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Rafael Pinto is a consultant working with the Strategy and Knowledge team in the Environment and Social Development Department at the IFC. He is currently pursuing his Masters in Development Management at American University and previously studied at Florida International University for his undergraduate degree. Prior to joining the IFC, he worked at the Young Americas Business Trust/OAS over the past 5 years, focusing on developing and managing youth entrepreneurship programs in the Latin American and Caribbean Region. He also lived in Santo Domingo for 10 months and worked at the United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic where he managed community development and entrepreneurship projects. As Co-Chair of the Youth Innovation Fund, he hopes to expand and provide innovative ideas to the already successful and effective model of project development presented by the youth in the World Bank Group.