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Social Work has been faced with the need to review and rethink its intervention, adapting it to the different social, political, economic, and cultural contexts and to the multiplicity of voices in them. The very international definition of the profession that we know today, when it was established by the realities of the 21st century, maintains central assumptions of the previous definition - promoting social change, strengthening the emancipation of people -, but introduces others that deserve equal emphasis: besides Social Work being enunciated as an academic discipline, with its own theories, sustained in the social sciences, it is also reinforced that this knowledge is strengthened in indigenous knowledge, opening space for its recognition and the need for its integration as a source of knowledge. In fact, the indigenous Ubuntu philosophy - "I am because we are" is assumed as the first theme of the Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development for 2020-2030. At a time when global politics has shown a growth of governments with nationalistic and oppressive ideologies, Ubuntu highlights the interdependence of all people and their potential in co-constructing more just and dignified social realities.