

To all TTT Faculty and Participants:

I attended Train the Trainers with the hope of learning new strategies to address trainees, to acquire new weapons to stimulate their own desire of learning and, at the same time, to improve my personal communicational abilities. Yet, I expected a Workshop and I found an “experience”. The experience of learning through learners and teaching through teachers. The experience of listening to what others have to say as a result of their own realities, as an emergent of diverse cultures, within a climate of deep respect and profound admiration for the expression of each one’s individuality. Learning and teaching have many things in common, as it was highlighted throughout these fantastic four days in which trainers from different parts of the world chose to be trained. They are both ever lasting processes, they are infinite, they get inside of you and, finally, they have the power to transform your life.

I know that most of us were transformed in this Train the Trainers. I am sure that we are now better learners, and better teachers. I know that from now on, each time we feel like criticizing, we will take a breath and ask ourselves: Shouldn’t we think first of what has been done well? A take-home-message that really exceeds a Trainer to Trainee relation.

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Hoping that this is only the beginning, receive my warmest regards,

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