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WELCOME TO THE ITEN COMMUNITY!

Great Turn Out for Project Team Proposals!

We are pleased to announce that we received **42 Project Team idea proposals** from **20 OAS member states** for the 2020 edition of ITEN Project Teams! Thank you to all of you who applied. If you have not yet been contacted by ITEN about next steps, please note that we will reach out to applicants shortly. As a reminder, in order to be eligible to participate in Project Teams, applying institutions must partner with at least one other applying institution from another country. Official acceptance of Project Teams will be made by the ITEN within the first week of April.

Below is a detailed schedule of the events pertaining to Project Teams:

- **FEB. 12:** Deadline to submit responses to clarification questions sent by Alison Owens
- **FEB. 17:** Idea Proposals summary document will be distributed to all applicants to review and respond with their Team preferences by **FEB 20**
- **MAR 1:** Letter of Commitment deadline - *email PDF to rvieyra@oas.org*
- **MAR 1-30:** Interactive Webinars between potential Teams - *specific dates TBD*
- **MAR 31:** Deadline to form Project Teams
- **APR 1:** Virtual leadership and get-to-know-you conversations begin

2020 ITEN Seminar Location Announced

We are happy to report that the 2020 ITEN Annual Seminar will take place in **Medellín, Colombia**. The event will last **four full days** in the **second half of August**. Specific dates will be announced by early March. Stay tuned!

The host city was chosen for its highly successful education policies and practices, which in less than 30 years, transformed the city from once considered "the most dangerous in the world" to now being labeled "the most innovative in the world", and ultimately winning the award of "[Learning City](#)" by UNESCO in 2019. Medellín is an example of "good practices" for regional alliances directed at strengthening STEM education in long term. Learn more [here](#).



Upcoming Events



Webinar: Global Classroom Project

Date: March 24

English: 4:30-5:15 pm (EST) - [Click here to register](#)

Spanish: 5:30-6:15 pm (EST) - [Click here to register](#)

primary and secondary teachers and classrooms in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), a school district just outside of Washington, DC, through the Global Classroom Project.

The Global Classroom Project provides students with opportunities to collaborate on authentic tasks with peers from around the world on global challenges, while increasing content knowledge and developing 21st Century skills. Together, students act towards a United Nations Sustainable Development Goals that supports the content and goals for each participating class. During this webinar, you will meet FCPS administration to learn about eligibility and benefits of participation. Learn [how to get involved here](#).

Partner with schools in the United States to collaborate across borders on the UN Sustainable Development Goals



Teacher Focus

José de Jesús Gómez Hernández demonstrates how teachers can be agents of change in Mexico



Teacher Fellow in Mexico who led a workshop on rain water reclamation as part of the first ever International Conference on Environmental Education for Sustainable Development, held on 24 and 25 January 2020, within the municipality of Tamazunchale, Mexico. Read more [here](#).



Lynn Jorgenson, from USA, is on a quest to make science accessible to all

Lynn is a high school physics teacher in Arizona, USA. She embraced the teaching ideas and approaches presented during the ITEN Teacher Fellow Workshops held in Lima, Peru in 2019, especially including Active Learning in Optics and Photonics. Read more [here](#).



Baghya Malladi, Jamaica, shows it's possible to do STEM on a budget

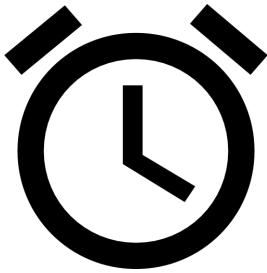
On 11 February 2020, ITEN Teacher Fellow Bhagya Malladi organized her school's first-ever "Youth Power" science exhibition in Kingston, Jamaica. More than 250 7th grade students built robotic arms and other technological devices from reclaimed and recyclable materials to learn about energy transformations and its conservation, proving to students, teachers and administrators that it is possible to do STEM at low cost. Learn more [here](#).



Michelle Hodges and Carmen Barnes' "hands dirty" workshops show how easy STEM integration can be for ECCE teachers in Arizona, USA

On 18 January and 1 February 2020, ITEN Teacher Fellows and teacher leaders Carmen Barnes and Michelle Hodges of Arizona, USA, facilitated two workshops for early childhood teachers who want to integrate STEM into their teaching. STEMteachersPHX in

General Resources



Reminders

- **Cooperation Exchanges:** Agendas and required documentations must be submitted at least **one month prior** to scheduled travel dates.
- **Seed Grants:** Review Cooperation Agreement and Annex I, Schedule of Payment, and send to Patricia Moraes with requested info. and any comments. The OAS requires that it be the first Party to sign the Agreement.

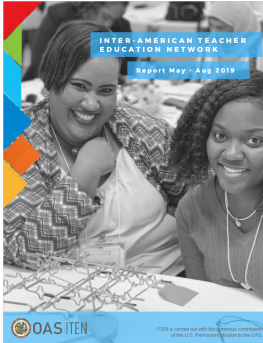


2020 ITEN General Timeline

- **January 31:** Project Team Application (**Closed**)
- **March 1:** Letter of Commitment for Project Team participation due
- **March 1 - 31:** Interactive Webinars between suggested teams or groups who express similar interest – *specific dates TBD*
- **March 31:** Project Teams are formed
- **May 1:** Project Teams work virtually
- **May 31:** All 2019 Cooperation Exchanges must be completed
- **May 31:**
 - Deadline to submit required forms for Seminar attendance
 - Deadline to execute 2019 Cooperation Exchanges and Seed Grant Awards
- **June 15:** Launch of 2020 Cooperation Exchange & Seed Grant Call for Proposals

applications due

- **November 27:** Launch of 2021 Project Team Call for Proposals
- **November 31:** Project Team share-out due



ITEN Resources

- [ITEN Website](#): Visit the ITEN website to learn about our work in STEM Teacher Education in the Americas and stay up to date on upcoming opportunities to get involved.
- [2019 ITEN Annual Report](#): Check out our Annual Report to learn about ITEN's impact in the region during its first year of Phase 4 of the program
- [Community Guide](#): The ITEN Community Guide will provide you step-by-step instructions on requirements for participation in Project Teams, Cooperation Exchanges and Seed Grants

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