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Justin Sykes is Silatech's Manager for Social Innovation. In this role he is overseeing the design, financing and deployment of large-scale youth enterprise programming in the MENA region. Justin is currently managing programming in Yemen, Syria and Morocco focused on the delivery of holistic financial and non-financial support services to young entrepreneurs.

Before Silatech, Justin worked as an independent consultant in the field of youth employment and enterprise development for clients including the ILO Regional Office for the Arab States, the UN and the UK Department for International Development (DFID).

Prior to this Justin worked for over 4 years with the UN Secretary General's Youth Employment Network (YEN), global partnership under the leadership of the UN, the World Bank and the ILO. As member of the YEN Secretariat, Justin was responsible for assisting YEN partner countries in Africa and the Middle East, he also took the policy lead on the thematic issue of entrepreneurship and had the task of building strong partnerships with two key constituencies within the Network, youth and the private sector.

Justin's other professional experience ranges from working on corporate social responsibility and youth entrepreneurship issues for the International Business Leaders Forum (IBLF), a London based NGO, to participation in a post war reconstruction and development project in Bosnia. He holds an MSc in Environment and Development from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a BA in Modern History from The University of Birmingham.