

Toronto Addis Ababa Academic Collaboration

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The vision of TAAAC is to form a strong and enduring, broad academic educational collaboration between the University of Toronto (UofT) and Addis Ababa University (AAU), Ethiopia. TAAAC involves 4 faculties at UofT and this partnership is enabling Ethiopians to train in-country so that a critical mass of medical specialists, subspecialists and PhD level health related and other academics, graduate in Ethiopia. By developing a critical mass of medical experts and academics the current 80% “brain drain” can be expected to decrease significantly. It will be possible for Ethiopia to replicate and sustain medical residencies and PhD in-country advanced training programs over the long term, thus decreasing the risk of training abroad, and successfully address the needs of the country.

Establishing a critical mass of specialist and subspecialist physicians is an important plank in developing and sustaining a comprehensive health care system that will also allow development and support of the complementary and allied health care professions including Ethiopia’s community health care workers. As well, Ethiopia will have the ability to provide multidisciplinary faculty for their new universities (expanding from 6 to 30 in the near future).

The key ingredients for the TAAAC model are:

- The faculty at AAU are well trained and accomplished clinicians, academics and researchers – but there are not enough of them to meet the growing needs of the universities in Ethiopia.
- For each partnership a culturally relevant curriculum of post-graduate specialty and sub-specialty education adapted for local issues and conditions, developed locally with input as requested from UofT;
- The Deans, Chairs and Directors of participating Faculties, Departments and Centres/Institutes at both universities support TAAAC and view it as mutually beneficial;
- Month long training trips are made three times a year by UofT teams made up of two UofT Faculty and a senior resident/learner per specialty, who partner with AAU faculty to co-train the Ethiopian residents/learners. This is modified slightly for PhD training programs and non-medical faculties and schools;
- The UofT medical faculty teaching month incorporates critical appraisal, evidence based applications; an educational focus and expectation that all residents become Clinical Experts, Advocates, Leaders, Educators and Scholars.

“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world” – Nelson Mandela



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