

## **CULTURAL SENSITIVITY**

| Linear Active   | Multi- Active  | Reactive                      |
|---|--|-------------------------------|
| Data oriented cultures  | Dialogue oriented cultures   | Combination of both styles    |
| North Americans, Western<br>Europe                              | South Americans, Mediterranean<br>Australia, Middle East, South East | East Asia                     |
| Patient   | impatient  | Patient                       |
| does one thing at a time  | does several things at once  | Reacts                        |
| works fixed hours   | works any hours  | flexible hours                |
| Punctual  | unpunctual   | punctual                      |
| dominated by timetables and schedules                           | timetable unpredictable  | reacts to partner's timetable |
| sticks to plans   | changes plans  | makes slight changes          |
| gets information from statistics, reference books and data base | gets first-hand (verbal) information                                 | uses both                     |
| job oriented  | people-oriented  | people oriented               |
| Unemotional   | emotional  | quietly caring                |
| follows correct procedures                                      | pulls strings  | inscrutable, calm,            |
| delegates to competent colleagues                               | delegates to relations   | delegates to reliable people  |
| brief on telephone  | talks for hours  | summarizes well               |
| dislikes losing face  | has ready excuses  | ultra honest                  |
| confronts with logic  | confronts emotionally  | must not lose face            |
| rarely interrupts   | interrupts frequently  | doesn't interrupt             |