

The Professional Development for Educators Program (AME) is conceived for elementary school teachers of Latin America and the Caribbean, offering online courses and audiovisual programs to enhance their professional development and quality education. This program belongs to Fundacion Cisneros, responsible for its economic sustainability and management.

The Program has developed a technological platform to fit its purpose and is currently implemented in several Latin American countries using multilateral alliances. Some of its partners are the Education Ministry of Costa Rica, the General Office of Educational Technologies (DIGETE) from the Ministry of Education of Peru, the Institute for Development and Training of Teachers (INAFOCAN) from the Ministry of Education of the Dominican Republic, the Education Secretariat of Zulia State of Venezuela, the Education Secretariat of Nueva Esparta State of Venezuela, the Education Secretariat of Quintana Roo State in Mexico, Backus Brewery of Peru and Barrick Gold Corporation in Peru, Chile, and the Dominican Republic.

Several universities of Latin America and one from Spain are responsible for developing and evaluating the courses of AME. These universities are the University Central of Venezuela, the University Metropolitana of Caracas, The University Simon Bolivar of Venezuela, the University of Zulia of Venezuela, the University Peruana Cayetano Heredia of Peru, the Pontifica University Javeriana of Colombia, the University Latinoamericana y del Caribe from Venezuela and the University Autónoma of Barcelona, Spain.

The following courses have been developed: 1. Reading, 2. Mathematics, 3. Environmental Education, 4. Health Education, 5. Scholar Communication and Organization, 6. Peace education and conflict resolution, 7. Ethics in the school, 8. Guidelines on HIV/AIDS in the school, 9. Appropriation of Information and Communication Technologies by the school.

Since 2003 to 2008, 1.010 educational centers and 9.264 teachers have participated in AME with Peru and Venezuela having the largest number of participating schools and teachers.