

**ISITATIMENDE SETJHANSELA, UTHABO MBEKI
EMNYANYENI WOKUGIDINGA IMINYAKA EMA-145 I-
UNISA YABA KHONA: UNISA PRETORIA/TSHWANE
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Kuyangithabisa ukuzibandakanya nabalingani bethu abakhulume
ngaphambi kwami ukobana nami ngethule umlayezo omfitjhazana
wokuthokozisa i-UNISA njengombana sigidinga umnyanya weminyaka
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Omunye nomunye umuntu onekareko lokuThuthukisa ikambiso yefundo
ephakemeko enarhenethu ukusukela ngekota yokugcina
yekhulumnyaka ye-19 uzakuyeleliswa kuhle bona afunde indaba
yeYunivesithi le.

Njengombana sekukhulunyiwe, ukusukela kumatjhumini minyaka
amanengi iyunivesithi le nayisathomako beyaziwa njenge-University of
the Cape of Good Hope bekungilo kwaphela iziko enarhenethu ebelitlola
iinhlahlubo ebezenza bona abantu banikelwe iziqu zeyunivesithi.

Kwamambala, kuthe ekukhambeni kwesikhathi yasebenza njengalokho
okubizwa ngokuthiwa yi-federal University. I-federal University le
beyingabanduli namkha beyingafundisi. Ukubandula namkha ukufundisa
bekwenziwa makholiji akhambisana ne-University of the Cape of Good
Hope, okwathi ekukhambeni kwesikhathi yaba yi-University of South
Africa (UNISA) ngomnyaka we-1918.

Yeke okuqakatheke tle bekuyindima edlalwe yiYunivesithi le

ekuthuthukiseni ihlelo lefundo ephakemeko enarhenekhethu, soloko kwangomnyaka we-1873, nokobana yanikela nabafundi iintifikeyidi zebanga lesumi ezenza bona bakghone ukungena eyunivesithi.

Yeke, isifundo namkha irhubhululo lendaba ye-UNISA, hlangana nokhunye lizakuvula indlela yokobana kuzwisiswe ukuthoma kokungenelela kwenengi lama-Afrika wendabuko enarhenethu kufundo ephakemeko, kanye nendlela iYunivesithi eyithethe ngayo indaba le.

Njengesibonelo, encwadinakhe yesihloko esithi, *Spes in arduis: a history of the University of South Africa*, uMaurice Boucher uthi ngeminyaka ye-1880, uSimon Peter Sihlali, umFundisi wamva webandla lekolo, waba mu-Afrika wokuthoma wokuthola ibanga lesumi enarheni.

Walandelwa nguJohn Tengo Jabavu owenza ibanga lakhe lesumi e-Lovedale ngomnyaka we-1883 kwathi ngemva kwalokho wasungula bewa-editha iphephandaba elibizwa ngokuthiwa, *Imvo zabaNtsundu*. UBoucher uthi abentazana bama-Afrika bathoma ukuba nebanga lesumi nasele kuya ekupheleni kwekhulumnyaka yama-19.

Omunye wemiraro emikhulu ngalesosikhathi bekukobana amakhholiji, ebekathuthela amastjudeni ebekahlolwa begodu banikelwe iziqu yi-University of the Cape of Good Hope, beyamukela ama-Afrika ambalwa khulu. Lokhu ngilokho okwenza bona ama-Afrika afana nabo-Charlotte Maxeke, uJohn Dube, uPixley Seme, nabanye, bakhambe bayokufunda emayunivesithi wangaphetjheya, khulukhulu e-USA kanye ne-UK.

Njengombana soke sazi, i-South African Native College, muva ebesele yaziwa nge-Fort Hare University College, yahlonywa ngomnyaka we-1916

Nasiqala indima i-UNISA, ngaphambilini ebeyibizwa ngokuthiwa yi-University of the Cape of Good Hope, izakuragela phambili nokuyidlala lendima ukobana ikhuthaze ukuthuthukiswa kwefundo ephakemeko, silindele bona izakwamukela ukubunjwa kwekholiji ebizwa ngokuthiwa yi-Native College.

Nayithoma ukusebenza ngomnyaka we-1918, igunyazwe ngokusemthethweni ukobana isebenze njengeziko lomBuso, i-UNISA beyineengcenywe zamakhholiji asithandathu. I-Fort Hare, namkha i-Native College, beyingasiyo enye yazo.

UBoucher uhlathulula bona isizathu salokhu bekukobana nangabe i-Fort Hare

ibe ngenye yeengcenywe zamakholiji we-UNISA, "umraro wobuhlanga bewuzakuba khona lokha nakwamukelwa abajameli bayo kuSinethi (Senate) neMkhandlwini (Council)".

Ukuswaphelisa, 'umraro' we-Native College 'wararululwa' ngokobana ihlangane neYunivesithi yeRhodes, ngombiko owabe uphakamisa lokhu ukuthi "akukho ukuninanana ngobuhlanga" ebekukhona eRhodes.

Nakahlabha iKharikhyulamu e-University College of Fort Hare ngemiNyaka lokha isaKhamba phambili, uDavid Burchell uthi:

Umsunguli wehlelo le-African university college, u-E.B. Sargent, omyelelisi kwezefundo ka-Lord Milner, waba nebonelophambili lokuba khona kwe- South African Native College...(njengombana) inikela ifundo esezingeni elihle ezakufaka hlangana ibandulo lalokho okuphathelene namabubulo njengengcenywe efanele yenziwe ngiwo woke umuntu. Umnqophakhe omKhulu bekukubumba umuntu om-Afrika osezingeni eliphakathi kodwana ongokhethiweko ozakusebenza njengomhlanganyeli ophasi wekholoniyalizimu begodu loyo ozakuzalisa iinkhundla ezisezingeni eliphasi kileyomikhakha eneengaba zomphakathi ezihlukeneko.

Nakanjani i-UNISA beyizayithatha njengomunye wemisebenzayo ukwehlula umnqopho lo nangabe beyine-Native College njengenywe yeengcenywe zamazikwayo.

Indaba yokuthi ibhudango elikhuthaza i-UNISA namhlanjisi – kutjingga kuYunivesithi ye-Afrika: ukuhlela kuhle iinkhathi ezizako emSebenzini wobuntu - itjengisa indlela ekhanjwe yitiori yemvelo ye-1873 i-University of the Cape of Good Hope, kanye ne-federal University eyalandela ngomnyaka we-1918.

Soke nje lapha esibumba umPhakathi we-UNISA wanamhlanjisi sinisibopho esifanako sokuqinisekisa bona kwamambala iyunivesithi iphila ngokwebhudango engiqeda ukuliveza.

Kade ngenyanga kaVelabahlinze ngomnyaka we-1972, iHlangano yamaYunivesithi we-Afrika yabamba isifundobandulo e-Accra, eGhana ukuyokucocisana ngesihloko esithi -'Ukwakha iYunivesithi ye-Afrika: Iindaba eziVumbukako ngeminyaka yama-1970'.

Ukubika ngomphumela wesifundobandulwesi, ihloko leya uPhrofesa uTijani M. Yesufu obuya eNigeria watlola incwadi eyakhiqizwa ngomnyaka we-1973:

Iyunivesithi ye-Afrika ngeminyaka yabo-1970 akukafaneli bona iqaleke ihluka, kodwana kufanele bona iimphakamiso zayo zihluke. Kufanele yenziwe ngemethiriyali ehluke kunaleyo yamayunivesithi weTjingalanga, begodu kufanele ithuthukise umukghwa ohlukileko kanye nendlela ehluke emisebenzini yayo. Iyunivesithi ye-Afrika yamambala kufanele kube ngileyo ethatha amandlayo namkha ekhuthazwa libhoduluko, ingabi mumuthi otjhidisiweko, kodwana ikhule kileyosada etjalwe beyakhulela ehlabathini ye-Afrika.

Kungalobu bujamo bebonelophambili lesikhathi esizako ukobana sisoke sizakusebenza ukobana siphile ngokwebhudango lokwakha i-UNISA ibe yiYunivesithi ye-Afrika, ngokuhlonipha ngizimisele ukobana ngithulele ingwani boke labo ababafundisi, amastjudeni, abaphathi neensebenzi ze-UNISA abazokuba batlami bomphumela lo.

Umpfumela ohlonitjhwako oledwa mizamo yokungabi namarhamaru ngakho koke lokhu uzakuthathwa njengaloyo oqinisekisa umlayezo esiwudlulisako namhlanjesi, okukuthokozisa i-UNISA ngokugidinga iminyaka ema-145!

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