

ASTRAL GLOBAL PARTNERS LLC

EXECUTIVE STRATEGY · AI TRANSFORMATION · COMPLEX SYSTEMS ADVISORY

Boutique advisory for leaders navigating AI adoption, organizational change, and complex, multi-stakeholder transformation.

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LOCATION

San Francisco, CA

3+

Global Institutions Advised

12+

Nations Directly Advised

11+

Years of Global Experience

2026

PhD Candidate, Global Health

COMPANY OVERVIEW

Astral Global Partners is a boutique executive advisory firm working at the intersection of organizational strategy, AI transformation, and complex systems change. We advise leadership teams navigating the transformations that are hardest to get right: adopting AI at enterprise scale, redesigning organizations, and coordinating the many stakeholders that any real change requires.

Our differentiating capability is the bridge between institutional-grade strategic judgment, built through experience with the World Bank, the United Nations, and the World Health Organization, and the practical discipline of implementation: governance design, data interoperability, and change management that make transformation actually stick. Where most AI consultants stop at a roadmap, Astral Global Partners builds the systems that make the roadmap real.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Every engagement runs through the Astral Systems Framework: diagnose, prioritize, govern, execute.

Executive Strategy & Transformation

Strategic planning, executive advisory, and organizational redesign for leadership teams navigating growth, innovation, or structural change.

AI Strategy & Responsible Transformation

Enterprise AI roadmaps, governance frameworks, and operating models that help organizations move from pilots to adoption in regulated environments.

Complex Systems & Investment Strategy

Structuring cross-sector coalitions, negotiating multi-stakeholder agreements, and building the financing strategy that gets a program to durable, funded execution.

Structured Diagnostics & Performance Analytics

Rigorous data analysis, interoperability assessments, and program evaluation across complex, multi-stakeholder portfolios.

REPRESENTATIVE ADVISORY ENGAGEMENTS

Engagement 01 WORLD BANK

Global Investment Strategy

THE PROBLEM

Multilateral systems had no fast, coordinated way to move capital when a global health threat emerged. Existing mechanisms were slow, siloed, and disconnected from realities on the ground.

OUR APPROACH

Co-designed the Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility at the World Bank, authoring the investment frameworks and national financing strategies that donor governments and member nations still use as a reference point.

Result: Adopted as a model financing mechanism by international donors and member governments.

Engagement 02 PUBLIC SECTOR

Enterprise AI & Systems Modernization

THE PROBLEM

Large public sector institutions were carrying outdated records systems and heavy compliance burdens, which made it difficult to share data safely across departments or adopt new technology at any real speed.

OUR APPROACH

Advised on enterprise modernization strategy, running data interoperability diagnostics and building AI-enabled implementation roadmaps that balanced technology priorities against strict regulatory requirements and real-world adoption.

Result: AI-enabled implementation roadmaps adopted across multiple institutional programs.

Engagement 03 THE CARTER CENTER · AFRICA PORTFOLIO

International System Scale & Portfolio Optimization

THE PROBLEM

Multi-country health programs in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Uganda were siloed and running into competing political priorities, flat funding, and weak field accountability.

OUR APPROACH

Managed an international program portfolio across three African governments. Negotiated ministerial agreements to integrate mental health into national systems and built the investment case behind a targeted fundraising strategy.

Result: Program funding nearly doubled, and three national-level ministerial agreements were secured.

CORPORATE DIFFERENTIATORS

Institutional-Grade Judgment

Direct advisory experience with senior ministers, C-suite leaders, and multilateral institutions across 12+ nations, including a primary session at the World Economic Forum in Davos.

Systems Fluency, Not Just Tool Fluency

A working understanding of how policy, financing, technology, and organizational change interact, which is where most AI consultants run out of depth.

An Independent Delivery Network

Works with a network of specialized delivery partners across AI engineering, data modernization, and enterprise technology, so team size and skill set can scale to the engagement.

PRINCIPAL ADVISOR

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Samhita Kumar, MPH • PhD Candidate

Founder & Principal Advisor, Astral Global Partners LLC

Samhita Kumar is an international strategy advisor with over 11 years of experience spanning the World Bank, the United Nations, WHO, The Carter Center, and national governments across 12+ countries. She co-designed the Pandemic Emergency Financing Facility at the World Bank, has been published in The BMJ, and was a primary session speaker at the World Economic Forum in Davos in 2025. Her work combines analytical rigor, epidemiological modeling and structured problem-solving, with the discipline of turning complicated technical evidence into strategy senior leaders can act on.

PhD Candidate, Global Health, Emory University (2026) | MPH in Epidemiology, Columbia University | BS, Neuroscience, Emory University | WomenLift Health Leadership Fellow (2023) | World Bank Youth Innovation Fund Recipient (2016) | World Economic Forum Davos Speaker (2025)

SELECT PUBLICATIONS & ENGAGEMENTS

- Kumar S. et al. *The United Nations political declaration on NCDs and mental health needs a just and action-driven approach*. The BMJ (2025)
- World Bank / United Nations. *Pathways for Peace: Inclusive Approaches to Preventing Violent Conflict*. UN / World Bank Flagship Publication (2018)
- World Bank Group. *Financing Pandemic Preparedness at a National Level*. World Bank Group (2017)
- Kumar S. et al. *Mental health of persons living with lymphatic filariasis in Leogane, Haiti*. PMC (2024)
- Speaker, World Economic Forum, Davos (2025): *Transformative Mental Health Innovations from the Global South and Indigenous Cultures*
- Speaker, World Health Organization (2020): *Disability, Mental Health, Stigma, and Neglected Tropical Diseases*

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