Future Thinking for Government Leaders Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the principles of future thinking and strategic foresight in government leadership.
2. Analyze global megatrends shaping the future of public governance.
3. Apply systems thinking to complex public policy challenges.
4. Use scenario planning to anticipate uncertainty and disruption.
5. Integrate future insights into national and sectoral policy design.
6. Strengthen strategic leadership for long-term public value creation.
7. Identify emerging risks and opportunities for government institutions.
8. Apply horizon scanning techniques for evidence-based decision-making.
9. Enhance innovation capacity within public sector organizations.
10. Align future thinking with sustainable development and resilience goals.
11. Improve cross-sector collaboration for future-ready governance.
12. Translate foresight outcomes into actionable government strategies.
13. Develop institutional roadmaps for embedding future thinking practices.

Organizational Benefits

- Improved long-term policy coherence and strategic alignment
- Enhanced government readiness for emerging risks and disruptions
- Stronger leadership capacity for managing uncertainty
- Better integration of innovation into public service delivery
- Increased institutional resilience and adaptability
- More informed and proactive decision-making processes
- Strengthened coordination across ministries and agencies
- Improved stakeholder engagement and public trust
- Enhanced alignment with national development visions
- Sustainable integration of foresight into governance systems

Target Audiences

- Senior government officials and public sector executives
- Policy makers and strategic planning officers
- Heads of departments and agencies
- National development planners
- Public sector reform and innovation leaders
- Regulatory authorities and oversight bodies

- Government think tanks and research units
- International development and governance professionals

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Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Future Thinking in Government

- Introduction to future thinking and foresight concepts
- Differences between forecasting, foresight, and strategic planning
- Importance of future thinking in public leadership
- Public sector applications of futures studies
- Ethical considerations in future-oriented governance
- Case Study: Governments that institutionalized strategic foresight

Module 2: Global Megatrends and Emerging Drivers

- Understanding political, economic, social, technological, and environmental trends
- Identifying weak signals and emerging issues
- Assessing trend impacts on public institutions
- Linking megatrends to national priorities
- Managing uncertainty arising from global disruptions
- Case Study: Impact of digital transformation on government operations

Module 3: Systems Thinking for Public Policy

- Principles of systems thinking in governance
- Mapping complex policy ecosystems
- Identifying leverage points for policy intervention
- Managing unintended policy consequences
- Integrating systems tools into decision-making
- Case Study: Systems failures in public service delivery

Module 4: Scenario Planning for Government Strategy

- Introduction to scenario planning methodologies
- Developing plausible future scenarios
- Stress-testing policies against alternative futures
- Using scenarios to support strategic dialogue
- Translating scenarios into policy options
- Case Study: Scenario planning for national development strategies

Module 5: Horizon Scanning and Strategic Intelligence

- Designing horizon scanning frameworks for government
- Collecting and analyzing future-oriented intelligence
- Using data, expert insights, and citizen input
- Integrating scanning outputs into planning cycles
- Monitoring signals of change over time
- Case Study: Horizon scanning in public sector risk management

Module 6: Innovation and Future-Ready Public Institutions

- Linking future thinking with public sector innovation
- Building innovation-friendly government cultures
- Policy experimentation and adaptive governance
- Leveraging digital tools for future governance
- Managing innovation risks in the public sector
- Case Study: Government innovation labs shaping future services

Module 7: Leadership and Governance for the Future

- Future-oriented leadership competencies
- Decision-making under uncertainty
- Building collaborative and anticipatory governance models
- Engaging stakeholders in future dialogues
- Institutional governance for long-term resilience
- Case Study: Leadership responses to systemic national crises

Module 8: Embedding Future Thinking into Government Practice

- Institutionalizing foresight units and processes
- Integrating future thinking into policy cycles
- Measuring the impact of foresight initiatives
- Capacity building and skills development strategies
- Developing government-wide foresight roadmaps
- Case Study: Embedding future thinking across ministries

Training Methodology

- Instructor-led conceptual briefings and expert presentations
- Interactive group discussions and facilitated foresight exercises
- Scenario-building workshops and systems mapping sessions

- Case study analysis drawn from government contexts
- Practical tool application and simulation activities
- Action planning for institutional implementation

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	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

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

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