STRENGTHENING THE TEACHING PROFESSION

Name of Initiative: Inter-American Teacher Education Network Center of Excellence in Teacher Education

Duration: 2023 to 2027 (5-Year installation period of a permanent initiative)

Current participating Countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Grenada, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, The Bahamas

Objective: To establish the OAS as a Center of Excellence (CoE) in teacher education by developing and providing leadership, best practices, academic research, technical training and support and policy recommendations through a coordinated network of strategic institutional partners in the Americas.

Activities:
- Identify and establish strategic institutional partnerships
- Provide competitive financial awards for academic research and capacity-building activities
- Fund cooperation exchanges between specialized institutions
- Facilitate annual cycle of multilateral Project Teams in which various educational institutions are matched to work on a common challenge in teacher education practice or policy
- Support the creation of regional professional societies
- Provide a central platform for community and leadership building to support ongoing teacher network activities

Cost and Funding: USD $6 million (5 years)

Request from Partners:
- Funding
- Support in identifying strategic partners in their respective countries
- Commitment to institutionalize fact-based CoE policy and practice recommendations at the national level
- Identify, support and reward teachers trained through the CoE’s programs
- Promote Center of Excellence in their respective networks

Sub-themes:

STEM Education
- Gender Equity
- Sustainable Development

Digital Inclusion
- ICT
- Rural Connectivity
- Pedagogy
- Change Management

Diversity and Inclusion
- Differently abled
- Vulnerable groups
- Indigenous cultures

Beneficiaries:
- Practicing Teachers
- Teacher Educators
- Teacher Education Institutions
- Ministries of Education

Expected Results
Teachers and educational institutional equipped with effective academic research, technical best practices and policy frameworks that respond to the specific developmental needs of the region.

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