

S4YE Secretariat

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Namita Datta

S4YE COALITION MANAGER
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Namita Datta is the Head and Coalition Manager of Solutions for Youth Employment (S4YE) based in the World Bank's cross-sectoral Jobs Group. Namita brings significant experience on development issues and the jobs agenda. Before taking over the role of Coalition Manager of S4YE, she was Global Head of Let's Work, a global program on jobs, with a focus on the private sector. She has led multi-sectoral operations on jobs at the country level in several regions including Africa, Western Balkans, and Asia.

She has worked for the World Bank Group (both World Bank and IFC) for over 12 years working across sectors and regions. She was also a key part of the IFC Jobs Study team leading the analytical work on the employment impact of investments in infrastructure. As Advisor for IFC's South Asia region, she was responsible for leading the policy dialogue on private sector development in the region.

Before joining the World Bank Group, Namita worked with the Government of India, as an IAS officer (India's high-level policy making body). She holds a PhD from Cornell University, an MIA from Colombia University, New York, and an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.



Dariga Chukmaitova

TECHNICAL SPECIALIST
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Dariga joined the S4YE team in September 2019, where she works with the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) and leads communications and knowledge management. Prior to joining the team, Dariga worked with Education, Agriculture, Human Development, and DEC Units of the World Bank. She started her career at the World Bank by working for the Doing Business project. Before joining the WB, she was a Visiting Scholar at the Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (IERES), GWU and has obtained more than eight years of both professional and academic experience while working in Washington, DC and Kazakhstan/Central Asia.

Dariga holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the Department of Politics & Policy of the Claremont Graduate University (CGU), Claremont, CA, and a Master's degree in Public Administration in International Management from the Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) Monterey, CA. She is fluent in English and Russian, as well as conversational in Kazakh.



Aparna Krishnamurthy

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP SPECIALIST

WORLD BANK & INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION

Aparna has over five years of experience in the international development space. In her new role as a Strategic Partnership Specialist at S4YE, she will work with new and existing S4YE partners to identify meaningful opportunities for collaboration.

Originally from India, Aparna worked at the American India Foundation in New Delhi where she designed and implemented education-technology projects at government schools and teacher-training institutes across India. Aparna previously worked at the New York City Department of Education, where she was a policy consultant for the flagship 'Pre-K for All' early childhood education program. Most recently she worked at IFC on the Inclusive Business team in the Economic and Private Sector Development Unit.

Aparna holds a Master's in Mathematics from the University of Delhi, and a Master's in Public Affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University



Danielle Robinson

DIGITAL JOBS AND GENDER SPECIALIST

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Danielle Robinson is the Gender & Digital Jobs Specialist at Solutions for Youth Employment (S4YE). She has over 6 years of international development experience, specializing in gender-responsive program design, ICT4D and the digital economy, and youth employment.

Danielle heads S4YE's work on digital jobs and gender. She coordinated and co-authored S4YE's 2018 flagship report on *Digital Jobs for Youth: Young Women in the Digital Economy*, and is launching a new *Digital Jobs Knowledge Brief Series*. She also leads activities for S4YE's network of World Bank youth employment practitioners, including: providing technical assistance for the design and implementation of youth employment operations; organizing operations clinics for problem-solving; and coordinating knowledge-sharing events.

Danielle holds a Master's degree from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania.



Ricardo Silva

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP ADVISOR

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Ricardo joins the team as S4YE's Strategic Partnership Advisor, where he will be helping to launch the S4YE's strategic partnerships with the private sector. He has 22 years of Private Sector experience in the Telecommunications, Media & Technology sector, including roles in Nokia across Asia, India, Latin America, Middle East and Africa.

Ricardo holds a Master of Business Administration from the Helsinki School of Economics, and completed Post-Graduate Studies in Advanced Marketing Strategy at INSEAD.



Sunamika Singh

TECHNICAL SPECIALIST
WORLD BANK

Sunamika has 8 years of experience in large-scale youth employment, skills development, education and women's economic empowerment programs with a focus on fragile and conflict settings. Before joining S4YE, Sunamika worked as Development and Communications manager for an education focused nonprofit in India where, she was responsible for advocacy and building financial support for the organization through corporate and public sector funding.

Prior to this, she worked for the Government of India's National Rural Livelihoods Mission, where she supported designing of region wise strategies for skilling of rural poor youth and linking with entry level jobs in private sector in urban centers. She has also worked on implementing a direct-action community level learning pilot in Kashmir valley aimed at creating better opportunities for disadvantaged children and youth through innovative educational programs, counseling and referral services.

She has worked for UNDP, Johns Hopkins University and different non-profits in the past. She holds a Master's in Public Policy from Johns Hopkins University.



Natane Thawesaengkulthai

TECHNICAL SPECIALIST
WORLD BANK

Natane is Technical Specialist providing research and program support to S4YE's Impact Portfolio. She is currently a doctoral candidate in Education Policy with a concentration in youth employment and skill development at the George Washington University. She has a Master of Science in International Development from the University of Edinburgh.

Prior to joining the World Bank, Natane worked extensively in youth employment and skill development fields in a number of international organizations, including FHI 360 as a Research Consultant and Handicap International as a Project Manager.

Born and raised in Thailand, Natane has always been aware of how skill development and youth employment support can increase the number of young people in the job market. Natane joined the World Bank in the full belief that youth employment and skill development projects can eradicate the poverty, and she is prepared to do anything to empower young people to enter the job market.