenkathi uqhubeka nokufeza umyalo wethu wokuthuthukisa isayensi yezenhlalo eyenza umehluko.



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