

SIGNE JUNG SØRENSEN

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PROFILE

Public policy economist with 5+ years of experience in the international development sector. I bring experience as a trusted government advisor and programme manager developing and funding partnerships across public and private institutions. I currently coach changemakers to thrive and explore how their inner wellbeing can magnify their impact. My approach is centred on connecting with - and cultivating - compassion for ourselves and others, which I believe amplify the potential we all have to engage in building a just and healthy world and find fulfilment, ease and joy in the process.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Accredited Coach **02/2020 - Present**

Copenhagen, Denmark

- Partner with changemakers to explore their full potential for thriving and making a positive impact. Coaching areas include work-life balance, stress management and creating a personal value-driven mission statement for guidance.
- Support changemakers from a wide range of organisations including the Department for International Development (DFID), ONE Campaign, Wageningen University & Research, Busara Centre for Behavioural Economics and Gucci among others.

Programme Manager

Ark Education Partnership Group (EPG) **09/2017 - 03/2019**

London, United Kingdom

- Led the proposal and design of a £1.2 million public-private partnership in co-creation with the Ministry of Education in Côte d'Ivoire, funders, development partners and local communities.
- Led fundraising proposals for the Côte d'Ivoire project, which secured an additional £2.1 million from philanthropic and institutional funders.
- Managed three work streams, which included managing a team of five, facilitating multi-stakeholder workshops, producing reports with policy and pilot recommendations and reporting to funders.

Senior Associate, Ark Education Partnership Group (EPG) **02/2017 - 08/2017**

London, United Kingdom

- Led the stakeholder mapping and needs assessment of the education sector in Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Sierra Leone in close dialogue with public and private actors. As a result, three programmes were developed and financed.
- Managed the narrative and financial reporting for the West Africa portfolio.

Consultant, World Bank **04/2016 - 10/2016**

Various locations: Accra, Monrovia, Brussels

- Led the assessment and work programme on Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) for the Liberia Education Sector Plan 2017-2021 with three line Ministries. This secured TVET-specific funding from international partners including the EU, DFID and USAID.

- Fellow, Overseas Development Institute (ODI)** **10/2014 - 08/2016**
Economist, Budgeting and Planning Division, Ghana Education Service 07/2015 - 08/2016
- Assisted the team's work related to the Ghana Global Partnership for Education project (GPEG). Tasks included data collection, monitoring activities and donor reporting to the World Bank.
- Advisor, Finance Minister's Cabinet, Finance Ministry of Madagascar** 10/2014 - 07/2015
- Drafted a resource mobilisation strategy and led a proposal for the Minister on setting up a Public Financial Management secretariat within the Ministry.
- Field assistant, Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)** **06/2013 - 09/2013**
 Various locations (based in Accra and Tamale), Ghana
- Developed a data quality protocol and supported data collection activities on a randomized control trial of the National Apprenticeship Programme (NAP).
 - Drafted and developed a communication and engagement strategy for the NAP evaluation project.
- Intern, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)** **04/2012 - 07/2012**
 United Nations Headquarters, New York
- Monitored the work of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) substantive session, preparing background papers on employment, youth unemployment and education.
 - Conceptualised and drafted proposals for an ECOSOC Youth Forum 2013 and the ECOSOC Innovation Fair 2013 including key issues to be addressed and the format of the discussions.
- Trainee, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)** **09/2011 - 03/2012**
 Danish Delegation at the OECD, Paris
- Reported back on Development Assistance Committee meetings and wrote policy briefs to the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

EDUCATION

- Masters in Public Administration (MPA) International Development** **10/2012 - 07/2014**
 London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London
- BSc (Hons) Economics** **09/2008 - 06/2011**
 School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London
- European School Uccle** **09/1997 - 06/2008**
 Brussels

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

Applied Compassion Facilitator (exp. 2021) - Applied Compassion Academy and CCARE Stanford University
 The Science of Wellbeing (2020) - Yale University
 International Coach Federation Accredited Business and Life Coach (2020) - Manning Inspire
 Compassion Cultivation Training (2019) - CCARE Stanford University
 200 Hours Yoga Alliance Certified Yoga Teacher Training (2019) - Nepal Yoga Home
 Dean's Award for Best MPA Dissertation (2014) - London School of Economics and Political Science

SKILLS

Languages: Danish, English and French written and spoken fluently.
 IT: Advanced in MS Word and PowerPoint. Proficient in Excel and STATA.