CERTIFICATE IN SUSTAINABLE AND GREEN FINANCE



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Introduction

Certificate in Sustainable and Green Finance Training Course builds the capability that finance professionals need as sustainability moves from voluntary reporting to binding expectation. Investors, regulators, and lenders now ask organisations to demonstrate environmental and social performance with the same rigour they apply to financial results. Greenwashing risk, inconsistent data, and unclear taxonomies make that harder than it looks. This course develops the discipline to do it properly. It covers ESG frameworks, sustainability reporting standards, and green finance instruments. Furthermore, it applies climate risk assessment, sustainable investment analysis, and disclosure practice. In addition, it develops greenwashing controls and assurance readiness. As a result, participants connect sustainability to financial decision-making credibly.

Certificate in Sustainable and Green Finance Course Objectives

- Explain sustainable finance concepts, drivers, and market development.
- Apply ESG frameworks including SASB, GRI, and TCFD recommendations.
- Apply ISSB sustainability disclosure standards to reporting.
- Classify activities using green taxonomies and eligibility criteria.
- Evaluate green bonds, sustainability-linked loans, and use-of-proceeds structures.
- Assess climate-related physical and transition risk exposure.
- Apply carbon accounting basics for financed emissions.
- Integrate ESG factors into investment analysis and valuation.
- Design controls that prevent greenwashing and disclosure misstatement.
- Prepare sustainability disclosures and support assurance review.

Course Methodology

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- Interactive lectures with real sustainable finance and reporting cases.
- ESG framework application and taxonomy classification workshops.
- Green bond and sustainability-linked instrument analysis exercises.
- Climate risk assessment and integration practice.
- Structured peer review with facilitator feedback on disclosure positions.

Who Should Take This Course

- Finance and treasury professionals adopting sustainable finance.
- Sustainability and ESG reporting specialists.
- Investment analysts and portfolio managers.
- Banking and lending professionals in green finance.
- Risk managers and internal auditors covering ESG.
- Corporate governance and compliance professionals.

Certificate in Sustainable and Green Finance Course Outlines

Day 1: Sustainable Finance Foundations

- Sustainable, responsible, and impact finance distinguished.
- Drivers: regulation, investor demand, and stakeholder pressure.
- ESG factor taxonomy and materiality concepts.
- The sustainable finance market and instrument landscape.
- Sustainable Development Goals and their financing role.
- Introduction to ESG rating agencies and data providers.
- Case study: assessing an organisation's sustainable finance readiness.

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Day 2: Frameworks, Standards, and Taxonomy

- GRI Standards and their reporting scope.
- SASB industry-based disclosure standards.
- TCFD recommendations on climate-related disclosure.
- ISSB IFRS S1 and S2 sustainability disclosure standards.
- EU Taxonomy and other green classification systems.
- Materiality assessment: financial and impact perspectives.
- Workshop: applying a disclosure framework to a reporting entity.

Day 3: Green Finance Instruments and Structures

- Green bonds: principles, eligibility, and use of proceeds.
- Sustainability-linked bonds and loan structures.
- KPI selection and sustainability-linked pricing mechanisms.
- Sustainability-linked loan verification requirements.
- Green project finance and blended finance structures.
- Second-party opinion and certification processes.
- Workshop: assessing a green bond framework for alignment.

Day 4: Climate Risk, Data, and Measurement

- Physical and transition risk concepts and channels.
- Scenario analysis and climate stress testing approaches.
- Financed emissions and Scope 3 category 15 basics.
- Carbon accounting and emission factor application.
- ESG data quality, gaps, and estimation techniques.

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- Integrating ESG factors into valuation and credit analysis.
- Workshop: assessing climate risk exposure for a portfolio.

Day 5: Disclosure, Controls, and Assurance

- Sustainability reporting structure and narrative quality.
- Disclosing targets, progress, and methodology clearly.
- Greenwashing risk and misstatement indicators.
- Controls over sustainability data and reporting.
- Assurance readiness and evidence preparation.
- Governance of sustainability reporting and accountability.
- Course review, assessment, and action planning.

Conclusion

By successfully completing Certificate in Sustainable and Green Finance, participants will gain a thorough understanding of sustainable finance foundations, ESG frameworks and taxonomy, green finance instruments, climate risk and measurement, and sustainability disclosure, controls and assurance. They will also acquire practical skills in ESG framework and taxonomy application, green bond and sustainability-linked instrument analysis, climate risk and ESG data assessment, and sustainability disclosure, greenwashing control and assurance readiness. In addition, the course prepares them to connect sustainability with financial decisions credibly and defensibly. Gentex Training Center delivers this programme with a strong focus on applied sustainable finance practice and defensible disclosure.

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FAQs for Certificate in Sustainable and Green Finance course

Q1 What is the "Certificate in Sustainable and Green Finance" course about?

It is a five-day programme on connecting sustainability with financial decisions. It covers sustainable finance foundations, ESG frameworks including GRI, SASB and TCFD, ISSB disclosure standards, green taxonomies, green bonds and sustainability-linked instruments, climate risk measurement, and disclosure controls.

Q2 What are the key benefits of the "Certificate in Sustainable and Green Finance" course?

Participants produce sustainability reporting and financing that hold up to investor and regulatory scrutiny. The course improves framework selection and taxonomy classification, sharpens green instrument assessment, strengthens climate risk and financed emissions measurement, reduces greenwashing and misstatement exposure, and improves assurance readiness.

Q3 What skills will I gain from the "Certificate in Sustainable and Green Finance" course?

Participants gain ESG framework and taxonomy application, green bond and sustainability-linked instrument analysis, climate risk and ESG data assessment, and sustainability disclosure, greenwashing control and assurance readiness. These four skills cover the practical core of sustainable and green finance.

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Q4 What tools, methods, or standards are covered in the "Certificate in Sustainable and Green Finance" course?

The course covers sustainable, responsible and impact finance distinctions, ESG factor taxonomy and materiality, the Sustainable Development Goals financing role, ESG rating agencies and data providers, GRI Standards, SASB industry-based standards, TCFD recommendations, ISSB IFRS S1 and S2 standards, the EU Taxonomy and green classification systems, financial and impact materiality assessment, green bond principles and use of proceeds, sustainability-linked bond and loan structures, KPI selection and pricing mechanisms, sustainability-linked loan verification, green project finance and blended finance, second-party opinions and certification, physical and transition risk analysis, climate scenario analysis and stress testing, financed emissions and Scope 3 category 15, carbon accounting and emission factors, ESG data quality and estimation techniques, ESG integration into valuation and credit analysis, sustainability reporting structure, targets and progress disclosure, greenwashing risk indicators, controls over sustainability data, assurance readiness and evidence preparation, and sustainability reporting governance.

Q5 How is the "Certificate in Sustainable and Green Finance" course applied in real-world practice?

Participants apply the methods to their own organisations and portfolios. They select reporting frameworks, classify activities against green taxonomies, assess green bond frameworks, structure sustainability-linked instruments, measure financed emissions, run climate scenario analysis, integrate ESG factors into valuation, design controls over sustainability data, and prepare disclosure and assurance evidence. Many leave with a framework selection checklist, a taxonomy classification worksheet, and a disclosure control matrix ready to use.

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