#### TACKLING GLOBAL CHALLENGES THROUGH BUILDING TIES THAT BIND: SNAPSHOT THOUGHTS FROM THE TML-GLOBAL CHALLENGES PROJECT Dr Nelson Miambo

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## **BUILDING TIES THAT BIND**

- Quality research
- <u>Co-mentoring</u>
- <u>Co-researching</u>
- Internationalisation of knowledge & research (Unam, Bristol, Cardiff, St. Andrews & other
   EQUAL partners)



## VALORISATION OF OUR HERITAGE LANGUAGES

- Multilingualism in
  Namibia force for unity
- Language rich
  cultures 30 languages
  for a mere 2 million
- Heritage AND modern Languages as a resource
- <u>Apartheid vs democracy</u> WANAHEDA/SOWETO



#### SPHERES OF THE TML-GC INFLUENCE

 How we brought Sensitization to the fore? University researchers & languages across all disciplines, schools, leaders; management, artists, advisors Dialogue with the right actors —workshops, seminars

Sensitisation and sharing not dictating



# Co-production of resources and not just consumption

- Narrativity and story telling
- Teaching & Learning resources \_
- Co-teaching and presentations
- Cross-cultural exchanges
- School visits & sharing
- Castlebrae /Van Rhyan 1+2/2+1 (Wales & Scotland



#### **MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH - Gaps**

- TML-GC & Cardiff University's Phoenix Project also collaborating need to further cement this
- Namibia's multilingual healthcare context \*\*\*\*
- Interventions for translation/interpretation and language learning – enabler for development
- Medical school and Language centre collaboration
- M. Med in Anesthesia curricular development
- <u>THE INTERFACE BETWEEN HEALTH AND</u> <u>HUMANITIES (Languages and culture) IS A</u> <u>CRITICAL AREA FOR COLLABORATION</u> WORLDWIDE

#### What could be done

- "THE WEALTH OF LANGUAGES: MULTILINGUALISM, TRANSLATION, AND LANGUAGE RICH CULTURES" – literature
- Showcasing teaching and learning resources reaching out
- Handing over the resources for continuity
- The MOOC Running now involvement\resources
- Engaging policy makers and curricular designers
- Mapping the way forward

## **PERSONAL THOUGHTS**

- Language is a critical tool for social and cultural cohesion – One Namibia mantra
- Interdisciplinary research is a critical avenue for the future
- Multilingualism is the central attribute to prepare individuals for work, life and development
- Health sciences and humanities interdisciplinary research is more important today than ever before
- TML-GC through funding from the AHRC has started a significant project that speaks to Namibia & the UK

### Baie dankie, ndinotenda, ndapandula, ngiyabonga, pandu

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