



***A New Beginning: STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Education***  
**International Visitor Leadership Program, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs**  
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“Human progress cannot be denied. There need not be contradictions between development and tradition. ... In ancient times and in our times, Muslim communities have been at the forefront of innovation and education. And this is important because no development strategy can be based only upon what comes out of the ground, nor can it be sustained while young people are out of work. ... All of us must recognize that education and innovation will be the currency of the 21st century.”

U.S. President Barack Obama  
June 2009, Cairo

This special International Visitor Leadership Program will bring 26 science teachers from around the world to engage in a professional, cultural and educational examination of the building blocks of STEM education at the primary and secondary levels. In launching this program, the Department of State is addressing the important themes articulated by President Obama in his New Beginning speech to Muslim communities.

***The Program Includes:***

- **ART AND SCIENCE:** Through a partnership with the Smithsonian Institution’s National Air and Space Museum, program participants and local American students will experience the connection between art and science. American artist Kenji Williams will perform “*Bella Gaia*,” a multi-media, musical presentation that combines images of planet earth and space travel.
- **GLOBAL VIRTUAL SCIENCE FAIR:** The teachers will visit several schools throughout the U.S. to share best practices in STEM education. After the teachers return home, their students and those of their American counterparts will be invited to take part in a global “virtual” science fair.

***Host Cities:***

Washington, DC » Boston, Massachusetts » Chicago, Illinois » Dallas, Texas » Miami Florida »  
Seattle, Washington » Los Angeles, California

***Participating Countries:***

Albania	Gambia	Kenya	Malaysia	Philippines	Tanzania
Chad	India	Lebanon	Netherlands	Russia	Turkey
Cyprus	Indonesia	Libya	Nigeria	South Africa	Uganda
Egypt	Jordan	Macedonia	Pakistan	Sudan	United Kingdom
Ethiopia					Yemen

*A New Beginning* is part of the prestigious International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State. The IVLP brings almost 5,000 participants to the United States each year to engage with their professional counterparts. International Visitors are current or potential leaders in government, education, politics, the media and other fields. More than 300 current and former Heads of State, thousands of cabinet-level ministers, and many other distinguished world leaders in government and the private sector have participated in the International Visitor Leadership Program.