Green Financing and Sustainable Investment for Co-operatives 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

As global economies shift toward low-carbon, climate-resilient development, co-operatives are uniquely positioned to champion the movement toward sustainability. Green financing and sustainable investment strategies have become essential tools in addressing environmental, social, and governance (ESG) challenges. Training Course on Green Financing and Sustainable Investment for Co-operatives equips cooperative leaders, managers, and stakeholders with the knowledge, tools, and skills needed to access, deploy, and manage green financial resources effectively. It empowers co-ops to align their operations with international sustainability standards, contribute to climate goals, and gain competitive advantage in a rapidly evolving financial landscape.

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the fundamentals of green finance and its importance in the climate-smart economy.
2. Identify key sources and instruments for sustainable investment.
3. Apply ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) standards in cooperative finance.
4. Analyze climate-related financial disclosures and risk assessment tools.
5. Structure green bonds, climate funds, and other sustainable finance instruments.
6. Leverage carbon credit markets for cooperative income diversification.
7. Align cooperative investment strategies with UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
8. Access public and private green funding channels, including impact investors.
9. Implement tools for social and environmental impact measurement.
10. Design renewable energy finance models for cooperative enterprises.
11. Enhance financial inclusion through climate-responsive investments.
12. Incorporate circular economy financing models in business planning.
13. Develop strategic roadmaps for long-term green transition in cooperative enterprises.

Target Audience

1. Cooperative Board Members
2. Finance Managers and Accountants in Co-ops
3. Policy Makers in Cooperative Development
4. Sustainability and ESG Officers
5. Credit and Loan Officers
6. Development Finance Institutions (DFIs)
7. Renewable Energy Entrepreneurs in Co-ops
8. Climate Investment Consultants

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Green Finance

- Definition and scope of green finance
- Role of cooperatives in green finance ecosystems
- Global trends and benchmarks in sustainable finance
- Key international frameworks (Paris Agreement, SDGs)
- Overview of green financial instruments
- **Case Study: Grameen Shakti's Renewable Energy Microfinance in Bangladesh**

Module 2: ESG Integration in Cooperative Finance

- Understanding ESG and its relevance
- ESG metrics and indicators
- Integration into credit and investment decisions
- Regulatory expectations on ESG disclosures
- ESG risk mitigation strategies
- **Case Study: Vancity Credit Union's ESG Policy Transformation**

Module 3: Sustainable Investment Instruments

- Green bonds and climate bonds
- Sustainability-linked loans
- Blended finance and guarantees
- Blue economy investments
- Community-based green investment models
- **Case Study: CoopFond Italy's Green Bond Initiative**

Module 4: Climate Risk Assessment & Management

- Types of climate-related risks
- Scenario analysis and stress testing
- Financial implications of climate risks
- Risk disclosure frameworks (TCFD, IFRS S2)
- Integrating climate risk into cooperative strategy
- **Case Study: Resilience Planning at Kenya Union of Savings & Credit Co-operatives**

Module 5: Accessing Green Capital

- International climate funds (GEF, GCF)
- National and regional funding facilities
- Private sector and multilateral investments
- Fundraising strategies for co-ops
- Grant vs debt financing in green projects
- **Case Study: Solar Sister Co-op's Access to Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund**

Module 6: Renewable Energy Financing

- Financing solar, wind, and biomass projects
- Power purchase agreements (PPAs) for co-ops
- Mini-grid and off-grid models
- Energy efficiency projects
- ROI calculations and break-even analysis
- **Case Study: Mondragón Co-op's Investment in Wind Energy**

Module 7: Impact Investing and Co-ops

- Principles of impact investing
- Identifying social/environmental impact metrics
- Investor expectations and reporting
- Due diligence and impact valuation
- Creating investable impact profiles for co-ops
- **Case Study: Shared Interest UK's Ethical Investment in African Co-ops**

Module 8: Carbon Credit and Emissions Trading

- What are carbon credits?
- Mechanisms for cooperatives to generate credits
- Voluntary vs compliance carbon markets
- Pricing and trading carbon credits
- Project validation and monitoring
- **Case Study: Agroforestry Carbon Offset Program by Farmer Co-ops in Kenya**

Module 9: Financing Circular Economy in Co-ops

- Principles of circular economy
- Waste-to-resource business models

- Financing reuse and recycling infrastructure
- Supply chain integration
- Resource efficiency and productivity gains
- **Case Study: Coop Sweden's Packaging Recycling Program**

Module 10: Financial Inclusion through Green Lending

- Green microfinance and inclusive lending
- Designing climate-resilient loan products
- Risk-sharing and de-risking approaches
- Role of women and youth in climate finance
- Monitoring loan outcomes for sustainability
- **Case Study: Women's Saving Groups and Solar Loans in Tanzania**

Module 11: Policy and Regulation in Green Finance

- National policies on sustainable finance
- Co-operative compliance mandates
- Incentives for green investments
- Regulatory barriers and how to navigate them
- Role of central banks and development banks
- **Case Study: Nigeria's Sustainable Banking Principles Applied to Co-ops**

Module 12: Measurement and Reporting of Sustainability Impact

- Key performance indicators (KPIs)
- Triple Bottom Line (TBL) approach
- Sustainability audits and certifications
- GRI and SASB reporting frameworks
- Stakeholder engagement in reporting
- **Case Study: Cooperative Impact Dashboard by SEWA Co-op India**

Module 13: SDG Alignment for Cooperative Projects

- Mapping co-op goals to SDGs
- Prioritizing SDG targets for investment
- Tools for SDG impact tracking
- Enhancing visibility to SDG investors
- Reporting contributions to national SDG plans
- **Case Study: Greenhouse Co-op's SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) Investment Mapping**

Module 14: Technology and Innovation in Sustainable Finance

- Digital tools for green investment management
- Blockchain for transparent green bond tracking
- Fintech and AI in ESG analytics
- Climate-smart agriculture technologies
- Mobile platforms for financial inclusion
- **Case Study: Digital Carbon Ledger for Coffee Grower Co-ops in Latin America**

Module 15: Strategic Green Investment Planning

- Developing green investment strategies
- Stakeholder alignment and governance
- Scenario planning and sensitivity analysis
- Budgeting and resource allocation

- Monitoring and evaluation frameworks
- **Case Study: National Federation of Co-ops' 5-Year Green Strategy**

Training Methodology

- Expert-led interactive presentations and live demos
- Group exercises for hands-on financial modeling
- Real-time analysis of current case studies and tools
- Roleplays and simulations for investment decision-making
- Toolkits, templates, and policy briefs for immediate use
- Peer-to-peer co-learning circles and action plans

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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

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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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