

Country Focus: Mexico

On 24 and 25 January 2020, the municipality of Tamazunchale hosted its first ever **International Conference on Environmental Education for Sustainable Development**.

The Municipality collaborated with ITEN partners to support **"teacher leadership as a promoter of community economic and social development,"** and as **preserver of cultural heritage.**



Congreso Internacional de Educación Ambiental para el Desarrollo Sustentable.

"El liderazgo docente como promotor del desarrollo económico y social de las comunidades"



800+

Teachers

...participated in poster sessions and workshops that made connections between classroom STEM instruction and Mexican cultural heritage, including basket making, cooking, and traditional mask design.

More than 200 artisans, entrepreneurs, and governments officials also participated to support teachers' learning.





Jose de Jesús Gómez Hernández is a high school math and physics teacher and ITEN Teacher Fellow in Mexico who led a workshop on rain water reclamation, and who plans to take the workshop across the Huasteca region.

José de Jesús says, "I was inspired by the need to share that **we teachers, too, can be agents of change in the region.** Beyond teaching students...we can also encourage others to take care of the environment."

This massive event, which included the grand opening of a scientific aviary observation station, was organized in large part by ITEN Teacher Fellowship Coordinator, **Dr. Carmen del Pilar Suárez Rodríguez.**

Watch her interview about the importance of teachers, teacher leadership, STEM, and sustainable development for a local radio station below.

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Teachers

...learned to make rain water reclamation systems.



Dozens of teachers actively contributed ideas through workshops and a poster session.