

Biography

Nilmini Rubin is the head of global policy and chief of staff for Hedera, a decentralized, open-source, leaderless proof-of-stake public ledger. The Hedera public ledger has processed more than seven billion transactions in a fast, reliable manner with low fees and low energy use.

Prior to joining Hedera, Nilmini worked on the global policy team at Meta and co-founded Fix the System, a coalition of organizations committed to election integrity and democracy strengthening in the United States. She headed Tetra Tech's global team implementing energy and internet projects that resulted in millions of people gaining access to electricity for the first time. For roughly twelve years, she served as a senior aide on both the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee, where she spearheaded the passage of legislation to provide electricity access in Africa, increase global internet access, reduce corruption through transparency, and reform U.S. foreign assistance. As a director at the National Security Council, Nilmini helped secure agreements on non-proliferation, international health, and foreign aid.

Nilmini was named a young global leader by the World Economic Forum and is a member of its Experts Network and Digital ID Working Group. She is an adviser to the Women's Democracy Network and the Energy Growth Hub, a senior associate of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a member of Leadership Now Project, the Academy of the Global Teacher Prize, and the International Mindfulness Teachers Association. Nilmini has appeared on HGTV and her work has been featured in the Los Angeles Times, the New York Times, Politico, and numerous international publications.

Nilmini earned her MBA and B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley. She is a competitive adult ice skater. Nilmini and her husband have three daughters.