Global Environmental Change and Sustainability Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Develop and implement effective climate transition plans and decarbonization strategies to achieve net-zero targets.
2. Master the principles of the circular economy, including waste reduction, resource efficiency, and sustainable supply chain management.
3. Integrate environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors into business strategy, risk
4. Understand the business case for biodiversity protection and the valuation of natural capital to promote nature-positive solutions.
5. Explore the role of artificial intelligence (AI) and other green technologies in optimizing resource use and enhancing sustainability performance.
6. Analyze green investment and sustainable finance mechanisms, including green bonds and impact investing, to fund sustainability initiatives.
7. Navigate the evolving landscape of environmental regulations, policy, and international frameworks like the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
8. Conduct comprehensive carbon footprinting and prepare credible sustainability reports in line with global standards (e.g., ISO 14001, SASB, TCFD).
9. Implement effective water management and stewardship strategies to address water scarcity and enhance operational resilience.
10. Develop advanced skills in stakeholder engagement and communication to build consensus and drive collective action on sustainability goals.
11. Evaluate and implement renewable energy solutions to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and lower operational costs.
12. Link corporate social responsibility with environmental sustainability to create shared value for business and society.
13. Build organizational resilience to climate-related risks and develop adaptive strategies for a changing environment.

Organizational Benefits

- Demonstrates a genuine commitment to sustainability, attracting environmentally conscious consumers and improving public perception.
- Identifies opportunities for resource efficiency, waste reduction, and energy savings, directly impacting the bottom line.
- Proactively addresses climate-related and environmental risks, ensuring business continuity and long-term viability.
- Appeals to a new generation of professionals seeking purpose-driven careers and purpose-aligned employers.
- Meets investor demands for strong ESG performance, opening doors to green financing and attracting sustainable investment.
- Encourages creative problem-solving and the development of new, sustainable products, services, and business models.
- Equips the organization to navigate complex and ever-changing environmental regulations, avoiding costly fines and legal issues.

Target Audience

1. Business Leaders and Executives.
2. Sustainability Professionals.
3. Finance and Investment Professionals.
4. Operations and Supply Chain Managers.
5. Policy and Public Sector Professionals.
6. Engineers and Technologists.
7. Educators and Researchers.
8. Aspiring Professionals.

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Module 1: Foundations of Global Environmental Change

- Understanding the interconnectedness of Earth's systems and planetary boundaries.
- Exploring the science of climate change, its drivers, and global impacts.
- Analyzing key concepts like biodiversity loss, ecosystem services, and resource depletion.
- Examining the history of environmental movements and international agreements
- **Case Study:** The Aral Sea disaster ?Çô a powerful example of human-induced environmental change and its devastating socio-economic consequences.

Module 2: The Business Case for Sustainability

- Defining sustainability within a corporate context and moving beyond compliance.
- Identifying the risks and opportunities associated with environmental challenges.
- Learning how sustainability drives innovation, brand value, and competitive advantage.
- Exploring the shift from a linear to a circular economy model.
- **Case Study:** Interface, Inc. ?Çô a company that transformed its business model to achieve radical sustainability, proving that green practices can be profitable.

Module 3: ESG Reporting and Disclosure

- Understanding the principles and frameworks of ESG reporting (SASB, GRI, TCFD).
- Learning to collect, measure, and report on key environmental performance indicators.
- Analyzing how ESG data informs investment decisions and stakeholder trust.

- Identifying common pitfalls and "greenwashing" in corporate reporting.
- **Case Study:** Tesla's ESG report ?Çô a critical analysis of its strengths and weaknesses in transparently disclosing its environmental and social performance.

Module 4: Sustainable Supply Chain Management

- Mapping and assessing environmental and social risks across the supply chain.
- Implementing strategies for ethical sourcing and responsible procurement.
- Developing metrics to measure and reduce Scope 3 emissions.
- Exploring the role of technology (blockchain, AI) in enhancing supply chain transparency.
- **Case Study:** Patagonia's Worn Wear program ?Çô a leading example of a company encouraging customers to repair and reuse products, extending their lifecycle and reducing environmental impact.

Module 5: Climate Risk and Adaptation

- Conducting climate risk assessments and integrating them into enterprise risk management.
- Developing strategies for climate change adaptation and resilience.
- Analyzing physical risks (e.g., extreme weather events) and transition risks
- Learning to use scenario analysis to model future climate impacts.
- **Case Study:** The City of Rotterdam's comprehensive flood defense and urban water management strategy as a model for climate adaptation.

Module 6: Decarbonization and Net-Zero Strategies

- Calculating and managing a corporate carbon footprint (Scope 1, 2, and 3).
- Setting science-based targets for emissions reduction.
- Exploring a range of decarbonization technologies and strategies, including renewable energy and carbon offsetting.
- Developing a credible and actionable net-zero transition plan.
- **Case Study:** Microsoft?ÇÖs ambitious plan to become carbon negative by 2030, including investments in carbon removal technologies.

Module 7: Circular Economy in Practice

- Designing products for longevity, repairability, and recyclability.
- Implementing waste reduction and resource efficiency programs.
- Creating closed-loop systems and leveraging industrial symbiosis.
- Developing new business models based on a "service" or "access over ownership" approach.
- **Case Study:** The Ellen MacArthur Foundation?ÇÖs work with companies like Renault and Philips, demonstrating the practical application of circular economy principles.

Module 8: Biodiversity and Nature-Based Solutions

- Understanding the link between business activities and biodiversity loss.
- Assessing corporate impact and dependency on natural capital.
- Implementing nature-based solutions (NBS) for climate resilience and ecosystem restoration.
- Exploring frameworks like the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures
- **Case Study:** The role of the Mars, Inc. cocoa supply chain in addressing deforestation and promoting sustainable agriculture.

Module 9: Sustainable Finance and Investment

- Defining green finance, ESG investing, and impact investing.
- Understanding the role of financial markets in driving the sustainability transition.
- Evaluating green bonds, sustainability-linked loans, and other financial instruments.
- Analyzing the growing market for climate and sustainability-focused funds.
- **Case Study:** The rise of ESG-focused ETFs and how they are influencing corporate behavior and capital flows.

Module 10: Sustainable Energy and Utilities

- Analyzing the global energy transition and the shift to renewable energy.
- Evaluating renewable energy options for businesses (solar, wind, geothermal).
- Implementing energy efficiency measures and smart grid technologies.
- Exploring the challenges and opportunities of energy storage and grid modernization.
- **Case Study:** ?ÿrsted's transformation from a fossil fuel company to a global leader in offshore wind power.

Module 11: Water Stewardship and Management

- Understanding global water stress and its impact on business operations.
- Developing a corporate water stewardship strategy.
- Implementing water efficiency and wastewater treatment technologies.
- Engaging in collaborative action with local communities and stakeholders on water issues.
- **Case Study:** Coca-Cola's efforts to replenish the water it uses in its beverages, demonstrating corporate responsibility for a shared resource.

Module 12: Urban Sustainability and Smart Cities

- Analyzing the environmental challenges of rapid urbanization.
- Exploring the concept of smart cities and the role of technology in urban sustainability.
- Examining sustainable transport systems, green infrastructure, and building design.
- Discussing the role of urban policy in promoting a low-carbon, resilient city.
- **Case Study:** Singapore's long-term urban planning and its "City in a Garden" initiative, showcasing a holistic approach to sustainable urban development.

Module 13: Communicating and Marketing Sustainability

- Developing a compelling sustainability narrative for internal and external audiences.
- Learning to communicate complex environmental data and performance effectively.
- Avoiding the pitfalls of greenwashing and building genuine trust.
- Using digital platforms and marketing to promote sustainable products and services.
- **Case Study:** Ecover's brand campaign, which successfully built a loyal customer base by focusing on its eco-friendly products and transparent communication.

Module 14: Policy and Governance for Sustainability

- Understanding the role of international, national, and local environmental policies.
- Exploring the interplay between government, business, and civil society.
- Analyzing policy instruments like carbon pricing, cap-and-trade, and subsidies.
- Discussing the role of corporate lobbying and advocacy in shaping a sustainable future.
- **Case Study:** The European Union's Green Deal, a comprehensive policy framework aiming to make Europe climate-neutral by 2050.

Module 15: Leadership and Change Management

- Building a culture of sustainability within an organization.
- Developing leadership skills to inspire and mobilize teams for environmental action.
- Learning to manage organizational change related to sustainability goals.
- Measuring the success of sustainability initiatives beyond financial metrics.
- **Case Study:** Unilever's Sustainable Living Plan, which demonstrated how a large corporation can integrate sustainability into its core business model and drive significant positive impact.

Training Methodology

This course employs a blended learning methodology to ensure maximum engagement and practical application.

- Interactive Lectures and Discussions.
- Case Study Analysis.
- Hands-on Workshops.
- Guest Speaker Sessions.
- Online Resources.
- Action Learning Project.

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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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