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Dr. Joanna Syroka is Programme Director of the African Risk Capacity (ARC), where she manages all of the Agency's technical work.

Joanna has been leading efforts to develop weather and commodity risk management products in Africa, Asia and Latin America since 2004, when she became a consultant with the World Bank's Commodity Risk Management Group.

Most notably, her work in India with Mumbai-based insurance company ICICI Lombard and Hyderabad-based micro-finance institution BASIX led to pioneering transactions that laid the foundation for what is now one of the world's fastest growing weather risk markets.

In Malawi, she worked with the World Bank Treasury to expand its product line to include sovereign-level weather derivative products for client countries.

Joanna also played a leading role in the World Food Programme's 2006 humanitarian weather derivative project in Ethiopia.

She holds her Bachelors in Physics and PhD in Atmospheric Physics from Imperial College in London.