Training course on Green Fiscal Policy and Social Protection Nexus

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Pension and Retirement	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

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Course Objectives

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

1. **Analyze core concepts and strategic responsibilities** of **Green Fiscal Policy** and its **nexus with Social Protection**.
2. **Master sophisticated techniques** for **assessing the distributional impacts** of environmental taxes, carbon pricing, and energy subsidy reforms on households and vulnerable groups.
3. **Develop robust methodologies** for **designing and implementing effective revenue recycling strategies** to mitigate the regressive effects of green fiscal measures.
4. **Implement effective strategies** for **leveraging existing and new social protection programs** as adaptive mechanisms to cushion the social impacts of green transitions.
5. **Manage complex considerations** for **integrating Just Transition principles** into green fiscal policy design and implementation.

6. **Apply robust strategies** for **designing and financing public works programs** that contribute to green infrastructure and provide social protection.
7. **Understand the deep integration of green fiscal policy with broader climate finance** and international cooperation mechanisms.
8. **Leverage knowledge of global best practices and lessons learned** from countries that have successfully integrated green fiscal and social protection policies.
9. **Optimize strategies for enhancing inter-ministerial coordination and stakeholder engagement** in designing and implementing integrated policies.
10. **Formulate specialized recommendations** for **addressing challenges such as data limitations, political feasibility, and public acceptance** in green fiscal reforms.
11. **Conduct comprehensive assessments** of the potential for green fiscal policies to generate new fiscal space for social protection investments.
12. **Navigate challenging situations** such as **fossil fuel lobby resistance, energy poverty, and informal sector impacts** in the transition to a green economy.
13. **Develop a holistic, evidence-based, and politically astute approach** to **Green Fiscal Policy and Social Protection Nexus,** ensuring equitable and sustainable outcomes.

Target Audience:

This course is designed for professionals interested in Green Fiscal Policy and Social Protection Nexus:

1. **Policymakers & Senior Government Officials:** From Ministries of Finance, Environment, Social Protection, Labor, and Planning.
2. **Economists & Fiscal Analysts:** Working on environmental economics, public finance, and social policy.
3. **Environmental Agency Professionals:** Involved in climate policy, pollution control, and natural resource management.
4. **Social Protection Specialists:** Designing and managing cash transfers, social insurance, and public works programs.
5. **Labor Union Representatives & Workers' Organizations:** Advocating for just transition for affected workers.
6. **Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) & Advocacy Groups:** Focused on climate justice, poverty, and environmental sustainability.
7. **Development Partners & International Organizations:** Supporting green growth, climate action, and social protection.
8. **Academics & Researchers:** Studying environmental policy, social welfare, and sustainable development.

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Course Modules:

- **Module 1: Foundations of Green Fiscal Policy and its Rationale (Day 1)**
    - Defining green fiscal policy: Environmental taxes, subsidies, public expenditures.
    - Rationale: Internalizing externalities, behavioral change, revenue generation, green growth.
    - Types of green fiscal instruments: Carbon taxes, energy taxes, pollution charges, eco-subsidies.
    - Environmental and economic objectives of green fiscal policies.
    - Global trends in green fiscal reforms and their adoption.
- **Module 2: Understanding Social Protection and its Role in Development (Day 1)**
    - Overview of social protection functions: Poverty reduction, vulnerability reduction, human capital development, economic stabilization.

    - Key instruments: Social assistance (cash transfers), social insurance (pensions, health, unemployment), labor market programs (public works).
    - The importance of universal and adaptive social protection systems.
    - Social protection as a tool for resilience building against various shocks, including climate-related ones.
    - Introduction to the concept of a "just transition" in the context of socio-economic change.
- **Module 3: Distributional Impacts of Green Fiscal Policies (Day 2)**
    - Assessing the incidence of environmental taxes: Who bears the burden (producers vs. consumers, rich vs. poor)?
    - Regressive nature of certain environmental taxes (e.g., fuel taxes on low-income households).
    - Impact of energy subsidy reform on household budgets and energy poverty.
    - Methodologies for distributional impact analysis: Household surveys, micro-simulation models.
    - Case studies of observed distributional impacts from various countries (e.g., France's carbon tax protests, fuel subsidy reforms in Nigeria/Indonesia).
- **Module 4: Revenue Recycling Strategies for Equity and Acceptance (Day 3)**
    - Strategies for recycling green fiscal revenues: Lump-sum transfers (carbon dividends), reduced income/labor taxes.
    - Targeted transfers to vulnerable households to offset increased costs.
    - Investing in public services or green infrastructure that benefit the poor.
    - The "double dividend" hypothesis: Environmental improvement and economic efficiency/equity gains.
    - Designing revenue recycling to enhance public acceptance and political feasibility.
- **Module 5: Social Protection as a Mitigating and Adaptive Mechanism (Day 4)**
    - Using existing social protection programs to compensate affected populations (e.g., expanding cash transfer caseloads, increasing benefit levels).
    - Developing shock-responsive social protection systems for climate-related events.
    - Integrating climate risk management into social protection program design.
    - Social protection's role in supporting adaptation to climate change (e.g., through asset building, diversified livelihoods).
    - Examples of climate-adaptive social protection programs globally.
- **Module 6: Just Transition Principles and Social Dialogue (Day 5)**
    - Defining a "Just Transition": Ensuring no one is left behind in the shift to a green economy.
    - Key pillars of a Just Transition: Social dialogue, decent work, reskilling/upskilling, social protection, community development.
    - The role of social dialogue platforms (governments, employers, workers) in policy design.
    - Addressing labor market implications of green transitions (job losses in carbon-intensive sectors, new green jobs).
    - Developing training and reskilling programs for workers in affected industries.
- **Module 7: Green Public Works and Employment Programs (Day 6)**
    - Designing public works programs that contribute to environmental objectives (e.g., reforestation, ecosystem restoration, renewable energy installation).
    - Providing income support and skills development for vulnerable workers through green employment initiatives.
    - Integrating social protection objectives with environmental conservation goals.
    - Financing mechanisms for green public works programs.
    - Examples of successful green public works programs and their social benefits.
- **Module 8: Fiscal Space, Revenue Generation, and Investment (Day 7)**
    - Potential for green fiscal policies to generate substantial and stable revenue streams.
    - Using green revenues to expand fiscal space for social protection investments.

    - The interplay between green fiscal reforms and broader public financial management.
    - Attracting private and international climate finance to support integrated policies.
    - Case studies of countries using environmental taxes to fund social or environmental programs.
- **Module 9: Governance, Coordination, and Data Challenges (Day 8)**
    - The imperative for inter-ministerial coordination (Finance, Environment, Social Protection, Labor).
    - Establishing multi-stakeholder platforms for policy dialogue and implementation.
    - Data requirements for effective analysis and monitoring of integrated policies.
    - Challenges of data availability, quality, and attribution in the green-social nexus.
    - Building institutional capacity for designing and managing complex integrated policies.
- **Module 10: International and Regional Cooperation (Day 8-9)**
    - The role of international climate finance (e.g., Green Climate Fund) in supporting integrated approaches.
    - South-South cooperation and knowledge exchange on green fiscal and social protection policies.
    - Regional initiatives and harmonized approaches to carbon pricing and environmental taxation.
    - Opportunities for technical assistance and capacity building from international organizations.
    - Aligning national policies with global commitments (e.g., Paris Agreement, SDGs).
- **Module 11: Policy Design, Communication, and Political Feasibility (Day 9-10)**
    - Developing coherent and sequenced policy packages for green fiscal and social protection reforms.
    - Strategies for effective communication to explain the rationale and benefits of reforms to the public.
    - Building public acceptance and managing resistance to potentially unpopular measures.
    - Addressing the political economy of fossil fuel subsidies and entrenched interests.
    - Learning from successful and failed policy reforms in various contexts.
- **Module 12: Integrated Policy Scenario Planning and Action Plan Development (Day 10)**
    - Interactive workshop: Participants work in groups to develop an integrated policy scenario.
    - Applying tools for distributional analysis and revenue recycling to a specific country context.
    - Designing a framework for monitoring and evaluating the social and environmental impacts of integrated policies.
    - Developing a preliminary action plan for advancing the green fiscal policy and social protection nexus in their respective countries.
    - Presentation of group work and peer feedback, fostering practical application.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- 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

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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
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