

Joanne Burke



Joanne is a PBA Associate and Accredited Partnership Broker. She has worked with global initiatives to strengthen institutional systems and capability to manage crisis events in disaster and conflict settings. She has conducted academic research on partnerships between the private sector and humanitarian agencies. Joanne has held long-term assignments managing a global disaster training programme and launching a complex inter-agency partnership initiative with three UN agencies, focused on capacity development for disaster risk reduction. Since 2010 she has been working with PBA mentoring candidates pursuing their professional credentials as an Accredited Partnership Broker. In a world that is experiencing an accelerated speed of change, uncertainty and increasingly complex crisis challenges, Joanne is passionate about making multi-actor collaboration a core area of focus and expertise within the broader humanitarian sector. She believes this requires new thinking and approaches to collaboration in order to meet the changing nature of crisis threats in the 21st century. This calls for an increased focus on partnerships and having skilled brokers who can support the transformation of the humanitarian sector to achieve its aims with respect to fostering localization, new actor engagement and being more anticipatory and adaptive to a changing crisis context. Joanne is one of the co-authors of PBA's publication "Shaping Sustainable Change". She has two master's degrees, one in International Development and the other in Human Resource and Organization Development. She is fluent in English and has a working knowledge of Spanish.



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