

PARTNERSHIP REVIEW AND PARTNER DIALOGUE

Raising sensitive issues between organisations collaborating in partnership can be very challenging. One key is about developing and maintaining a trusting and equitable partnership, another key is to review partnerships regularly and address difficult issues such as corruption prevention, risk management, safeguarding or problematic behaviour.

The seminar consists of three online sessions with two practical phases between the sessions. The sessions are designed to facilitate peer learning, enriched with inputs from national/local agencies and other guest speakers. The seminar is directed at experienced staff of German and local/national humanitarian NGOs.

Smruti Patel and Koenraad van Brabant from the [Global Mentoring Initiative](#) will facilitate the sessions. They bring many years of experience working in humanitarian action and in localisation and partnership debates, research and organisational accompaniment.

The seminar is part of a joint project of the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV) of Ruhr-University Bochum and VENRO. This seminar can be credited for the "[Certificate of Advanced Studies in Locally-Led Humanitarian Action](#)". Participants who would like to receive a certificate have to take part in a course exam (practical sessions and report).

To enable interactive sessions, the number of participants is limited. Participants are expected to take part in all three sessions and the practical phases. The sessions will be in English. Participation is free of charge.

This training is supported by the German Federal Foreign Office.

WHEN?

Wed, 16 June,
Wed, 23 June,
Wed, 7 July 2021,
9 am – 1 pm CEST each

Individual/group work between sessions

WHERE?

Online (Zoom)

REGISTRATION

Please register [↘ here](#) until 30 May 2021.

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PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 16 June 2021: Periodic/regular partnership reviews & sensitive conversation skills

09:00 – 13:00 **Setting the scene, experiences with partnership reviews, constructive conversations**
We will discuss our experiences with periodic partnership reviews and hear a local actor perspective. We will focus key competencies for courageous conversations including listening and self-management.

Practical phase: Prepare conversations with their local/INGO counterparts.

Wednesday, 23 June 2021: Competencies practice

09:00 – 13:00 **Role plays on sensitive conversations**
We will apply learnings from session one in different role plays around gender, safeguarding and fraud/corruption. We will discuss how to develop a culture that prevents misconduct from within organisations.

Practical phase: Participants will have conversations with a local/INGO counterpart on topics of their choice between 2nd and 3rd session.

Wednesday, 7 July 2021: Reflective learning on the practical experience

09:00 – 13:00 **Sharing experiences**
We will share learnings from the practical phases and discuss how to handle differences in a partnership.

All sessions include inputs, discussions in break-out groups and plenary as well as short breaks.

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