

CRITICAL, CULTURAL, AND PRACTICAL PERSPECTIVES

Toronto Addis Ababa Academic Collaboration: Stumbling into a successful partnership!

ABSTRACT

Enabling high quality health professions education is key to ensuring high quality healthcare globally. Partnerships between academic health sciences centers in high resource and low resourced settings are often formed as attempts to address healthcare disparities. As we enter such collaborative relationships, it is impossible to ignore the colonial legacies that created the inequities everyone is trying to overcome. We describe the Toronto Addis Ababa Academic Collaboration (TAAAC), an educational partnership between the University of Toronto and Addis Ababa University (AAU), designed to help address an urgent need for current and increased university faculty to teach in the massive expansion of universities in Ethiopia. As TAAAC has developed and expanded, faculty at both institutions have recognized the need for clarity about the assumptions that underpin this shared work. Thus addressing implicit issues of curriculum ownership, decision-making, control, expertise and funding that influence the nature of international educational partnerships is essential. TAAAC attempts to move towards egalitarian forms of knowledge exchange and partnership. We will describe the partnership and draw out lessons we have learned from our 16 years of work across our two institutions.

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