

Country in Focus: Dominican Republic

The **ITEN Teacher Fellow, Sandra Guerrero**, was invited by Mr. Bolívar Junior Sosa, regional director of education of the Dominican Republic, **to develop and implement** a series of **laboratory practice workshops in chemistry**.



The invitation came after the regional director received a communication sent by the ITEN-OAS to education officials from several countries highlighting the work of Teacher Fellows in the region. Upon learning that Sandra had been appointed as a Teacher Fellow representative of her country for her excellence in leadership and teaching, the director promptly contacted her to take advantage of her distinguished skills to develop these workshops.



The workshops were held between February and March 2020.

70

**chemistry
teachers**

of government centers and schools in 11 districts were trained in chemistry laboratory practices and experimental practices.

According to Sandra, the central idea is to demonstrate that **much can be done with little**. In addition, help these teachers to become facilitators, executing the practices learned with their respective students, and **providing transformative experiences** in their lives.

"It is only necessary to have enthusiasm, availability, and above all, knowledge," she says.



Teachers also do not hide their enthusiasm with the initiative, since they lack opportunities for training in the development of teaching practices based on limited and affordable resources.

*A participant highlights
"The workshop presented
a clear language,
affordable resources,
little instrumentation,
and rapid assimilation of
the content. Simply
excellent!"*



Sandra also shares that her participation in the ITEN Teachers' Fellowship helped in the recognition of her efforts in leadership and teacher training..

***"By belonging to this Network,
it distinguishes you as a leader."***