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Ms Coates divides her time between two sectors that are very different in many ways but have a lot of remarkably similar issues and solutions: the construction and not-for-profit sectors. For example, risk management is important in each sector, as is effective project management. She applies her skills and experience to make useful contributions to both sectors.

Ms Coates is a Canadian who has lived and worked in Hong Kong since 1989. As a senior lawyer, she has trained charities on formal risk management processes: facilitating risk assessment workshops, preparing Risk Registers, and helping them to implement their new risk management programmes, embedding risk awareness deep in the organisation's culture, from the board down. At CLP Power Hong Kong Limited from 2002 to 2010, she worked on project teams carrying out systematic assessments of project risk for major construction projects. The project teams were drawn from many disciplines and she was the project lawyer. Together they used formal risk management processes to identify a wide range of risks, assess them and develop risk management plans, including the preparation of Risk Registers.

In addition to her professional career, she has many years of volunteering, most recently focusing on capacity building for NGOs. Her specialties included Risk Management, Corporate Governance, Project Planning and Management, Contract Advice.