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Significance for Social Work

innovation ideology
social justice human rights
empowerment strength
(Bent-Goodley, 2017)

"AN AUTHENTIC HUMAN BEING IS PART OF A LARGER AND MORE SIGNIFICANT RELATIONAL, COMMUNAL, SOCIETAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SPIRITUAL WORLD" (MUGUMBATE, 2020)

spirituality, community, politics, management, welfare, counselling, family, administration, research

Principle of Ubuntu

"to be human is to affirm one's humanity by recognizing the humanity of others..."
(Sentenga & Sentenga, 1995, p. 6)

Extensions of Ubuntu to guide our practice!

- **Ubuntu-Informed Ethics**
  → embrace the whole of humanity as part of our global community or clan,
- **Ubuntu Informed Sustainable Development**
  → consider our history (ancestors)
  → future (in our descendants)
  → honours our ancestors ensures the wellbeing of the descendants
- **Ubuntu-Informed Ecospiritual Social Work**
  → consider the earth as a member of our community,
  → form a reciprocal relationship.

Van Breda, A. (2019, p.447)

Language/Region	Expression
Angola	gimuntu
[illegible]	[illegible]
Botswana	botho
Burundi	ubuntu
Congo	bomoto
Ethiopia	[illegible]
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Kenya	[illegible]
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Malawi	[illegible]
Mozambique	[illegible]
Namibia	[illegible]
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Tanzania	[illegible]
Uganda	[illegible]
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