Training Course on Environmental, Social, and Governance Communication and Stakeholder Engagement

Professional Development Training Course Outline

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

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Craft a winning strategy aligned with **corporate sustainability goals** and **global ESG frameworks**.
2. Identify and prioritize **key ESG issues** most relevant to diverse stakeholders.
3. Implement **transparent** and **auditable reporting practices** using **GRI, SASB, TCFD, and ISSB standards**.
4. Develop **authentic** and **data-backed communication** to build **brand credibility** and avoid **reputational damage**.
5. Build **trust** and foster **collaborative relationships** with investors, employees, customers, and communities.
6. Utilize **AI-driven content creation**, **social media**, and **interactive platforms** for impactful ESG narratives.
7. Articulate the **financial benefits** and **risk mitigation** aspects of strong ESG performance for investors.
8. Engage and empower employees as **sustainability champions** through effective internal communication.
9. Stay abreast of **global and local ESG regulatory landscapes** and ensure **compliance**.
10. Establish **robust KPIs** and metrics to quantify and report on **environmental, social, and governance outcomes**.
11. Prepare for and effectively manage **ESG-related reputational crises**.
12. Communicate commitment to **social justice** and **equitable practices**.
13. Highlight initiatives around **resource efficiency**, **waste reduction**, and **sustainable innovation**.

Organizational Benefits

- Build trust and a positive image with stakeholders, attracting customers and talent.
- Attract and retain **sustainable investments** through transparent and credible ESG disclosures.

- Proactively identify and manage **ESG-related operational, reputational, and regulatory risks**.
- Foster a purpose-driven culture, boosting morale, productivity, and talent loyalty.
- Differentiate in the market by demonstrating strong **sustainability leadership** and **responsible business practices**.
- Become an employer of choice for professionals seeking **purpose-driven careers**.
- Build enduring partnerships with communities, suppliers, and regulatory bodies.
- Unlock new funding opportunities from ESG-focused investors and green financing initiatives.
- Drive operational improvements and foster innovation through the integration of ESG principles.
- Ensure adherence to evolving ESG reporting and disclosure requirements, avoiding penalties.

Target Audience

1. Sustainability Professionals & Managers.
2. Corporate Communications & PR Teams
3. Investor Relations Officers
4. Marketing & Brand Strategy Leaders.
5. Human Resources & Talent Acquisition.
6. Legal & Compliance Officers
7. Board Members & Senior Executives
8. NGOs & Non-Profit Leaders

Course Outline

Module 1: The Strategic Imperative of ESG Communication & Engagement

- Defining ESG in the Modern Business Landscape: Evolution, drivers, and the link to **corporate value creation**.
- The Power of Transparent Communication: Building **trust**, managing **reputation**, and enhancing **brand equity**.
- Understanding the Stakeholder Ecosystem: Identifying diverse **stakeholder groups** and their evolving expectations.
- **Materiality Assessment** in Practice: Prioritizing **key ESG issues** for your organization.
- **Case Study:** Patagonia's "Don't Buy This Jacket" Campaign – How radical transparency built a loyal customer base and enhanced ESG credibility.

Module 2: Crafting Compelling ESG Narratives

- Developing Your ESG Story: From **data to narrative**, creating a compelling and authentic voice.
- Key Message Development: Tailoring messages for different **stakeholder audiences**
- **Anti-Greenwashing Strategies**: Ensuring **authenticity**, avoiding misleading claims, and building **data-backed narratives**.
- Visual Storytelling & Infographics: Communicating complex ESG data clearly and engagingly.
- **Case Study:** Unilever's Sustainable Living Plan – Communicating large-scale sustainability ambitions with clear goals and progress reports.

Module 3: Global ESG Reporting Frameworks & Disclosure Best Practices

- Navigating the ESG Reporting Landscape: In-depth analysis of **GRI, SASB, TCFD, and ISSB standards**.
- Data Collection & Management for Credible Reporting: Ensuring **data accuracy**, **integrity**, and **auditability**.
- Integrated Reporting: Combining financial and non-financial performance for a holistic view.
- Preparing for ESG Ratings & Rankings: Understanding methodologies and improving scores (**MSCI, Sustainalytics, CDP**).
- **Case Study:** Interface Inc.'s Journey to Mission Zero – Demonstrating consistent reporting against ambitious environmental goals.

Module 4: Engaging Internal Stakeholders: Employees as ESG Champions

- Fostering a Culture of Sustainability: Integrating ESG into **corporate values** and **employee experience**.
- Internal Communication Strategies for ESG: Engaging employees, building awareness, and encouraging participation.
- Employee Advocacy Programs: Empowering employees to be authentic messengers of your ESG efforts.
- Training & Development for ESG Literacy: Equipping staff with the knowledge to contribute to ESG goals.
- **Case Study:** Google's Employee Engagement in Renewable Energy – How internal initiatives fostered innovation and commitment to sustainability.

Module 5: Engaging External Stakeholders: Investors, Customers & Communities

- **Investor Relations** & Sustainable Finance: Communicating ESG performance to attract **impact investors** and unlock **green capital**.
- Customer Engagement on ESG: Building loyalty through **purpose-driven products**, **transparent supply chains**, and **ethical marketing**.
- Community Relations & Social Impact: Collaborating with local communities and communicating **social value creation**.
- Partnerships & Collaborations: Leveraging external alliances for enhanced ESG impact and communication.
- **Case Study:** Danone's B Corp Certification – Communicating a commitment to social and environmental performance to a broad audience.

Module 6: Digital & Social Media for ESG Communication

- Leveraging Digital Platforms: Website, social media, and digital channels for amplifying ESG messages.
- **AI in ESG Communication**: Using AI for content creation, data analysis, and personalized messaging.
- Interactive Content & Engagement Tools: Webinars, live Q&A, and virtual town halls for two-way communication.
- Managing Online Reputation & Social Listening: Monitoring conversations and addressing feedback effectively.
- **Case Study:** The Body Shop's Social Media Activism – Using digital platforms to engage customers in social and environmental campaigns.

Module 7: Crisis Communication & Risk Management in ESG

- Identifying & Assessing ESG Risks: Proactive strategies for mitigating potential reputational and operational issues.
- Developing ESG Crisis Communication Plans: Protocols for transparency, responsiveness, and stakeholder reassurance.
- Responding to Activism & Scrutiny: Engaging critics and addressing sensitive topics with integrity.
- Legal & Regulatory Considerations in ESG Disclosure: Navigating compliance challenges and avoiding litigation.
- **Case Study:** Volkswagen Emissions Scandal – Analyzing the communication failures and lessons learned in an ESG crisis.

Module 8: Measuring, Evaluating & Adapting ESG Communication

- Establishing **ESG KPIs** & Metrics: Quantifying the effectiveness of communication and engagement efforts.
- Stakeholder Feedback Mechanisms: Surveys, focus groups, and dialogue platforms for continuous improvement.
- Benchmarking & Best Practices: Learning from industry leaders and adapting strategies.
- Future Trends in ESG Communication: Emerging technologies, regulatory shifts, and evolving stakeholder expectations.
- **Case Study:** LEGO's Sustainable Materials Journey – Communicating ongoing progress and challenges in a long-term sustainability commitment.

Training Methodology

This course employs a highly interactive and practical training methodology, combining:

- **Expert-led lectures and presentations:** Delivering foundational knowledge and cutting-edge insights.
- **Interactive workshops and group exercises:** Facilitating hands-on application of concepts and collaborative problem-solving.
- **Real-world case studies and discussions:** Analyzing successful and challenging ESG communication scenarios.
- **Peer-to-peer learning and networking:** Fostering knowledge exchange and professional connections.
- **Practical toolkits and templates:** Providing actionable resources for immediate implementation.
- **Q&A sessions and open forums:** Encouraging participant engagement and addressing specific organizational challenges.
- **Role-playing and simulation exercises:** Practicing communication strategies in a safe environment.

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
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
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