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## \* Happy New Year! \*

Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year! May 2021 be full of health so we can all continue collaborating together towards ever greater achievements.

The first newsletter of the year already brings two exciting announcements:



- 1. **Project Team 2021 cycle** starts soon. Submit your <u>application</u> by deadline of **February 1st!** We look forward to seeing your proposals.
- 2. The <u>ITEN 2020 Annual Report</u> final draft is ready. Check out the achievements and impact of your hard work last year.

Towards an incredible year - let's go!

The ITEN Team

# **News & Opportunities**



#### **UNESCO'S NEW PUBLICATION:**

Ensuring Effective Distance Learning During COVID-19 Education Disruptions: Guide for Teachers

The publication provides relevant guidance for teachers to facilitate students' effective distance learning, relevant case

studies, and curated resources that are relevant to distance learning models.





NATIONAL CONGRESS OF STEM EDUCATION: Research, Practices, and Culture - *Jan. 29-30, 2021* 

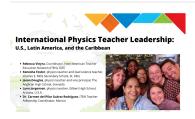
Virtual conference promoted by CONASTEM and partners, with 15 presentations by STEM experts.

- ▶▶ <u>Learn more HERE</u> ◀◀
- ►► Register HERE ◀◀

### **ITEN Community Highlights**



Learn how ITEN Teacher Leader, Cindy Leeflang from Suriname, is transforming education for many students of the interior region with the help of the ITEN Teacher Leadership Fund. >> Full story HERE



ITEN teachers have recently shared their knowledge and major contributions at international conferences with thousands of teachers, including the AAPT, AAPT Mexico, and the Second International Congress for STEM Education of Tamazunchale, Mexico.

►► Learn about their contributions HERE ◀◀



Learn how ITEN Teacher Fellows with the help of a seed grant are helping to empower American and Mexican early childhood teachers through the STEAMAZing methodology, which involves coaching, peer-to-peer collaboration, and even game development.

Full details HERE



ITEN Teacher Fellow Janet Lewis, on January 14, 2021 led the first of a three-part professional development program for early childhood teachers in Jamaica titled "STEM Integration in Teaching Children 3 to 6 Years Old."

▶▶ <u>Learn how sessions are involving teachers HERE</u> ◀◀

On January 14, 2021, ITEN Teacher Fellow Mikhael Davis led the first session of a 16-week professional development course, "Improving Laboratory Activities



**for Grades Ten and Eleven,"** for high school physics teachers in **Jamaica**. Mr. Davis developed this course as a component of his 2020-2021 leadership plan.

▶▶<u>Learn more about it HERE</u>◀◀

### **Community Resources**



#### **Additional Free Resources**

Access hundreds of free online resources for teaching STEM.

- us STEM resources in English
- **ES 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.
- 2020 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 provides step-by-step instructions on requirements for participation in Project Teams and Seed Grants

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