

# EA1200 - Exploring East African culture for Educators

#### **Training Overview**

This session explores East African Culture including geographical locations, politics, social structure and customs. The session reviews education system back home in order to clarify what parents have in mind when they are sending their children to then schools. The session will also focus parent expectations from the school administration as well as teachers. It will also explore in detail student/teacher relationship, teacher/parent relationship and student discipline.

### In this session YOU WILL

- Explore social, history and geographical background of the main East African communities such as Somalia, Ethiopia, Djibouti and Sudan..
- Explore social structure of the East African community such as family relations, extended family relationships and individual and social responsibility.
- Understand the social structure of East African communities such as the role of men and women, parents and children, relationships, marriage, conflict resolution, dress, food, religious rituals and holidays.
- Explore culture and norms of the East African community such as communication and the role of elders in the community.
- Learn differences of education system back home and here in the US
- Learn education system overview and the need of immigrants in order their children to be successful in their schooling system
- Explore student/teacher relationship, teacher/parent relationship in the eyes of immigrants, parent/teacher conference, and student discipline.
- Get answer for all your questions.

#### Who Should Attend?

The training will benefit anyone interested in learning: more about East African community, background of the East African, the basis of their culture, families and the framework of their social structure. It is highly recommended to those who work with East African community and families including social workers, law enforcement officers, attorneys, healthcare professionals, media staff and psychologists.

## **About the Speaker**

**Abdi Elmi** is founder and director of AGE Associates, a multi-ethnic training and consulting organization. AGE Associates provides diversity training and consulting to various organizations in health and Human services, law enforcement, public schools and other social services. He lived and extensively traveled to the Middle East and many African countries. His areas of expertise are diversity trainings, culture and competence, exploring Islamic and Muslim cultures, exploring African cultures and evaluation of translation/interpreting in Arabic and Somali. Mr. Elmi has got a Masters degree in Health and Human Services Administration and speaks fluent English, Arabic, and Somali. He can be reached at <a href="mailto:agelmi02@gmail.com">agelmi02@gmail.com</a>