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**TESOL and Africa ELTA to Lead a Leadership Training Workshop
in North Africa**

Alexandria, Va. (May 28, 2023) – Some 57 English language teaching (ELT) professionals from 26 African countries will gather in Cairo, Egypt, this week to participate in a blended learning leadership training workshop led by TESOL International Association and Africa ELTA. This training is offered as part of the English Access Scholarship Program, funded by the U.S. Department of State, and is being sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs via the six Regional English Language Offices located in Africa.

“Bringing together a group of amazing ELT professionals from around Africa to network and discuss current trends in organizational leadership is truly incredible,” said Sarah Sahr, TESOL’s head of education and events. “I’m excited about the impact that this training can have throughout the region.”

The program is designed to build and strengthen existing relationships within Africa’s ELT communities, align best practices, and provide opportunities for extended collaboration. Being selected through a rigorous application process, participants of this leadership training workshop have access to a wide variety of current organizational trends as well as the opportunity to network with ELT experts in order to provide continued success. As part of this blended learning workshop, participants joined a virtual kick-off meeting and completed several online leadership modules each including an on-demand video session, online discussion forum, and quiz. Module topics included “Assessing and Strengthening Your Language Teaching Association’s Leadership Skills,” “Program Development,” “Women’s Leadership and Mentoring,” and “Organizational Management.”

The day-long in-person workshop on 30 May, led by TESOL’s Heidi Faust and Africa ELTA’s Amira Salama, will include sessions on developing organizational SWOT analysis, team building, volunteering, and developing organizational action plans. To earn a certificate in the Africa ELTA - TESOL International Association: Leadership Training Program, participants must complete at least six of the 12 online learning modules and attend all the sessions at the in-person event in Cairo.

About TESOL

TESOL International Association is the trusted global community for knowledge and expertise in English language teaching. TESOL advances the professional expertise in English language teaching to speakers of other languages in multilingual contexts worldwide through professional learning, research, standards, and advocacy. In principle and in practice, TESOL values professionalism, respect, integrity, and lifelong learning and seeks diverse and inclusive participation within the field of English language teaching. TESOL promotes equitable representation, engagement, and broad access to professional opportunities for all and works to eliminate any kind of discrimination. TESOL is a professional community of more than 10,000 English language professionals representing more than 150 countries. For more information, please visit www.tesol.org.

About Africa ELTA

Africa ELTA is the international association of English language teachers in Africa. It was founded in 2016 and currently has 24 teacher associations as partners in Africa and more than 2,500 members from Africa and around the world.



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