

# 10 KEY POINTS/THEMES FOR AFRICAN SOCIAL WORK

1. ISSUES OF FOOD SECURITY & NUTRITION and equity should be top on social workers' agenda, feminisation of poverty, gender pay gap, gender injustice
2. Issues of DECOLONISATION and representation are historical but should remain top on the agenda for African social work, Action is what is lacking
3. We can address these issues in UNITY, through our associations like ASWnet, ASSWA, AU, IASSW, AU etc
4. LEADERSHIP: its time for Africa to lead not to follow, to have a strong voice to address African issues
5. Up the social action field of social work to address the **structural** issues that affect the masses in Africa. We need to go beyond 'counselling the hungry and poor'
6. Remedial social work still a big issue: students just want to counsel, developmental SW neglected still
7. Embracing the positive benefits of **technology**, esp to Pwds and women in the informal sector using digital technologies and social media
8. Women's contribution in the informal economy need to be recognised as survival for most women-we build on this strength in their empowerment
9. Field work training still neglected area in social work education
10. Field placement models that match developmental social work that addresses structural issues e.g. workshop, floating, village camping, group block, etc field placement