

S4YE Secretariat



Namita Datta
COALITION MANAGER, WORLD BANK

Prior to her role as Coalition Manager, Namita was Global Head of Let’s Work, a global program to create more high quality jobs, with a focus on the private sector. She has been with the World Bank Group for over 10 years and was a key part of the IFC Jobs Study team, leading the analytical work on the employment impact of infrastructure investments. As Advisor (Strategy and Policy) 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 as Delhi’s Zonal Municipal Commissioner, responsible for delivering key urban services to the city. She also worked as Secretary of the Departments of Urban Development, Power, and Environment in Goa, India. She holds a Ph.D. from Cornell University, a Master’s from Columbia University, and an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.



Jennifer Jossel
PROGRAM ASSISTANT, WORLD BANK

Jennifer supports S4YE’s operations and technical functions. At the World Bank, she works on web design, information management and technology support, and training services, with a specialization in advisory services.



Guggi Laryea
PARTNERSHIPS, WORLD BANK

Guggi advises on European partnerships for S4YE. Prior to joining the Secretariat, Guggi was the International Affairs and Communications Officer at the World Bank Brussels Office, where he was the focal point for relations with civil society and foundations across Western Europe, advisor on World Bank relations with the European Parliament, media contact point, and liaison on human development programs (education, health, employment, and social protection). Prior to joining the World Bank over ten years ago, Guggi was EU Representative for Plan International in Brussels and a Policy Advisor for Eurostep. He holds a B.A. in International Affairs, a Post Graduate Diploma (Hons) in Development Policy and an M.A. in Public Administration and Management.



Danielle Robinson
DIGITAL JOBS/GENDER SPECIALIST, WORLD BANK

Danielle is a recent graduate of The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, where she studied development economics and human security. Her focus was on gender-sensitive program design and implementation, with an emphasis on applications of technology for development and humanitarian assistance. She has international experience in many thematic areas, including ICT4D, DM&E, gender analysis, forced migration and youth development. She is skilled in program design, monitoring & evaluation, policy research & analysis, communications & outreach, grant research and proposal writing. Danielle was raised in Kingston, Jamaica, and graduated with a BA in Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania in May 2010.

**Jose Romero****SENIOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OFFICER, WORLD BANK**

Jose has over 10 years of experience in economics research including work with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the International Labour Organization and the Iris Research Center at the University of Maryland. He specializes in development economics and applied micro econometrics. His research has focused on development economics topics including labor market participation and youth employment, transport infrastructure, and access to formal financial services. His works includes impact evaluations of a microsavings program in Malawi, rural road rehabilitation in Peru and research and on the determinants of becoming an entrepreneur. He holds MA and MPhil degrees from the George Washington University and Bachelor degrees in Anthropology and Economics (Statistics minor) from the University of Florida.

**Cansu Birce Gokalp****COMMUNICATIONS AND YOUTH VOICE OFFICER**

Birce received her master's degree from Yale University's Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, with a focus on migration studies, gender and use of innovative technologies to solve development challenges. Prior to this role, she worked at organizations like UN OCHA, Microsoft and change.org and brings an international experience in research, project management and communications. Birce was raised in Istanbul, Turkey and holds a BA in Management and Political Science from Bogazici University. She enjoys jazz singing in her free time.

**Sunamika Singh****TECHNICAL SPECIALIST**

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.