

**From the S4YE Secretariat and World Bank**



**Caribbean:** With technical and financial assistance from the World Bank, Grenada, St. Lucia, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines have started developing [an expansive broadband infrastructure](#) to connect the 3 islands. The program will also include components on skills development for women, youth employability, and digital entrepreneurship.



**Djibouti:** A [World Bank project in Djibouti](#) targeted at small and medium enterprises will help women entrepreneurs reach the world through e-commerce contributing to development of women's entrepreneurship, digital commerce, and the economy in Djibouti and across the region.



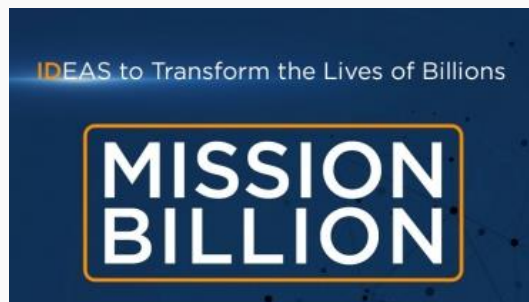
**New Partnership:** The S4YE Secretariat is excited to announce its new partnership with the Alliance for Youth on the agenda of 21st Century Skills! [All4YOUth](#) brings together 20 of the world's largest

## S4YE Impact Portfolio

**Impact Portfolio is inviting new projects!** Following the success of our first cohort of Impact Portfolio, S4YE has decided to open its membership and invite new projects in 2019. This will help bring

companies that are 'passionate about working together to help young people around the globe get the necessary skills to thrive in the world of work, today and tomorrow.' Its members include: the Adecco Group, Vodafone, Ernst and Young, Mastercard, SAP, Publicis, Facebook, Nestlé, Starbucks, Microsoft, Rockwell Automation, ABB, Cargill, Nielsen; Mercer, White Case, Firmenich, Engie, BBVA and CEMEX.

fresh perspectives and innovations being tried across the globe into our Community of Practice. We will be sharing more information on the nominations process in the next week. Please contact Jose Manuel Romero ([jromero1@worldbank.org](mailto:jromero1@worldbank.org)) with any questions.



**Global:** The World Bank Group's Identification for Development Initiative's [Mission Billion Innovation Challenge](#) is still accepting applications. The Challenge aims to source new ideas in developing countries when introducing digital identification and civil registration systems.

## Save the Date!



*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 Impact Portfolio partners

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### News and Media

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- **Educate! won the 2018 Klaus J. Jacobs Award:** Here's a short [video](#) capturing their journey and work.
- **Digital Data Divide (DDD):** DDD was recently featured in the [Harvard Business Review](#) about how DDD and other social enterprises balance social impact and financial goals.
- **Harambee's Youth Employment Accelerator:** Maryana Iskander and Rob Urquhart from Harambee share their three key learnings from their work in South Africa in this [latest article](#).

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### Blogs from IP

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- **Building a successful youth employment program:** In this latest [blog](#) Dr. Mono Mourshed, CEO of Generation, talks about addressing two significant barriers for youth employment programs: program scale and return on investment.
- **Accenture CE3 Jozini:** This [write-up](#) is on the future pathway of the CE3 (Connectivity, Electricity, and Education for Entrepreneurship) program in Jozini working in partnership with local farming co-operatives by providing ICT and entrepreneurship training.

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### Publications from IP

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- **National Volunteer Service Program (NVSP):** This [impact evaluation](#) from the World Bank presents evidence from Lebanon on the impact of offering a volunteering program that consists of inter-community volunteering activities and soft skills training on social cohesion values. The results show that youth who were selected to participate were more likely to report higher tolerance values as well as a stronger sense of belonging to the Lebanese community roughly one year after the completion of activities.
- **Digital Divide Data (DDD):** This annual [report](#) talks about new directions DDD took in 2018, the accomplishments over the past year and plans for 2019.

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- **Educate!:** Educate!'s Uganda Deputy Country Director, Hawah Nabbuye, conducted [research](#) on gender-sensitive pedagogy and girls' education in Uganda as part of the Echidna Global Scholars program at the Brookings Institution.

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## Relevant Resources

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- **A Toolkit for Informality Scenario:** This [toolkit](#) is a spreadsheet-based toolkit that allows researchers and practitioners to project the size of formal and informal labor, production, and growth in almost 100 countries yearly until 2040.
- **Banking on the Future: Youth and Digital Financial Services in Sub-Saharan Africa:** This [field note](#) summarizes insights on youth uptake and usage of DFS from a cross-section of studies over the last six years, and recommends, for example, that providers can better reach out to the youth by offering savings accounts, checking or prepaid accounts, and micro loans.
- **Measuring Entrepreneurial Mindset in Youth:** This [paper](#) presents new findings about the utility, reliability and validity of the Entrepreneurial Mindset Index(EMI) tool, highlighting its potential as an innovative, effective assessment tool in the entrepreneurship education landscape.



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