

## From the S4YE Secretariat and World Bank

### Youth Engagement



#### Introducing our Youth Advisory Group (YAG)

To tackle youth unemployment, young people must have a greater say in the policies that directly affect them. Recognizing the importance of incorporating youth voice in its operations and knowledge work, S4YE has formed the **S4YE Youth Advisory Group (YAG)** that consists of 16 talented and enterprising global youth.

YAG members come from different parts of the globe and have created innovative social enterprises to solve development challenges in areas like gender, technology and agriculture despite the challenges they faced.

YAG will provide input on the design of youth employment programs of S4YE and the World Bank, engage in S4YE and World Bank's knowledge work on the youth employment agenda while gaining exposure and visibility in an international network and learning about governance at a World-Bank housed coalition.

Please click [here](#) to read their impressive profiles! If you want to learn more about

YAG and how you can collaborate with them, please get in touch with Cansu Birce Gokalp at [cgokalp@worldbank.org](mailto:cgokalp@worldbank.org).

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### **Youth-led Report: "What does a Youth-led Diagnostic on Youth Employment tell us about Jordan, Liberia, and South Africa?"**



*Eight Yale students worked with the World Bank to lead research on youth employment challenge in Jordan, Liberia and South Africa. Photo is from a recent World Bank Brown-Bag Lunch in January.*

S4YE partnered with a diverse group of student researchers from the Yale University Jackson Institute for Global Affairs for research on three countries in which the Bank is currently designing youth employment operations - Jordan, Liberia and South Africa. Over four months, the students worked with the Task Team Leaders in the Social Protection and Jobs Group, conducted stocktake and gap analysis and compiled their findings in a report "[Meeting the Challenge of Youth Unemployment: Analysis and Lessons from Jordan, Liberia, and South Africa](#)". They interviewed representatives from select programs, country experts and local youth themselves, cataloging a total of 108 interventions.

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### **New Opportunity**

The Tunisia Youth Economic Inclusion Project, a WB-funded project operated by the Ministry of Vocational Training and Employment, aims at improving earning opportunities for a vulnerable segment of the population in selected governorates of Tunisia through an integrated approach providing targeted employment services to disadvantaged young men and women, while promoting entrepreneurs and businesses as engines of job creation. In this context, the Ministry has published four requests for [expression of interests](#) for:

- Design and implementation of orientation sessions for 5000 youth and development of a curriculum for soft skills
- Design of a curriculum for employability of disadvantaged youth

- Design of a curriculum for pre and post creation support of disadvantaged youth
- Design and implementation of a grievances redress mechanism and a platform for youth participation

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## New Partnerships





The S4YE Secretariat is excited to announce its new partnership with the [\*\*Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab \(J-PAL\)\*\*](#)! J-PAL is a global research center working to reduce poverty by ensuring that policy is informed by scientific evidence. The J-PAL Labor Markets sector focuses on easing young people’s transitions into the working world, providing the skills entrepreneurs need to succeed, helping the unemployed get back into work, and helping businesses grow and innovate. The sector is chaired by Marianne Bertrand (University of Chicago) and Bruno Crepon (ENSAE and École Polytechnique). J-PAL will contribute to the S4YE [\*\*Impact Portfolio\*\*](#) by sharing relevant findings from its research with the partners and by supporting them to seek collaborations with their affiliated professors for research projects.

### **The Global Apprenticeship Network**

**(GAN)** and the S4YE Secretariat are proud to announce a new partnership. GAN is a business driven alliance with the overarching goal of encouraging and linking business initiatives on skills and employment opportunities for youth - notably through apprenticeships. The GAN is a network where private sector companies, business federations and associations come together to share best practices, to advocate and to commit to action around youth employability and skills development. S4YE and GAN will collaborate on knowledge products, build communities of engagement through digital jobs and focus on accelerating and scaling innovation through S4YE innovative pilot projects.

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## S4YE PARTNER SUMMIT



Save the Date for S4YE's 2019 Partner Summit

## Innovations in Youth Employment: Solutions for Sustainable Impact

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 – Thursday, April 11, 2019  
World Bank HQ | Washington, DC

More details to follow | RSVP to [info@s4ye.org](mailto:info@s4ye.org)

Solutions for Youth Employment (S4YE) is a multi-stakeholder coalition among public sector, private sector, and civil society actors that aims to provide leadership and resources for catalytic action to increase the number of young people engaged in productive work. The S4YE coalition includes the World Bank, Accenture, The Rockefeller Foundation, Mastercard Foundation, Microsoft, Plan International, International Youth Foundation (IYF), Youth Business International (YBI), RAND Corporation, the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Governments of Norway, Germany, and the UN Envoy for Youth. The S4YE Secretariat is housed in the Social Protection and Jobs Global Practice of the World Bank.

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## From S4YE Partners

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### News and Media

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- **Harambee:** Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator is the winner of the 2019 Global Impact Sourcing Award. The award recognizes organizations that have influenced job creation in the business process outsourcing (BPO) sector, specifically in changing practices to hire employees from under-served and local communities. Harambee is acknowledged for its efforts with government and industry in South Africa to drive job creation for youth. Read the full press release [here](#).
- **Generation:** In four years Generation has grown to become one of the largest global demand driven employment program with **25,000 graduates**. Read [here](#) to learn more about their journey to this milestone.

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### Publications from IP

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- **Scaling the Impact of Youth Entrepreneurship Programs:** Featuring a range of different scaling models and strategies, this report from Youth Business International (YBI) provides valuable insights for organizations wishing to scale the impact of their entrepreneurship programs. It highlights success factors, challenges and lessons

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learned from organizations that have taken their work to scale in a variety of contexts. Report available [here](#).

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## Relevant Resources

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- **Reducing search barriers for jobseekers:** This J-PAL [synthesis](#) of 19 randomized evaluations looks at how to improve employment outcomes for jobseekers. This review shows that job search assistance helped jobseekers look for jobs in better places and increased their search efforts. Helping jobseekers communicate their abilities often benefitted the jobseekers and firms who hired them.
- **Work in Progress-Improving Youth Labor Market Outcomes in Emerging Market and Developing Economies:** This [discussion note](#) from the IMF draws on new analyses that use macro- and microeconomic data to look at how broad structural policies, including labor and product market reforms, can address challenges in the youth labor market. With most of their working life ahead of them youth make up about a third of the working-age population in the typical emerging market and developing economy. But the youth in these economies face a daunting labor market—about 20 percent of them are neither employed, in school, nor in training (the youth inactivity rate).
- **The Survey of Adult Skills (PIAAC):** This [international survey](#) is conducted in over 40 countries as part of the Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIAAC). It measures the key cognitive and workplace skills needed for individuals to participate in society and for economies to prosper. The evidence from this Survey will help countries better understand how education and training systems can nurture these skills. Educators, policy makers and labor economists will use this information to develop economic, education and social policies that will continue to enhance the skills of adults.

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