Training Course on Sustainable Finance and Green Investment for Directors

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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

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Course Objectives

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

1. Define and differentiate key concepts in sustainable finance, green investment, and ESG integration within a global context.
2. Analyze and interpret ESG data and sustainability metrics for robust financial decision-making and performance evaluation.
3. Identify and assess climate risks (physical and transition) and opportunities for their organizations and portfolios.
4. Develop and implement effective ESG governance frameworks and sustainable investment strategies.
5. Understand and navigate the rapidly evolving sustainable finance regulatory landscape, including EU Taxonomy, SFDR, and TCFD recommendations.
6. Evaluate and utilize a range of green financial instruments, such as green bonds, sustainability-linked loans, and impact funds.
7. Measure and report on environmental and social impact alongside financial returns, leveraging frameworks like GRI and SASB.
8. Formulate strategies for corporate decarbonization and aligning business models with net-zero targets.
9. Engage effectively with stakeholders on sustainability matters, enhancing corporate reputation and investor relations.
10. Incorporate circular economy principles into financial planning and operational strategies.
11. Identify and mitigate risks associated with greenwashing and ensure authentic sustainability commitments.
12. Leverage FinTech and data analytics for advanced ESG analysis and sustainable portfolio management.
13. Lead the development of a long-term sustainable finance roadmap for their organizations, driving resilience and competitive advantage.

Organizational Benefits

- Demonstrating a commitment to sustainability attracts socially conscious investors, customers, and top talent.
- Proactive identification and mitigation of ESG and climate-related risks, leading to greater financial stability.
- Tapping into the growing pool of sustainable and impact investment funds.

- Differentiating the organization in the market through innovative green products, services, and sustainable practices.
- Driving cost savings and operational improvements through sustainable business models.
- Building trust and credibility with investors, regulators, employees, and communities.
- Staying ahead of evolving sustainable finance regulations and reporting requirements.
- Fostering resilience and ensuring sustained profitability in a rapidly changing global economy.
- Identifying and capitalizing on emerging green markets and technologies.

Target Audience

1. Board Directors (Executive and Non-Executive)
2. C-Suite Executives (CEOs, CFOs, COOs, CSOs)
3. Investment Committee Members
4. Senior Portfolio Managers and Asset Owners
5. Heads of Sustainability and ESG
6. Risk Management Professionals with oversight of financial risks
7. Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals
8. Senior Regulators and Policymakers within the financial sector

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Module 1: Foundations of Sustainable Finance & Green Investment

- Defining **Sustainable Finance**, **ESG**, and **Green Investment**: Concepts, history, and global trends.
- The business case for sustainability: Risk mitigation, value creation, and competitive advantage.
- Overview of **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** and their relevance to finance.
- Key drivers: Regulatory pressure, investor demand, and societal expectations.
- Challenges and opportunities in the transition to a sustainable economy.
- **Case Study:** The rise of ESG-focused mutual funds and their outperformance during market downturns.

Module 2: ESG Integration in Corporate Strategy & Governance

- Understanding **ESG factors** (Environmental, Social, Governance) and their materiality.
- Integrating ESG into **corporate strategy**, risk management, and capital allocation.
- The role of the **board** in overseeing ESG performance and setting sustainability targets.
- Developing robust **ESG governance structures** and policies.
- Board composition and diversity in the context of sustainability.
- **Case Study:** Patagonia's commitment to environmental and social responsibility driving brand loyalty and financial success.

Module 3: Climate Risk Assessment & Financial Implications

- **Physical risks** (e.g., extreme weather, resource scarcity) and their financial impact.
- **Transition risks** (e.g., policy changes, technological disruption, market shifts) and their implications.
- **TCFD (Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures)** recommendations and reporting.
- Climate scenario analysis and stress testing for financial resilience.
- Integrating climate risk into investment due diligence.

- **Case Study:** Assessing climate risks for a real estate portfolio in a coastal region, and strategies for adaptation and mitigation.

Module 4: Sustainable Investment Strategies & Products

- **Screening approaches:** Negative, positive, and best-in-class.
- **Thematic investing:** Renewable energy, clean tech, sustainable agriculture.
- **Impact Investing:** Intentionality, additionality, and measurable impact.
- **Shareholder engagement** and active ownership as a sustainability lever.
- Creating a diversified **sustainable investment portfolio**.
- **Case Study:** A pension fund's transition to a net-zero investment strategy, including challenges and successes.

Module 5: Green, Social, and Sustainability Bonds

- Fundamentals of **green bonds**, **social bonds**, and **sustainability bonds**.
- Issuance process, certification, and verification standards (e.g., ICMA Principles).
- Market trends, growth, and investor demand for sustainable debt instruments.
- Structuring **sustainability-linked loans** and other innovative green finance products.
- Regulatory frameworks and incentives for green bond issuance.
- **Case Study:** The issuance of a landmark green bond by a multinational corporation to finance its renewable energy projects.

Module 6: Regulatory Landscape of Sustainable Finance

- Overview of global and regional regulations: **EU Taxonomy**, **SFDR (Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation)**, national policies.
- Implications for financial institutions, corporations, and investors.
- Emerging reporting standards: **ISSB (International Sustainability Standards Board)**, **GRI (Global Reporting Initiative)**, **SASB (Sustainability Accounting Standards Board)**.
- Compliance challenges and best practices for navigating regulatory complexity.
- The role of central banks and financial supervisors in promoting sustainable finance.
- **Case Study:** A European bank's journey to comply with the EU Taxonomy and SFDR, highlighting operational and data challenges.

Module 7: Measuring & Reporting ESG Impact and Financial Performance

- Key **ESG performance indicators (KPIs)** and metrics.
- Tools and methodologies for **impact measurement and management (IMM)**.
- Linking sustainability outcomes to financial returns: The "double materiality" concept.
- Effective **sustainability reporting** and communication to stakeholders.
- Avoiding **greenwashing** through transparent and credible reporting.
- **Case Study:** A technology company's annual integrated report, showcasing how it communicates its ESG performance and financial value creation.

Module 8: Decarbonization Strategies & Climate Finance

- Setting **net-zero targets** and developing **decarbonization pathways**.
- Carbon pricing mechanisms, carbon markets, and emissions trading.
- Financing **renewable energy projects** and energy efficiency initiatives.
- The role of **blended finance** and public-private partnerships in climate finance.
- Transition finance: Supporting high-emitting sectors in their decarbonization journey.
- **Case Study:** A utility company's strategy to transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources, including financing mechanisms and challenges.

Module 9: Circular Economy & Sustainable Supply Chains

- Principles of the **circular economy** and its economic benefits.
- Financing models for circular business models (e.g., product-as-a-service, reuse).
- Assessing and enhancing sustainability within **supply chains**.
- Due diligence for human rights and environmental impacts in supply chains.
- The role of finance in promoting sustainable consumption and production.
- **Case Study:** A fashion brand implementing circular design principles and investing in sustainable material innovation, and its financing needs.

Module 10: Social Impact & Inclusive Finance

- Understanding the "S" in **ESG**: Human rights, labor practices, diversity, community engagement.
- **Social impact investing** and its role in addressing societal challenges.
- Microfinance, financial inclusion, and sustainable livelihoods.
- **Gender lens investing** and its potential for social and financial returns.
- Measuring and reporting on social impact.
- **Case Study:** An investment fund focused on providing capital to businesses promoting women's economic empowerment in developing countries.

Module 11: Innovation in Sustainable Finance: FinTech & Data

- The role of **FinTech** in accelerating sustainable finance.
- **AI and machine learning** for enhanced ESG data analysis and risk assessment.
- **Blockchain** for transparency and traceability in sustainable supply chains and carbon markets.
- Green digital currencies and sustainable finance platforms.
- The future of ESG data and analytics.
- **Case Study:** A FinTech startup developing an AI-powered platform for real-time ESG risk monitoring and portfolio optimization.

Module 12: Due Diligence & Avoiding Greenwashing

- Identifying and mitigating **greenwashing risks** in investments and corporate communications.
- Due diligence processes for evaluating genuine sustainability claims.
- The importance of independent verification and assurance in sustainable finance.
- Regulatory actions and enforcement against greenwashing.
- Building trust and credibility in sustainable finance.
- **Case Study:** Analyzing a high-profile "greenwashing" scandal and the lessons learned for corporate governance and investor protection.

Module 13: Engagement & Communication with Stakeholders

- Strategies for effective **stakeholder engagement** on sustainability.
- Communicating ESG performance to investors, employees, customers, and regulators.
- Building a compelling narrative around the organization's sustainability journey.
- Responding to shareholder activism on ESG issues.
- Crisis communication in the context of sustainability failures.
- **Case Study:** A company successfully navigating activist investor pressure on climate change by implementing a robust decarbonization plan.

Module 14: Developing a Sustainable Finance Roadmap

- Practical steps for developing and implementing a **sustainable finance roadmap** for the organization.
- Setting SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound) sustainability targets.
- Integrating sustainable finance into enterprise-wide risk management.
- Building internal capacity and fostering a culture of sustainability.
- Monitoring progress and adapting the roadmap over time.
- **Case Study:** A financial institution's multi-year sustainable finance strategy, including milestones, challenges, and key successes.

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
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