

SOLUTIONS FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP (YAG) 2019-2020

ABOUT SOLUTIONS FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT (S4YE)

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 Secretariat is housed in the Jobs Group within the Social Protection and Jobs Global Practice of the World Bank. S4YE partners include 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, the UN Envoy for Youth, and multiple private companies (over 20 large corporations). S4YE's strategic objective is to scale up innovations in the design and implementation approaches of youth employment programs.

ABOUT THE S4YE 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 youth voice, S4YE has formed the **S4YE Youth Advisory Group (YAG)** that consists of 17 talented and enterprising global youth. YAG Members provide input on the design of youth employment programs of S4YE and the World Bank, engage in S4YE's knowledge work on the youth employment agenda, gain exposure and visibility in an international network and learns about governance and contributes to decision-making for the coalition.

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If you would like to learn more about the S4YE Youth Advisory Group, please get in touch with Cansu Birce Gokalp at cgokalp@worldbank.org.

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Abedalrahman Al-Zghoul, Jordan

Abedalrahman is the founder of Bread for Education and Recycling for Education organization based in Jordan. His non-profit organization recycles waste from bread, paper, plastic and technology and turns it into a source that contributes to education in marginalized areas and job opportunities for young people in Jordan. Abedalrahman has received the Mohammed Bin Rashid Award for Young Business Leaders in the Community Entrepreneurship Initiative Category for his innovative project 'Bread for Education' in 2018.



Abigail Chepkwurui, Uganda

Abigail is a 20-year-old university student, entrepreneur, activist, and community mobilizer from Kween, a rural district in Eastern Uganda. Abigail started her own catering business while still in secondary school by realizing a pressing need in her own community—local workers who did not have anywhere to eat their meals. What started as providing water and juice for a group of construction workers in her town transformed into a 3-month, multi-million Ugandan Shillings contract and what became Hosana Women’s Catering Group, Abigail’s

business that employs women in her community.



Alieu Jallow, Gambia

Alieu is a social entrepreneur from Gambia. He dedicates his life and career to build opportunities for young people like him. In 2015, he founded the first ever business incubator “[Startup Incubator Gambia](#)” which has so far supported 86 startups and created 300 jobs in the past three years. In 2012 he founded the “Young Entrepreneur Association of the Gambia” where he launched the Youth Entrepreneurship Summit + Job Fair for 500 young people across the country centered on innovation, entrepreneurship, and professional development. With his work, Alieu has reached over 1000 youths, entrepreneurs and young professionals, providing them with interactive workshops and networking opportunities.



Amine Chouaieb, Tunisia

Amine is a young Tunisian leader, born in Sousse-Tunisia in 1985. He is the founder of the Tunisian Tech Company [Chifco](#), specialized in the Internet of Things (IoT), Machine to Machine (M2M), Machine Learning and Big Data. Amine is considered as a reference point for advanced technologies, which has earned him numerous world prizes.



Anna Bethune, Jamaica

Anna is completing a doctoral degree at the School of Education and Social Policy at Northwestern University. She studies the ways in which policymakers should enable learning environments to support women's engagement in STEM. Her academic work speaks to female labor force participation, the digital labor force, civic innovation, and workforce development. In 2015, Anna co-founded a non-profit that offers civic coding boot camps to high school girls. Before arriving at Northwestern, Anna worked as an economics researcher and pioneered Jamaica's first and largest open macroeconomic database with former Prime Minister of Jamaica, the Most Honourable Edward

Seaga. In 2010, Anna graduated from Stanford University with a bachelor's degree in Economics.



Dorcas Asige Apoore, Ghana

Dorcas is a 24-year-old entrepreneur from Bolgatanga, Ghana. She founded [Advocacy for Social Inclusion and Girls Education \(ASIGE\)](#) in 2014 to improve the skills of young people and bring about financial independence. ASIGE basket project was developed in 2017 and currently employs 300 women and teenage mothers in Ghana and across the Globe. ASIGE reaches out to 5000 adolescent boys and girls annually and have set up ASIGE GHANA micro enterprise that produces washable sanitary pads to help girls stay in school from the profit generated from the baskets. She was selected as one of 16 young leaders around the world bringing change to the globe by the European Commission in 2018.



Brian Bosire, Kenya

Brian is a Kenyan entrepreneur and expert in product design with focus on use of emerging digital technologies (IoT, Big Data & AI) in precision agriculture, water and sanitation. He is the founder and CEO of Hydrologistics Africa (HydroIQ) & UjuziKilimo Solutions. [UjuziKilimo](#) is a technology company that collects & analyzes farm data using sensors, and data science to provide actionable insights that inform the agriculture industry across Africa. HydroIQ focuses on bringing intelligence in access and distribution of water by developing smart water grids using IoT and Data analytics to bring value in every drop of

water. Brian is a United Nations Young leader for SDGs and has won numerous awards for his contributions to digital technologies in Africa.



Cherrie Atilano, Philippines

Cherrie is the founder and CEO of [AGREA](#) Agricultural Systems International, Inc., an agro-social enterprise that aims to help eradicate poverty for farming and fishing families to alleviate the effects of climate change and establish food security in the Philippines, targeting to help 4.5 million smallholder farmers. The company is working with farmers through (1) Agripreneurship, teaching farmers how to be entrepreneurs, (2) Agritech, digitalizing agriculture and introducing climate change mitigated technologies for farm use, and (3) Agritourism, creating sustainable and diversified source of income for the farmers and their families. AGREA has been mobilizing communities, businesses, academia, local and national governments, and international partners to bring an “Ecology of Dignity” to farming and fishing

communities on the island of Marinduque.



Dissa Ahdanisa, Indonesia

Inspired by a volunteering trip to Latin America where she dined at a café staffed entirely by deaf individuals, [Dissa Ahdanisa](#) founded Fingertalk Enterprise to connect hearing and deaf people in her home country of Indonesia and reduce the unemployment rate of the country’s deaf youth. Fingertalk’s social enterprise model employs 30 deaf individuals at various small businesses in including a deaf café where all people can connect regardless of hearing ability. Seeing the success of the café, Dissa and her team

expanded their social enterprise to include a handicrafts market and car wash, each providing meaningful jobs to unemployed deaf youth.



Frederico Silva, Mozambique

[Frederico Silva](#) is a Mozambican social entrepreneur in the field of technology and the co-founder of [UX](#), an award-winning ICT4D company recognized for its work in delivering technical solutions for the social and economic development of emerging markets. Key UX projects include Mozambique's largest online recruitment platform ([emprego.co.mz](#)) also established in Angola and Greece; an online job market for informal workers powered by mobile phones ([biscate.co.mz](#)); and the first ‘smart city’ platform adopted by the Maputo Municipality ([mopa.co.mz](#)) which uses IT to manage the city’s assets securely. UX has also created a financial inclusion platform for rural areas ([soma.co.mz](#)), providing financial services at an affordable cost for the more disadvantaged members of Mozambique’s population.



Gulcan Yayla, Turkey

Gulcan is the Co-Founder of [Kodluyoruz](#) (We Code) a social enterprise working to make Turkey a worldwide talent hub for technology sector while addressing the youth unemployment and underemployment problems. She holds an MBA and MSW Joint Degree from Washington University in St. Louis as a McDonnell International Academy Scholar, along with a bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from Middle East Technical University. Before moving back to Turkey for Kodluyoruz, she worked for Malala Fund and World Bank in Washington, D.C. to support girls' education and to provide strategic directions to governments on how to adapt education systems to the third industrial revolution. She also worked as a strategic planning and business development consultant for 3 years in Turkey.



Ifedayo Durosinmi Etti, Nigeria

With her passion for women and children, **Ifedayo Durosinmi – Etti** launched *Parliamo Bambini* and *Philos and Zoe*, startups disrupting the baby and child industry through locally manufactured furniture and clothing for children with the aim of reducing poverty, empowering the youth and promoting access to quality education in Nigeria and Africa. She also launched a platform called the *AGS Tribe* to democratize opportunities for entrepreneurs across Africa and the *AGS Enterprise Challenge*, to empower female entrepreneurs through funding, mentorship and training. She was selected as a Global Shaper of the World Economic Forum, a community of young people across the world making an impact in their respective communities and under the community, she is the Project Lead for *Startup Dome*, a project launched to bridge the gender gap through socio economic empowerment of women in Nigeria.



Kalil El Kadri, Brazil

Kalil has started his journey in the University of Campinas in Brazil. Not satisfied with the traditional teaching system, Kalil was involved during six years in the Junior Enterprise Network, the largest youth entrepreneurship movement in Brazil and in the world with more than 50,000 university students, in more than 40 countries around the globe. On this, he was able to act in the regional (*Mecatron*), state (*FEJESP*), national (*Brasil Júnior*), and global (*JE Global*) sphere, being responsible for projects as the first Brazilian Entrepreneurship University Index and for serving as Chairman of the global organization of the Junior Enterprise Network, based in Brussels, Belgium. In addition, Kalil was present in almost 100 events in all these areas, around 10 states in Brazil and also other countries. In many of them he had opportunities to lecture and spread his purpose and beliefs to the entire network.

Kartik Sawhney, India

Kartik is a disability advocate and technologist who has not let his disability prove an impediment in the pursuit of his personal and professional goals and has done substantial work in empowering other people with disabilities to be successful tech professionals. As the first blind student to pursue science education in high school in India, he advocated for change in rules that now allow all blind students across the country to pursue sciences in high school. Similarly, after several months of advocacy, he convinced the top technical universities in India to open their doors to blind students, leading to at least fifteen students in India pursuing engineering today. A computer science graduate of Stanford University, Kartik co-founded Project StemAccess (now [I-Stem](#)) that provides technical training, mentorship and hands-on opportunities to blind math and science students across the country. I-Stem also works closely with the government, technical universities and corporates to make their campuses and culture more inclusive.



Rita Kimani, Kenya

At 25 years old, **Rita Kimani** co-founded [FarmDrive](#), a social enterprise that connects unbanked and underserved smallholder farmers to lines of affordable credit in rural Kenya. Using mobile technology, FarmDrive's platform enables farmers to track their productivity, expenses and revenues to create comprehensive credit portfolios enabling access to affordable financial services, as they are needed. As it stands, 3000 farmers are registered, and loans have been facilitated to 400 farmers. Rita and her co-founder intend to scale-up fast. They forecast 210,000 loans will have been processed by the end of 2018; and half a million Kenyan

smallholder farmers will benefit from FarmDrive's services within five years.



Vital Sounouvou, Benin

Vital holds a bachelor's degree in Telecommunications and Software Engineering from the UIT de Calais in France, and a Business certificate from the University of Texas at Austin. Listed on Forbes Africa's 30 under 30 list of 2016, his professional life spans from the Annual Investment Meeting of the United Arab Emirates government where he managed African relations, to the Corporate Council on Africa in Washington D.C, and Microsoft's Johannesburg offices. Fellow of President Obama's Initiative for Young African Leaders (YALI), of the Tony Elumelu Entrepreneurship Program, Ashoka, Techstars and Stanford SEED; Since May 2012, Vital founded Exportunity.net, an exclusive virtual market that organizes and manages B2C and B2B trade in Africa. He is fluent in English, French and several local languages.



Yang Si Wei, China

Siwei YANG is an innovative machinist and volunteer teacher of vocational school in Shanghai.

YANG experienced the hardship of transition from school to workplaces in STEM industries and shifted his occupation from technician to owner of start-up owner and finally found his passion on vocational education. With the strength of mechanical transformation and insight on the issue of youth workers and STEM industry, YANG worked as volunteer teachers since July 2018 in vocational school, which he was once graduated, supporting students aged 16-18 years old to conduct project-based learning in youth makers space.