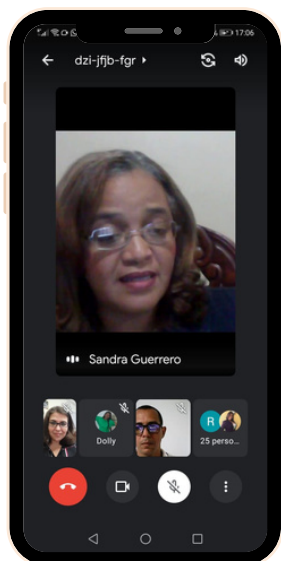


# Country in Focus: Dominican Republic

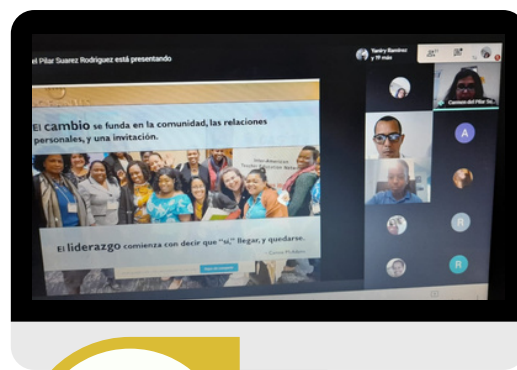
**Sandra Guerrero, ITEN Teacher Fellow, is creating a new physics teaching community across the Dominican Republic.**



As part of the obligation of the ITEN Teacher Fellowship, teachers carry out a leadership plan that significantly impacts at least 20 other colleagues. To do so, **Sandra created a virtual network**, connected initially through WhatsApp.

**In this group, teachers provide general support to their peers and share specific content related to STEM.**

Aiming to reach her peers in a more formal and structured setting, **Sandra started a series of virtual workshops with international guest speaker specialists on themes that range from introduction to STEM to project-based learning.**



**60**

On February 8, 2021, **60 classroom physics teachers participated in the first workshop.**

*The teachers, who normally would not have access to this opportunity, reacted very positively to the initiative, and are already implementing some of the learning in their classrooms.*



Sandra intends to continue organizing virtual webinars and conferences. **These activities are just a first step toward helping her to strengthen the physics teacher education in the Dominican Republic.**