Training course on Sustainable Finance and Green Bonds

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Legal Institute	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Define **sustainable finance** and its core principles, including **ESG integration**.
2. Analyze the drivers and trends shaping the global **sustainable finance market**.
3. Understand the mechanics, benefits, and market growth of **green bonds**.
4. Apply the **ICMA Green Bond Principles** for credible green bond issuance.
5. Evaluate different **green bond verification** and certification processes.
6. Identify and differentiate between various **sustainable debt instruments** (e.g., social, sustainability, sustainability-linked bonds).
7. Integrate **ESG factors** into investment analysis and portfolio construction.
8. Assess the **environmental impact** and **social impact** of sustainable finance instruments.
9. Navigate the evolving **regulatory landscape** for sustainable finance (e.g., EU Taxonomy, SFDR).
10. Develop effective **impact reporting** and disclosure strategies for green bonds.
11. Identify and mitigate risks associated with **greenwashing** in sustainable investments.
12. Explore the role of **climate finance** in achieving national and international climate targets.
13. Discuss future innovations and challenges in the **sustainable capital markets**.

Target Audience

This course is designed for a broad range of professionals seeking to deepen their understanding of sustainable finance and green bonds, including:

1. **Financial Professionals:** Investment bankers, asset managers, portfolio managers, and financial advisors.
2. **Corporate Treasury & Finance Teams:** Individuals responsible for corporate financing, capital raising, and investor relations.
3. **Sustainability & ESG Professionals:** Managers and analysts focusing on corporate sustainability, ESG strategy, and reporting.
4. **Public Sector & Development Bank Officials:** Professionals involved in public finance, green policy, and international development finance.
5. **Project Developers:** Those seeking to finance environmentally beneficial projects through green or sustainable debt instruments.
6. **Credit Analysts & Risk Managers:** Professionals responsible for assessing financial and non-financial risks in sustainable investments.
7. **Regulators & Policymakers:** Individuals involved in shaping sustainable finance regulations and market oversight.
8. **Consultants & Advisors:** Professionals providing strategic advice on sustainable finance, ESG, and climate-related financial disclosures.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Sustainable Finance

- Definition and Evolution of Sustainable Finance
- Understanding Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Factors
- The Business Case for Sustainable Finance: Risks and Opportunities
- Global Frameworks: UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Paris Agreement
- Introduction to Responsible Investment Strategies and Approaches

Module 2: Introduction to Green Bonds

- What are Green Bonds? Core Characteristics and Benefits
- History and Growth of the Global Green Bond Market
- Types of Green Bond Issuers: Corporates, Sovereigns, Supranationals, Banks
- Key Market Players and Ecosystem of Green Bonds
- Why Issue and Invest in Green Bonds? Value Proposition

Module 3: Green Bond Principles and Standards

- The ICMA Green Bond Principles (GBP): Four Core Components
- Overview of Project Categories for Green Bonds
- Role of External Reviewers: Second Party Opinions (SPOs) and Certification Bodies
- Other Green Bond Standards: Climate Bonds Initiative (CBI) Certification
- Ensuring Green Bond Credibility and Integrity

Module 4: Green Bond Issuance Process

- Steps in Issuing a Green Bond: From Strategy to Post-Issuance
- Developing a Green Finance Framework
- Project Selection and Eligibility Criteria
- Pre-Issuance External Review and Verification

- Legal Documentation and Roadshow Considerations

Module 5: Other Sustainable Debt Instruments

- Social Bonds: Financing Socially Beneficial Projects
- Sustainability Bonds: Combining Green and Social Objectives
- Sustainability-Linked Bonds (SLBs): Performance-Based Financing
- Blue Bonds: Financing Ocean-Related Conservation and Sustainability
- Transition Bonds: Supporting High-Emitting Sectors in their Transition

Module 6: ESG Integration in Investment Decisions

- Methodologies for ESG Integration in Portfolio Management
- ESG Data Sources, Ratings, and Analytics
- Active Ownership, Engagement, and Shareholder Resolutions
- Negative Screening, Positive Screening, and Best-in-Class Strategies
- Performance of ESG Investments vs. Conventional Investments

Module 7: Impact Measurement and Reporting

- Defining and Measuring Environmental and Social Impact
- Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for Green Bond Impact
- Post-Issuance Reporting Requirements for Green Bonds
- Alignment with TCFD (Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures) and GRI (Global Reporting Initiative)
- Preventing Greenwashing: Best Practices for Transparency and Disclosure

Module 8: Regulatory Landscape and Future Trends in Sustainable Finance

- Overview of Emerging Sustainable Finance Regulations (e.g., EU Taxonomy, SFDR)
- Role of Central Banks and Financial Regulators in Sustainable Finance
- Challenges and Opportunities in the Sustainable Capital Markets
- Innovation in Sustainable Finance: Digital Green Bonds, Blended Finance
- The Future of Sustainable Finance: Towards a Net-Zero and Resilient Economy

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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Certification

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

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Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.
- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.
- One-year post-training support, consultation, and coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be made at least a week before the training commencement to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice, to enable better preparation.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
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