

Contextualizing Environment, Social and Governance into Sustainable Finance

Course Overview

To cope with the global sustainability agenda, banks need to invest in their human resources that will help them to improve their performance and reputation in the areas of sustainability. This course is designed to equip bank officers with the fundamental knowledge and skills to navigate the emerging field of sustainable finance. They will learn about the key drivers and challenges of integrating environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria into financial decision-making, as well as the role of sustainable development goals (SDGs) and value-based intermediation (VBI) in shaping the future of finance. This course is also suitable for anyone who wants to gain a basic understanding of sustainability and its implications for the financial sector.

Course Objectives

This 1-day course is aiming to:

- Create awareness about sustainability concept from the perspective of SDGs, ESGs and VBIs
- Connect sustainability to bank's fundamental roles
- Highlight key ESG risk on banks

Course Outcomes

After attending this course, the participants will be able to:

- Cascade knowledge to other employees
- Incorporate sustainable practices into participants' daily scope of works
- Develop initiative to support ESG agenda in a sustainability programme

Course Outline

Module 1

Context Setting of Sustainable Finance Understanding

- Introduction of SDGs, ESG and VBI
- Pillars of Sustainability

Module 2

Sustainability Building Blocks

- Roles of Financial Institutions
- Sustainable Financial Products and Services

Module 3

Three Key ESG Risk to Financial Institutions

- Physical Risk
- Transitional Risk
- Technology Transitional Risk

Module 4

Risk Mitigation

- Sustainability Program
- Embedding ESG in Process and Policy
- Governance Framework

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