Ethics training session (background and information)

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a Introduction

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- Main interest area is ECE (former ECD)
- Development experience: Xun and Khwe Communities, Project Manager for a Belgium collaboration project in ECE, Consultant for WarChild (Dutch INGO): children in the Sudan affected by War.
- Currently the Director of SASI
- Festival Manager of the Kalahari Desert Festival.

SASI

South African San Institute

- RSA Independent NGO
- NPO
- Existent from 1996
- 21 years in the Development arena
- Originally established to help the ≠Khomani San land claim.
- http://www.africanstudies.uct.ac.za/cas/gallery/khomani

In the 21 years….

- SASI played a roll in the land- claim of the ≠Khomani San.
- SASI developed programmes for the !Xun & Khwe San of South Africa.
- !Xun and Khwe Communities: A history of relocation…

Before we continue on the San groups...

Background

- Wikipedia:

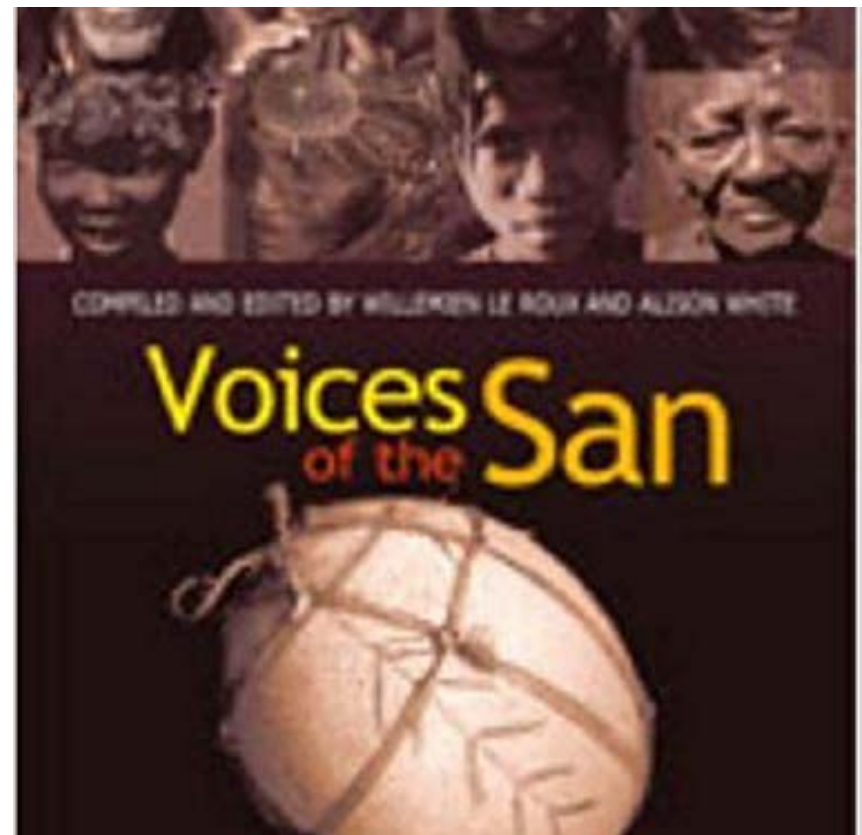- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_people

- https://itunes.apple.com/WebObjects/MZStore.woa/wa/viewPodcast?id=310241441

First people's of Africa

Informative literature

Historical context

- San Rock Art:
- Divided into: Rock paintings and Rock Engravings.
- http://www.kimberley.co.za/city/wildebeest-kuil-rock-art-centre/ (*)
- https://www.amazon.com/Voices-San-Living-Southern-Africa/dp/0795701926

Voices of the San: More recent perspective

The !Xun and Khwe (and all San): traditional lifestyles)
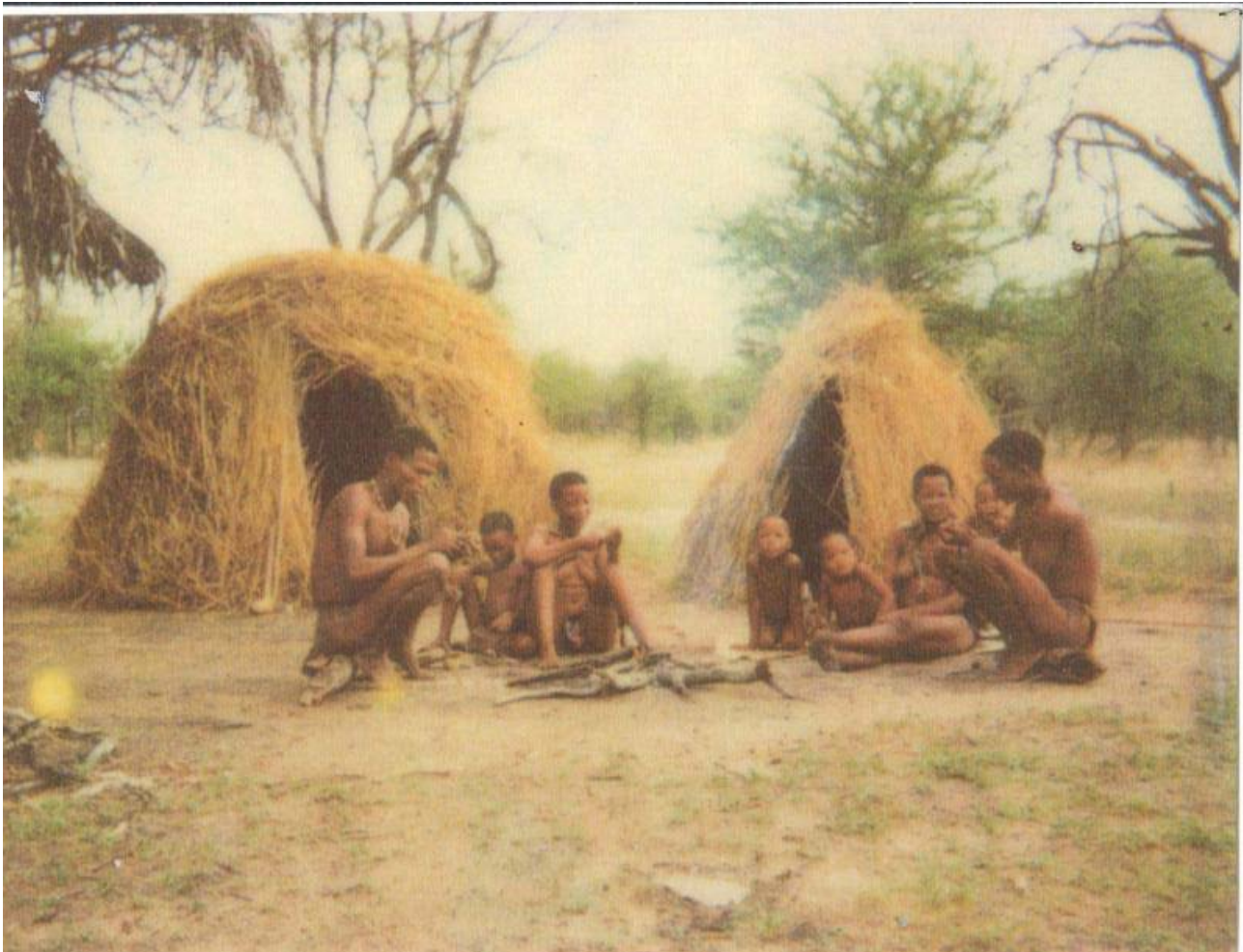
From the Old to the New....

- In less than 100 years....

Sabao's story."Do you think you will change our culture".

The !Xun & Khwe situation

- Two different San groups: Cultural, language, customs and traditions.

- Relocated from Namibië, Botswana in 1990 to the RSA due to the Namibian Independence.

- 800 soldiers employed by the (then) SADF to relocate to RSA.

- 800+ their dependents = 5000 people relocating from Namibië to the RSA.

The !Xun and Khwe Communities in RSA

- Differences in Culture
- Differences in language
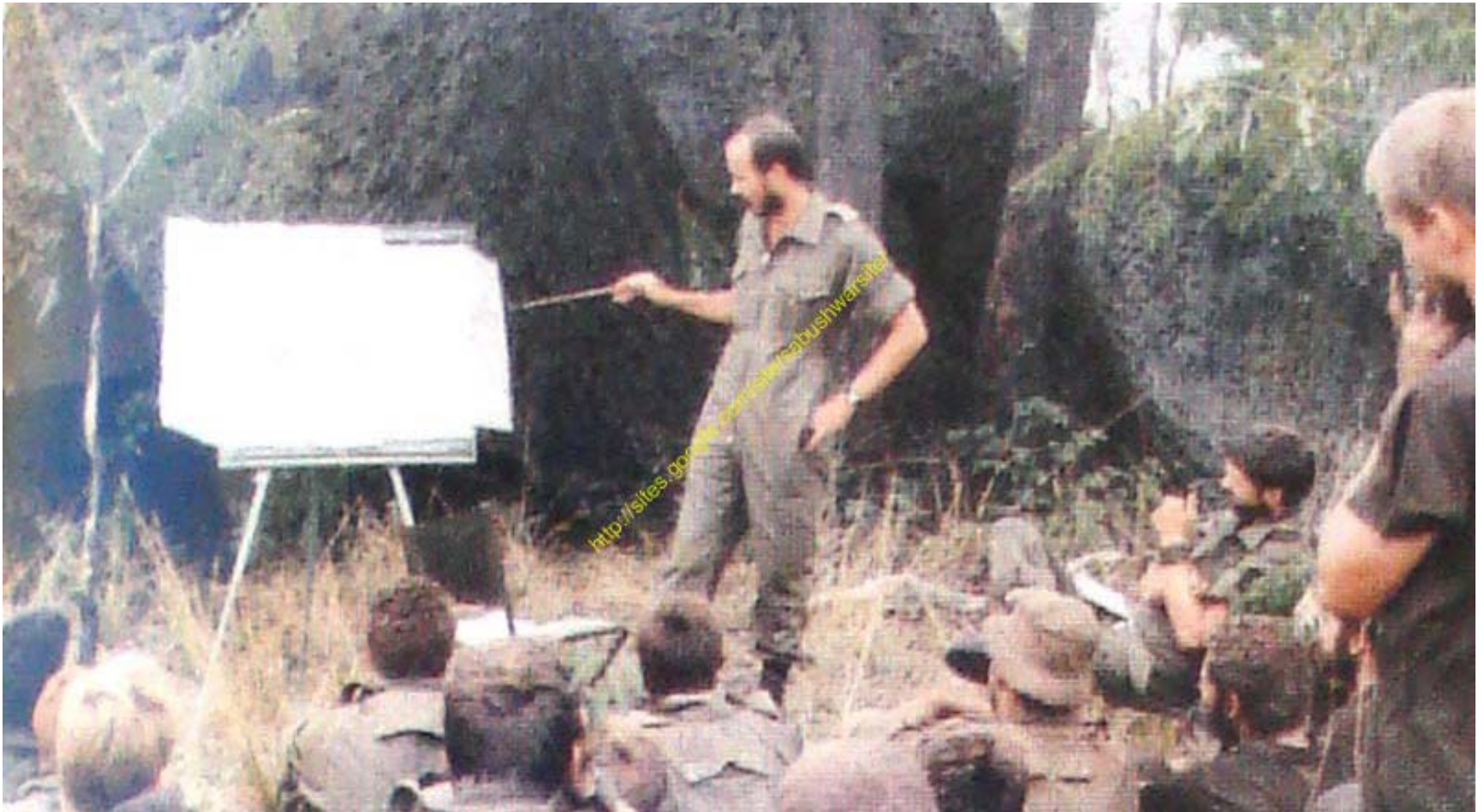- Physical differences

The period: Colonial war Portugal

The San (men) joined Portugal as soldiers in the Colonial War, 1950's.

Large impact on Culture of the San.

The Omega period: "Bush War" RSA

The !Xun and Khwe soldiers brought their families to Omega Defense base

During this period (1970's), the SA Defense force youngsters were accommodated into a schools.

A Khwe soldier.

The grade 1 class of Omega Base

The next relocation…from Namibia to the RSA in 1990

The Schmidtsdrift Chapter

- Relocation from Omega Base to a area called Schmidtdrift in the Northern Cape Province of South Africa.

- A complete different landscape. (semi-desert area).

- Far from towns.

- A in-between (temporary period) – six months- became 16 years.

- Some opinions reflect this as a "refugee camp" .

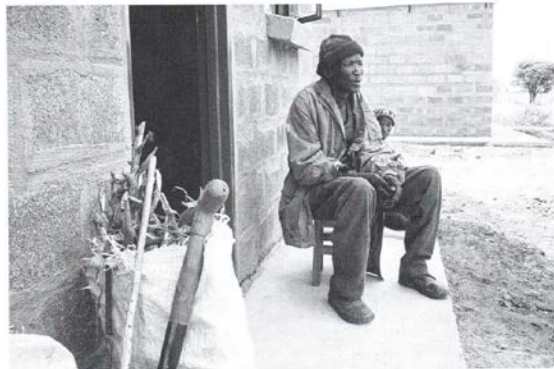# Schmidsdrift…

A day in the life of the Schmidtsdrift San...

Another new chapter…the 'promised land- Platfontein'

LIFE AT PLATFONTEIN

San families arrive from Schmidtsdrift to take possession of their new homes on Platfontein, December 2003. (Photo: W. Heath. SABC)

An ex-soldier contemplates the view afforded from the 'veranda' of his new Platfontein home. (Photo: W. Heath. SABC)

The ≠Khomani San

- Also decedents of the !Xam San
- Lived throughout South Africa for decades
- South African Government (1962 and further), divided people in the RSA into different groupings.
- Classification: White/Black/Indian/Coloured.
- The San were classified as "Coloured".

Interesting: https://www.amazon.com/Born-Crime-Stories-African-Childhood/dp/0399588175

The Land claim and people moved back to the Kalahari area of RSA.

The San in the Kalahari today…

The ≠Khomani San today

Some statistics (RSA context)

- Khomani San = approx 700 people
- !Xun San = approx 5000 people
- Khwe San = approx 2000 people.
- !Xam San = a few families approx 200 people.
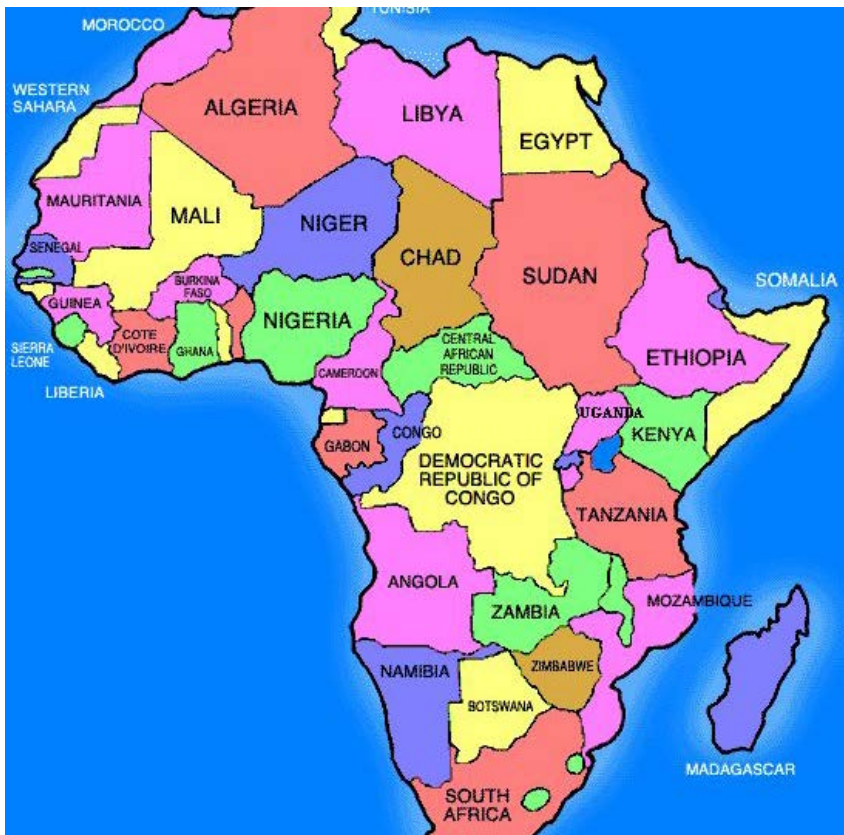
- In the whole of the SADC region, approx 50,000 San left.

Literacy levels (RSA context)

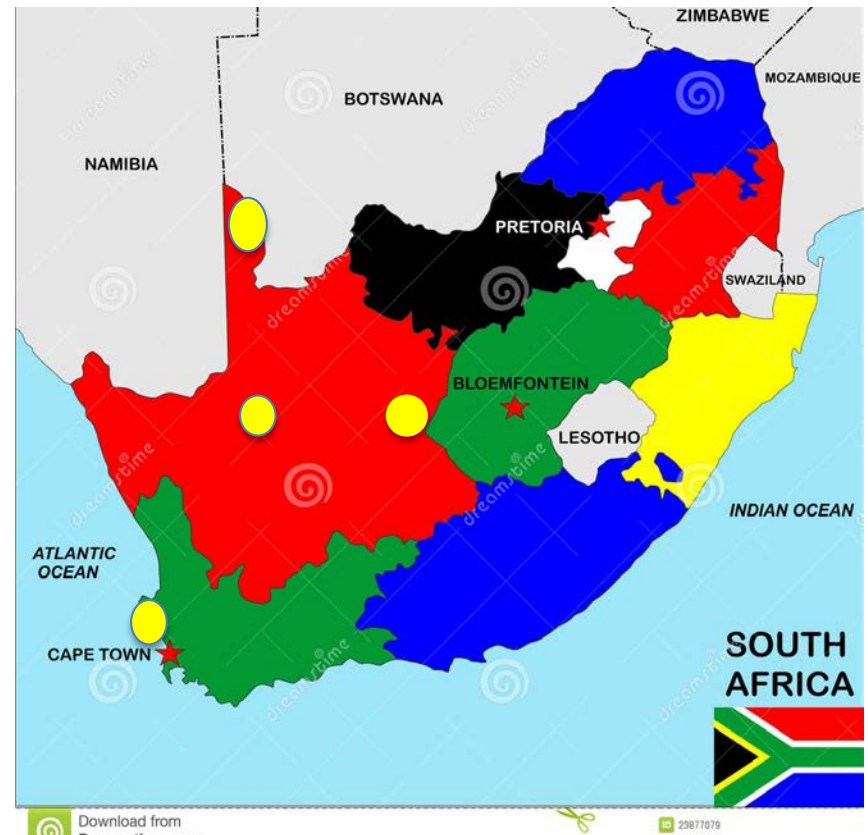- Highest: Khwe speaking San
- 2nd : Khomani San
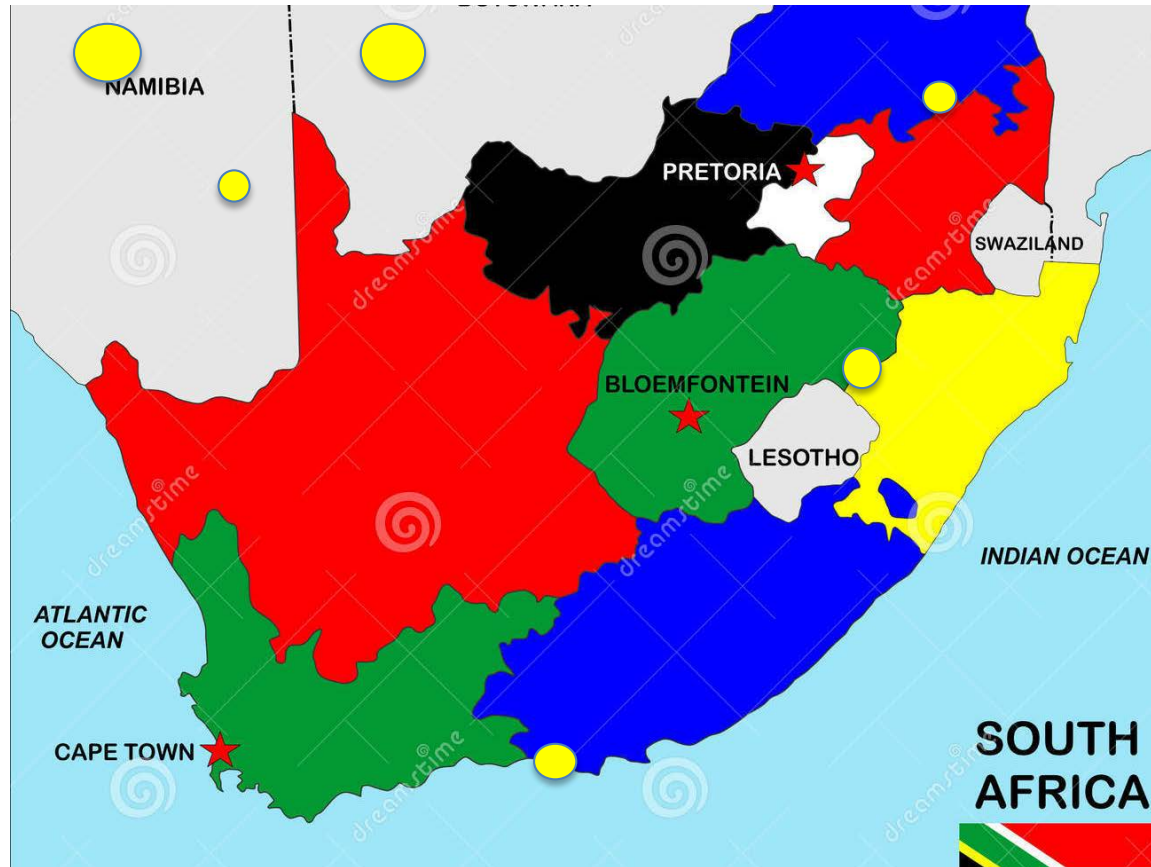- 3rd : !Xun San.

Orientation....where we work
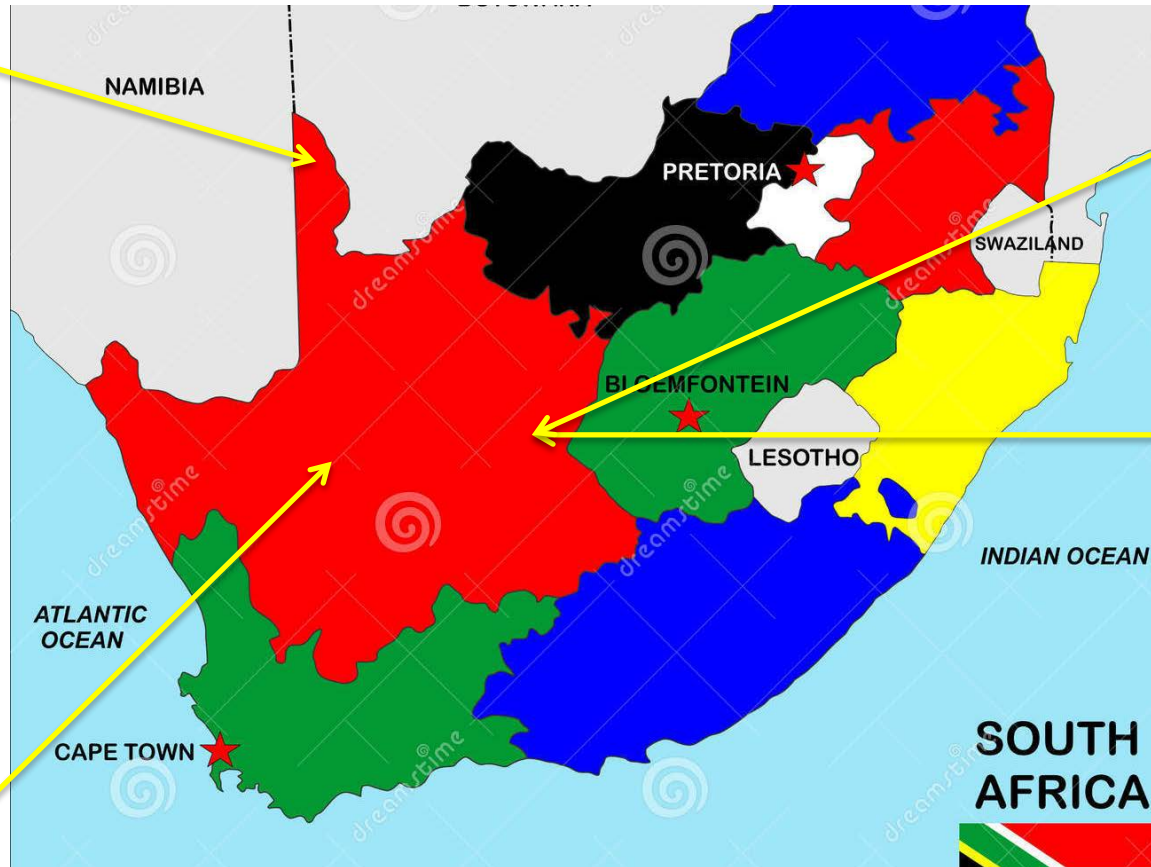
In Africa....

In South Africa.....

For thousands of years the San used to live all over Southern Africa

Therefore SASI also links with other San partners in Namibia and Botswana as well.

Khomani Community

!Xun Community

Khwe Community

Khomani Community

Our main focus groups currently:

!Xun
Khwe
Khomani: Upington and Kalahari

If I say 'we', I am referring to the 'Four Cousins".

- ***The metaphor…***
- Each cousin operates independant BUT:
- Each cousin work together as we all have the same 'image'.
- Lot's of people (including the San itself, researchers, friends etc), would like to taste from our wine.
- AND, as there are those who drink, there are also those who ADD wine to our 'bottle'.
- The above could be: Researchers, Educationists, Anthropologists, Universities etc.

Who are the 'cousins'?

- Cousin ONE: South African San Institute
- Cousin TWO: San Council of South Africa.
- Cousin THREE: !Khwa ttu
- Cousin FOUR: The !Xun & Khwe CPA/ The Khomani CPA.

- Thus:
1. SASI
2. SASC
3. !Khwa ttu
4. CPA's.

- Each of the Cousins carry different responsibilities, but 'we' operate as ONE family for CPA members, as well as other San.

Before we step into 'ethics'…

- The story of Matokka:
- "Buying land".

- The story of Kaumama
- The value of 'responcibility'.
- The story of Andries Steenkamp.
- 'Your house should have a door'.

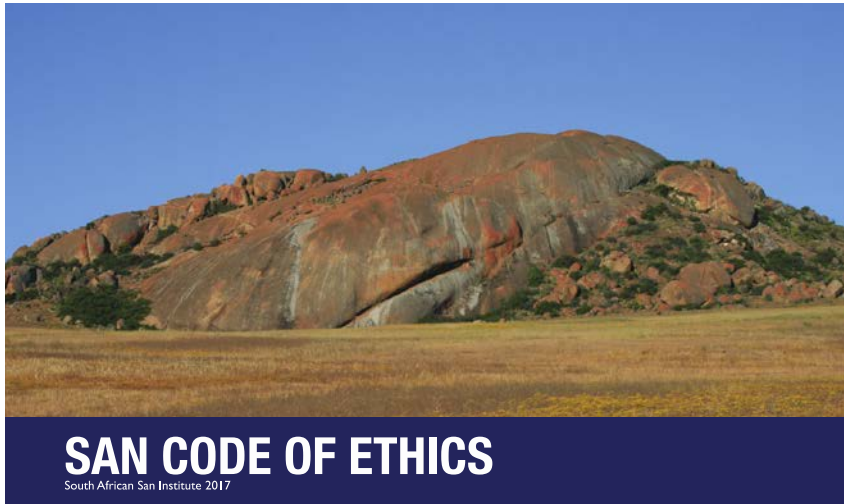# Some key characteristics of the San culture

- A *unique-one-dimensional-thinking* and interpretation of the world.

- A deep understanding of the world as a 'system' of inter-dependence and exchange; e.g., culture, agriculture, language, nature, health are all inter-related.

The Process of developing a Ethics Code

- A process that took 'us' almost 12 years to complete.

- Many levels of consultation.

- - International levels

- - National and regional levels.

- - Community levels

- SASI projects: (e.g)

- PROGRESS project :Informed consent, Responsible Innovation, Countering Exploitation etc.

- http://trust-project.eu

The San Code of Ethics

SAN CODE OF ETHICS
South African San Institute 2017

- R_{espect}

- H_{onesty}

- J_{ustice and Fairness}

- C_{are}

- P_{rocess}

- REF material:
- http://www.sciencemag.org/news/2017/03/san-people-africa-draft-code-ethics-researchers

Some interesting articles

- http://www.groundup.org.za/article/san-council-launches-code-ethics-researchers/

- http://www.sciencemag.org/news/2017/03/san-people-africa-draft-code-ethics-researchers

- http://m.news24.com/news24/SouthAfrica/News/san-council-launches-code-of-ethics-for-researchers-20170304

The different values:

- Respect:

E.g. Leadership were excluded.

- Honesty:

E.g. "They (researchers) makes promises, and we never hear from them again".

- Justice and fairness:

E.g.. "You will be on TV…"

- Care:

E.g. "Some of the research should help to improve our lives".

Value # 5: Process

- *This is where PARTY could play a huge roll:*

- **The development of LIAZ:**

L= Local
I = Infrastructure
A-Z = The process from A to Z

- **The LIAZ 'project' is UNDER CONSTRUCTION.**

- **SASC**
- **SASI**
- **Ethical clearance from Universities- then SASC**
- **Research interest and contract**
- **SASI's role and logistical support**
- **Information and orientation**
- **Literature available.**

An example of a good research project

- The UNISA IDRA model on Platfontein.

- The balance 'model'.

- http://www.unisa.ac.za/sites/corporate/default/Colleges/Law/Community-Engagement/Institute-for-Dispute-Resolution-in-Africa-(IDRA)

Why was this a balanced 'scale' model

- UNISA did research by students.
- The research did include participants from the !Xun & Khwe Communities
- Research articles were published.

- Participants learned skills to interview their own families in their own languages.
- The booklet: "Essays uit die hart", or "Essays from the Hart" **ISBN 978-1-886888-802-3** published by UNISA print production.

The Research aspect of our work…

- The San Communities are NOT against research. To quote Collin Louw (secretary of the SA San Council): "We need researchers, and researchers needs us".

- BUT:
- "We are not in the Research 'Industry'"
- "We are NOT Academics"
- "We do not understand academic 'lingo', but we respect it".
- "We are human's, and therefore would like to give our information to humans".

Some faces in the family... (leadership).

Some faces you will see (the family & cousins)

- SASI:

How do we work….

- SASI works in different Consortiums in order to get as much possible input from specialists, in order to develop systems together with the San. SASI operates in partnership-projects.

A few examples:

- TRUST Project
- PARTY Project
- PROGRESS Project
- IKSDC Projects etc…
- ALSO with our sister organisations: SASC/ Khwattu

- A example of what SASI is currently doing with the TRUST Project:

- http://www.scidev.net/global/ethics/multimedia/ethical-research-code-san-leader.html

- There are numerous other examples as well. For eg the PARTY project which aims and focus on Youth Development.

Thank you

- http://www.sahistory.org.za/article/san

- http://www.krugerpark.co.za/africa_bushmen.html

- http://www.san.org.za/history.php