

SUSTAINABLE BANKING



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Introduction

The Sustainable Banking Training Course prepares banking professionals to integrate environmental, social, and governance factors into lending, investment, and operations. Sustainability has moved from reputation management to a core risk and business agenda. Banks now face climate exposure in their portfolios, regulatory disclosure duties, and customer expectations about how their money is used. This course connects sustainable finance frameworks with practical banking decisions. It covers green lending, ESG risk assessment, disclosure standards, and transition finance. Furthermore, it applies governance, target setting, and reporting rigour. As a result, participants embed sustainability where it changes decisions.

Sustainable Banking Course Objectives

- Explain sustainability concepts and their relevance to banking.
- Apply ESG frameworks including the UN Principles for Responsible Banking.
- Assess climate and environmental risk in lending portfolios.
- Evaluate social risk, human rights, and community impact factors.
- Apply green, social, and sustainability-linked finance instruments.
- Apply sustainability risk integration into credit and investment processes.
- Interpret disclosure standards including TCFD, ISSB, and GRI.
- Measure financed emissions and portfolio alignment against targets.
- Design sustainable product portfolios and transition finance solutions.
- Build sustainability governance, targets, and reporting frameworks.

Course Methodology

- Interactive lectures with real sustainable finance and portfolio case studies.
- ESG risk assessment and screening workshops.

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- Green instrument structuring and transition finance exercises.
- Disclosure and financed emissions measurement practice.
- Structured peer discussion with facilitator feedback on sustainability decisions.

Who Should Take This Course

- Banking professionals across credit, risk, and product functions.
- Sustainability, ESG, and corporate responsibility officers.
- Corporate and project finance specialists.
- Risk managers covering climate and environmental risk.
- Treasury and investment professionals.
- Internal auditors and compliance staff covering sustainability reporting.

Sustainable Banking Course Outlines

Day 1: Sustainable Banking Foundations

- Sustainability, ESG, and sustainable development concepts.
- Why sustainability matters to banks: risk, opportunity, and reputation.
- The UN Principles for Responsible Banking and industry commitments.
- Net-zero banking commitments and transition pathways.
- Sustainability regulation landscape and supervisory expectations.
- Stakeholder expectations: customers, investors, and regulators.
- Case study: a bank's sustainability strategy and its results.

Day 2: ESG Risk Assessment and Portfolio Exposure

- Climate risk categories: physical and transition risk.



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- Sector heat mapping and exposure identification.
- Environmental and biodiversity risk considerations.
- Social risk, human rights, and community impact assessment.
- Reputational and litigation risk linked to ESG factors.
- Credit risk integration of ESG factors and rating adjustments.
- Workshop: assessing ESG risk in a lending portfolio.

Day 3: Sustainable Finance Instruments and Products

- Green bonds, social bonds, and sustainability-linked instruments.
- Green loans and sustainability-linked loan structures.
- Sustainability-linked KPIs and margin adjustment mechanisms.
- Use-of-proceeds tracking and impact reporting requirements.
- Transition finance and hard-to-abate sector financing.
- Blended finance and development partnership structures.
- Workshop: structuring a sustainability-linked loan.

Day 4: Disclosure, Measurement, and Reporting

- TCFD recommendations and climate disclosure practice.
- ISSB sustainability disclosure standards and their application.
- GRI standards and impact reporting approaches.
- Financed emissions measurement and attribution methods.
- Portfolio alignment methodologies and target setting.
- Greenwashing risk and disclosure integrity controls.
- Workshop: preparing a financed emissions and disclosure summary.





Day 5: Governance, Strategy, and Implementation

- Sustainability governance structures and board oversight.
- Sustainability strategy, targets, and action planning.
- Embedding sustainability into policies and credit approvals.
- Data, systems, and capability requirements.
- Stakeholder engagement and communication practice.
- Building a sustainable banking roadmap.
- Course review, assessment, and action planning.

Conclusion

By successfully completing Sustainable Banking, participants will gain a thorough understanding of sustainability concepts, ESG risk assessment, sustainable finance instruments, disclosure standards, and governance practice. They will also acquire practical skills in ESG risk integration, green instrument structuring, financed emissions measurement, and sustainability strategy delivery. In addition, the course prepares them to embed sustainability credibly in banking decisions. Gentex Training Center delivers this programme with a strong focus on applied banking practice and measurable sustainability progress.

FAQs for Sustainable Banking course

Q1 What is the "Sustainable Banking" course about?

It is a five-day programme on integrating environmental, social, and governance factors into banking. It covers sustainability concepts and commitments, ESG risk assessment in portfolios, green and sustainability-linked instruments, transition finance, disclosure and measurement standards, and sustainability governance and strategy.



Q2 What are the key benefits of the "Sustainable Banking" course?

Participants gain a practical route from sustainability commitments to decisions that change portfolios. The course improves ESG risk identification, strengthens disclosure quality and comparability, reduces greenwashing exposure, opens access to sustainable finance markets, and helps banks meet regulatory and investor expectations with credible evidence.

Q3 What skills will I gain from the "Sustainable Banking" course?

Participants gain ESG and climate risk assessment for portfolios, sustainable finance instrument structuring, disclosure, financed emissions measurement and reporting, and sustainability governance, strategy and target delivery. These four skills cover the practical core of sustainable banking work.

Q4 What tools, methods, or standards are covered in the "Sustainable Banking" course?

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The course covers the UN Principles for Responsible Banking, net-zero banking commitments, physical and transition risk classification, sector heat mapping, environmental and biodiversity risk assessment, social risk and human rights screening, ESG credit risk integration and rating adjustments, green bond, social bond and sustainability-linked instrument frameworks, sustainability-linked loan KPI and margin adjustment design, use-of-proceeds tracking and impact reporting, transition finance for hard-to-abate sectors, blended finance structures, TCFD recommendations, ISSB sustainability disclosure standards, GRI standards, financed emissions measurement and attribution methods, portfolio alignment methodologies, greenwashing risk controls, and sustainability governance and target setting frameworks.

Q5 How is the "Sustainable Banking" course applied in real-world practice?

Participants apply the frameworks inside their own banks. They assess ESG risk in lending portfolios, screen transactions, structure sustainability-linked instruments, measure financed emissions, prepare disclosure content, and design governance and targets. Many leave with an ESG risk assessment template and a sustainability roadmap ready for adoption.

