Training Course on Mechanics of Managing Export Credit Agencies (ECAs)

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives:

1. **Demystify ECA Operations:** Understand the core functions and operational mechanisms of leading Export Credit Agencies.
2. **Master Trade Finance Instruments:** Gain proficiency in utilizing various ECA-backed trade finance tools, including guarantees and direct loans.
3. **Navigate Political Risk:** Develop expertise in assessing and mitigating political and commercial risks associated with international transactions.
4. **Optimize Project Finance:** Learn to structure and manage complex project finance deals leveraging ECA support.
5. **Enhance Export Credit Insurance Management:** Effectively manage export credit insurance portfolios to minimize financial exposure.
6. **Ensure Regulatory Compliance:** Understand and adhere to international compliance standards and ECA regulations.
7. **Conduct Effective Due Diligence:** Master the art of conducting thorough due diligence assessments for ECA-backed transactions.
8. **Negotiate Favorable ECA Terms:** Develop strong negotiation skills to secure optimal terms and conditions with ECAs.
9. **Analyze Country Risk Effectively:** Learn to evaluate country risk profiles and their impact on export transactions.
10. **Implement Sustainable Finance Practices:** Integrate sustainable finance principles into ECA-backed projects.
11. **Leverage Digitalization in Trade Finance:** Explore the role of fintech and digital solutions in streamlining ECA processes.
12. **Apply Case Studies & Best Practices:** Analyze real-world case studies to understand practical applications and best practices.
13. **Foster Strategic Partnerships:** Build strong relationships with ECAs and other stakeholders to enhance export opportunities.

Organizational Benefits:

- Reduced financial risk in international transactions.
- Enhanced access to competitive financing for export projects.
- Improved compliance and governance in trade operations.
- Increased export sales and market expansion.
- Strengthened relationships with international partners.

Target Participants

1. Export Managers
2. Trade Finance Professionals
3. Project Finance Analysts
4. Risk Management Officers
5. Bankers and Financial Institution Staff
6. Government Officials Involved in Trade Promotion
7. Legal and Compliance Officers
8. International Business Development Managers

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Module 1: Introduction to Export Credit Agencies:

- Overview of ECA roles and functions.
- Historical development and evolution of ECAs.
- Types of ECAs and their mandates.
- Key stakeholders in ECA operations.
- Global ECA network and collaborations.

Module 2: ECA Guarantees and Direct Lending:

- Types of guarantees offered by ECAs.
- Structuring direct lending facilities.
- Eligibility criteria and application processes.
- Risk assessment and mitigation strategies.
- Case studies of successful guarantee and lending projects.

Module 3: Export Credit Insurance:

- Types of export credit insurance policies.
- Managing credit risk and payment defaults.
- Policy terms and conditions.
- Claims procedures and dispute resolution.
- Utilizing insurance to enhance export competitiveness.

Module 4: Political Risk Management:

- Identifying and assessing political risks.
- Mitigation strategies for political instability.
- Understanding expropriation and currency inconvertibility.
- Utilizing political risk insurance.
- Developing contingency plans for political events.

Module 5: Project Finance and ECAs:

- Structuring project finance deals with ECA support.
- Risk allocation and management in project finance.
- Financial modeling and feasibility studies.
- Due diligence in project finance transactions.
- Case studies of successful ECA-backed projects.

Module 6: Country Risk Analysis:

- Methodologies for assessing country risk.
- Economic and political indicators.
- Impact of country risk on export transactions.
- Utilizing country risk data for decision-making.
- Developing risk mitigation strategies based on country risk assessments.

Module 7: Compliance and Regulatory Frameworks:

- International trade regulations and compliance standards.
- Anti-corruption and anti-money laundering regulations.
- ECA compliance requirements.
- Due diligence and KYC/AML procedures.
- Managing regulatory risk in export transactions.

Module 8: Negotiation Strategies with ECAs:

- Preparing for negotiations with ECAs.
- Understanding ECA decision-making processes.
- Negotiating favorable terms and conditions.
- Building strong relationships with ECA representatives.
- Resolving disputes and managing conflicts.

Module 9: Sustainable Finance and ECAs:

- Integrating sustainable finance principles into ECA operations.
- Environmental and social impact assessments.
- Green finance and renewable energy projects.
- ECA support for sustainable development goals.
- Reporting and transparency in sustainable finance.

Module 10: Digitalization in Trade Finance:

- Role of fintech and digital solutions in ECA processes.
- Blockchain and smart contracts in trade finance.
- Digital platforms for trade finance transactions.
- Cybersecurity and data protection.
- Future trends in digital trade finance.

Module 11: ECA Due Diligence:

- Conducting comprehensive due diligence.
- Analyzing financial statements and business plans.
- Assessing legal and regulatory risks.
- Evaluating the creditworthiness of counterparties.
- Documenting and reporting due diligence findings.

Module 12: Case Studies and Best Practices:

- Analyzing real-world case studies of ECA-backed transactions.
- Identifying best practices in ECA management.
- Learning from successful and unsuccessful projects.
- Applying practical insights to real-world scenarios.
- Developing strategic recommendations based on case analysis.

Module 13: Advanced Trade Finance Structures:

- Structured trade finance techniques.
- Forfaiting and factoring.
- Warehouse financing.
- Supply chain finance.
- Advanced risk mitigation structures.

Module 14: ECA and SME Support:

- ECA programs for small and medium enterprises.
- Accessing ECA financing for SMEs.
- Simplifying ECA processes for smaller companies.
- Reducing risk for SME exports.
- Developing SME export strategies with ECA backing.

Module 15: Future of Export Credit Agencies:

- ECA adaptation to changing global trade.
- The role of ECAs in emerging markets.
- Impact of geopolitical shifts on ECAs.
- Innovation and technology in ECA operations.
- Future trends and strategic directions for ECAs.

Training Methodology:

- Interactive lectures and presentations.
- Case study analysis and group discussions.
- Practical exercises and simulations.
- Expert panel discussions and guest speakers.
- Online resources and learning materials.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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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
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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