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# INTER-AMERICAN TEACHER EDUCATION NETWORK

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### **Progress and Priorities**

Dear colleagues,

We continue to hope that you and your loved ones remain physically, mentally, and spiritually healthy as many of you enter into your third or fourth month of quarantine.

We know that many of you find yourselves in periods of transition—for those of you in the Northern hemisphere, many are transitioning out of the school year, while many in the South are having a turbulent beginning of their school year. We hope that you continue to find that ITEN provides you with the support to weather both short- and long-term struggles as you manage your own teaching and the education of future and current teachers.

Additionally, we are so pleased to see the fruitfulness of the collaborations on your Project Teams. Please don't forget that we have many opportunities for you to showcase your work, including the opportunity for institutions to request <u>Seed Grants</u>, for educators to request <u>Teacher Leadership Funds</u>, and the chance to publish an article in the special edition of <u>Conexiones</u>. Additionally, don't forget to connect with others beyond your Project Team by sharing your <u>Contact Information</u> and joining the next <u>Community & Leadership gathering</u> on 25 June.

We continue to hold out our hopes that we will have our face-to-face Annual Seminar in Medellín, Colombia in early 2020. In the meanwhile, however, we are planning a number of virtual activities

these activities will be an opportunity for you to showcase the work of your Project Teams to the region. More details to come!

The ITEN Team



# EXCLUSIVE TO ITEN PROJECT TEAMS

## Build Your Network → Community and Leadership Gathering

Join your fellow 2020 Project Teams for an interactive session where you will have the opportunity to connect with members from other Project Teams (as well as your own) through Community & Leadership activities and conversations. This session will focus on communication principles and techniques of good leaders. Come prepared with your answer to the following question: Without looking at a dictionary, what is YOUR definition of "communication"?

Community Webinar: 25 June 2020 at 3:30 PM ET (Washington, DC time) REGISTER HERE

Distance Learning for Early Childhood: The Efforts of Costa Rica and ITEN Teacher Fellow Ana Sofía Salguero López



normalcy in their classes, early childhood and primary teachers face an additional challenge when it comes to keeping contact with their young students.

Learn how Ana Sofía, one of the ITEN Teacher Fellows, and other teachers in Costa Rica are implementing distance classes for their young students during this pandemic supported by specific initiatives developed by their Ministry of Public Education. Read more here.



### Teacher Task Force: Information and materials to support back-to-school efforts

The Teacher Task Force has published information and materials to support teachers and policymakers in their back to school efforts. Here are some highlights:

- Recommendation for policymakers on schools reopening (guidelines I website)
- 7 ways to help teachers succeed when schools reopen
- Reopening schools: When, where and how?
- Three principles to support teacher effectiveness during COVID-19

For more information and publications, visit the TTF website.



### ITEN Webinar Series: Teaching STEM in Quarantine



Find below the list of our upcoming webinars! And visit our <u>website here</u> for recording and presentations of past ones.



Aprendiendo con Aplicaciones educativas. Una estrategia de enseñanza en Sistemas Operativos Móviles

Presenter: Jorge Martínez Palomo - Escuela Primaria

Venustiano Carranza - México

Date: 17 June 2020

Time: 11:00 AM Washington D.C. time



### Retos a Superar en la Educación a Distancia

Presenter: César Martín Agurto Castillo - Teacher - Peru

Date: 19 June 2020

Time: 5:00 PM Washington D.C. time

Language: Spanish

Lear more and **REGISTER HERE!** 



### **Teaching STEM in Quarantine: Perspectives from Master Teachers in Jamaica in Their Subject Areas**

**Presenter:** Master Teachers of the Jamaica Teaching Council - *Ministry of Education Youth and Information of* 

Jamaica

Date: 29 June 2020

Time: 7:00 PM Washington D.C. time

Language: English

Lear more and **REGISTER HERE!** 



### Retos de la Educación Superior en un Escenario Post-Covid-19 en Latinoamerica

Presenter: Apoyado por la Red Academica de Docentes e Investigadores (RADI) y con ponencia de Francisco Forero en representación de Coursera, Mickael Martiquet en representación de Microsoft y Diego Cardona como experto en Transformación Digital y en Educación Superior - Colombia

Date: 30 June 2020

Time: 11:00 AM Washington D.C. time

Language: Spanish

Lear more and REGISTER HERE!



### Mediación Docente para Todos los Hogares: "Aprendiendo en Familia"

Presenter: Abel Rojas Aguirre - Teacher Trainer - El

Salvador

Date: 30 June 2020

Time: 6:00 PM Washington D.C. time

Language: Spanish

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#### **PhET Interactive Simulations**

Learn more about <u>PhET Interactive Simulations</u> and its free teacher resources for math and science teaching available in 80+ languages.

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#### **Additional Free Resources**

Access hundreds of free online resources for teaching STEM

- **STEM resources in English**
- **STEM** resources in Spanish
- **■** ITEN Virtual Community of Practice
- General resources



### **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
- <u>Community Guide</u>: The ITEN Community Guide will provide you step-by-step instructions on requirements for participation in Project Teams, Cooperation Exchanges and Seed Grants



#### 2020 ITEN General Timeline

- January 31: Project Team Application (Closed)
- March 1: Letter of Commitment for Project Team participation due

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- March 31: Project Teams are formed
- May 1: Project Teams work virtually
- May 15: Launch of 2020 Seed Grant & Teacher Leadership Fund Call for Proposals
- June 30: Seed Grant & Teacher Leadership Fund applications due
- July 31: Award announcement for Seed Grant & Teacher Leadership Fund
- November 27: Call for Proposal fo 2021 Project Teams launched
- November 31: Project Team share-out due

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