Cooperative Governance Codes and Compliance Audits Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Cooperative Societies	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the principles of cooperative governance and regulatory frameworks.
2. Analyze the role of governance codes in organizational transparency and ethics.
3. Identify risks and implement effective risk-based audit practices.
4. Apply ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) factors in cooperative settings.
5. Conduct gap analysis between current practices and compliance standards.
6. Implement accountability structures and board evaluation practices.
7. Develop and assess internal controls and audit trails.
8. Evaluate legal compliance requirements and statutory obligations.
9. Understand data protection and privacy regulations in cooperatives.
10. Conduct forensic compliance audits to detect fraud and irregularities.
11. Utilize digital audit tools and automation for compliance tracking.
12. Align cooperative values with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
13. Develop action plans for continuous governance improvement.

Target Audiences

1. Board members of cooperative societies
2. Compliance officers
3. Internal and external auditors
4. Risk managers
5. Cooperative development officers
6. Policy makers in cooperative regulation
7. Financial controllers and treasurers
8. Cooperative training institutions and consultants

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Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Cooperative Governance

- Definition and importance of governance in cooperatives
- Governance vs. management roles
- Key ICA cooperative principles
- Stakeholder engagement models
- Legal frameworks affecting governance
- **Case Study: Governance failure in a financial cooperative**

Module 2: Governance Codes and Global Standards

- Global governance frameworks (OECD, ICA)
- Local codes vs. international practices
- Role of board charters and codes of conduct
- Measuring code compliance
- ESG and cooperative value alignment
- **Case Study: Adoption of governance codes by SACCOs in Kenya**

Module 3: Board Structure and Effectiveness

- Composition and diversity in cooperative boards
- Board roles and responsibilities
- Conflict of interest policies
- Performance evaluations and metrics
- Succession planning
- **Case Study: How board restructuring improved a housing cooperative**

Module 4: Ethics, Transparency & Accountability

- Code of ethics and whistleblower policies
- Anti-corruption frameworks
- Transparency in financial reporting
- Role of members in ethical oversight
- Audit committee functions
- **Case Study: Transparency reforms in agricultural cooperatives**

Module 5: Legal and Regulatory Compliance

- Overview of cooperative laws
- Understanding statutory reporting obligations
- Compliance risk matrix
- Role of regulators and penalties
- Aligning with local compliance checklists
- **Case Study: Regulatory penalties due to non-compliance in Ghana**

Module 6: Risk Management Frameworks

- Risk identification and categorization
- Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) for cooperatives
- Internal controls and mitigation strategies
- Crisis management protocols
- Risk register development
- **Case Study: Failed risk audit in a savings cooperative**

Module 7: Internal Control Systems

- Segregation of duties and approval hierarchies
- Control environment assessments
- Documentation and reporting procedures
- Fraud detection and prevention controls
- Testing and review protocols
- **Case Study: Fraud uncovered due to weak internal controls**

Module 8: Compliance Audit Planning and Execution

- Audit planning and scoping
- Developing audit checklists
- Sampling techniques and evidence collection
- Audit report writing and recommendations
- Post-audit follow-up procedures
- **Case Study: Compliance audit in a dairy cooperative**

Module 9: Forensic Audits in Cooperatives

- When to trigger a forensic audit
- Tools for fraud and irregularity investigation

- Legal implications and reporting procedures
- Use of digital forensics and data analytics
- Whistleblower reports as audit triggers
- **Case Study: Misappropriation in a credit union**

Module 10: ESG Integration in Cooperative Governance

- Understanding ESG in cooperative contexts
- ESG reporting frameworks (e.g., GRI)
- Sustainability audits and scorecards
- Environmental impact disclosures
- Social equity in cooperative missions
- **Case Study: ESG-aligned reporting in European co-ops**

Module 11: Technology in Compliance Auditing

- Audit automation tools
- Data-driven decision making
- Blockchain and cooperative records
- Use of ERP systems for tracking compliance
- Cybersecurity in cooperative IT systems
- **Case Study: ERP adoption improving audit trail integrity**

Module 12: Data Protection & Privacy Laws

- GDPR and local data privacy regulations
- Member consent and access rights
- Data audit trail and retention policies
- Breach notification protocols
- Cooperatives' responsibilities as data controllers
- **Case Study: Data breach compliance response in health co-op**

Module 13: Member Participation and Governance

- Importance of member education
- Inclusive participation in decision-making
- Use of AGMs and feedback forums
- Empowering marginalized member groups
- Tools for member engagement
- **Case Study: Inclusive governance in a fisherfolk cooperative**

Module 14: Governance Monitoring & Evaluation

- Governance performance indicators
- Board reporting dashboards
- Governance scorecards
- Feedback mechanisms and surveys
- Peer review and benchmarking
- **Case Study: Cooperative governance index in East Africa**

Module 15: Developing a Governance Improvement Plan

- Identifying governance gaps
- Setting SMART objectives
- Timeline and resource planning
- Board coaching and mentoring

- Monitoring and revision protocols
- **Case Study: Multi-year improvement roadmap in a SACCO**

Training Methodology

- Instructor-led presentations using case-based learning
- Interactive group workshops and simulations
- Hands-on tools and audit templates
- Role plays on boardroom and audit scenarios
- Real-life cooperative case study analysis
- Governance audit report development exercises

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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