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Samira Cook Gaines is a founding partner of Global Empowerment Solutions (GES), a firm dedicated to helping to create wealth through entrepreneurship and economic development in cities and countries across the world. Samira previously served as the Chief of Economic Empowerment for the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) where she provided programmatic leadership and direction in the areas of wealth creation and asset building through business development and homeownership.

Samira was the Founding Director of the award-winning Washington, DC Women's Business Center (DC WBC) which supports women entrepreneurs through training, counseling, mentoring, and business growth through government procurement opportunities and exporting. Under Samira's direction, the DC WBC assisted over 1000 women in achieving their business goals. In honor of her work with small businesses, Samira was selected as a White House Champion for Change in the area of entrepreneurship mentoring.

Throughout her career, Samira's women's empowerment and entrepreneurship work has also taken her to numerous countries as a Speaker Specialist for the US State Department in Europe, Southeast Asia, the Middle East and the Pacific Islands. Samira has also served the residents of the District of Columbia as Assistant Director for Training and Education for the Department of Small and Local Business Development.

Samira received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts and her Master of Public Administration degree from The George Washington University in Washington, DC. Samira is a committed volunteer on the Board of the Association for Enterprise Opportunity (AEO) and the Ronald McDonald House Charities Greater Washington, DC Chapter.