

Caveats and issues

Much care has been taken to make this intercultural effectiveness profile as universal as possible – that is, relevant to a variety of individuals, occupational sectors (development, business, military etc.), and travel directions (North to South, South to North etc.). An effort has also been made to reduce any biases in the language used on gender grounds. It is unlikely that we have succeeded totally in these goals, but we believe the profile can be adapted by users to their particular fields. The following caveats and issues for consideration should be noted before examining the profile content:

- a) This profile is an example of a particular methodology in the social sciences, in which an ideal model is drawn up for explanatory purposes. While the profile gives a comprehensive picture of the qualities that an ideal intercultural effective person would possess, we recognize that no living human will exhibit all these qualities and perhaps not even close to all of them.

