



ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL & GOVERNANCE (ESG) REPORTING AND SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDS

Duration:

2 Days (12 hours) (8:00 AM to 2:00 PM)

Dates:

January 26-27, 2026 (Monday-Tuesday)

Learning Objectives:

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- **Understand ESG & Sustainability Foundations**
 - Explain sustainability concepts, ESG pillars, impacts, dependencies, and global sustainability trends.
 - Understand the significance of sustainability-related risks and opportunities.
- **Interpret Global Sustainability Reporting Frameworks**
 - Understand and compare key frameworks: GRI, TCFD, TNFD, ESRS, and ISSB's IFRS S1 & IFRS S2.
 - Explain the role of the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB).
- **Apply IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards**
 - Interpret IFRS S1 requirements on governance, strategy, risk management, metrics, and targets.
 - Apply IFRS S2 with focus on climate-related risks (transition & physical), opportunities, and climate metrics.
- **Develop ESG Reporting Competence**
 - Understand materiality, financial materiality vs double materiality.
 - Review how ESG disclosures connect with financial statements and management commentary.
- **Enhance Corporate Sustainability Decision-Making**
 - Communicate ESG information effectively to management, investors, regulators, and stakeholders.
 - Strengthen organizational readiness for sustainability reporting and regulatory changes.



Content Highlights:

Day 1

- **Introduction to Sustainability & ESG**
 - Meaning of sustainability and sustainable development
 - ESG vs Sustainability – key distinctions
 - Global sustainability issues: climate change, social inequality, governance failures
 - Stakeholder expectations and investor focus
- **Impacts and Dependencies**
 - Definition and examples of impacts on people, environment, and economy
 - Dependencies on natural resources, human capital, and ecosystems
 - Relationship to risks and opportunities
 - Usefulness for investors, regulators, and broader stakeholders
- **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**
 - Overview of the 17 SDGs
 - Mapping SDGs to corporate sustainability strategies
 - Case Study: IKEA Sustainability Strategy (People & Planet Positive)
- **ESG Reporting Frameworks**
 - Overview and comparison
 - i. **Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)** – impact-focused
 - ii. **TCFD** – climate-related governance, strategy, risk mgmt, metrics/targets
 - iii. **TNFD** – nature-related risk and opportunity framework
 - iv. **European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS)** – double materiality
 - v. **ISSB** – global baseline focused on investor needs
- **IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards — Introduction**
 - Formation of the ISSB
 - Objective: Global baseline for sustainability disclosures

Two standards:

- i. IFRS S1 – General Requirements
- ii. IFRS S2 – Climate-related Disclosures



Day 2

▪ IFRS S1: General Requirements

Sustainability-related risks and opportunities

ii. Conceptual foundations: relevance, faithful representation, connectivity

iii. Core content:

- Governance
- Strategy
- Risk management
- Metrics and targets

iv. Materiality and financial materiality approach

v. Reporting entity requirements

vi. Use of SASB standards where no specific ISSB standard exists

▪ IFRS S2: Climate-related Disclosures

Climate-related risks:

- Transition risks (policy, legal, technology, market)
- Physical risks (acute and chronic)
 - Climate-related opportunities
 - Core content areas:
 - i. Governance
 - ii. Strategy (including scenario analysis)
 - iii. Risk management
 - iv. Metrics & targets

Required climate metrics:

- GHG emissions – Scope 1, 2, 3
- Transition risks exposure
- Physical risks exposure
- Climate opportunities
- Capital deployment
- Internal carbon pricing
- Remuneration linked to climate targets

▪ Materiality in ESG Reporting

- Financial materiality in IFRS S1
- Double materiality in ESRS framework
- Conducting a materiality assessment
- Determining sustainability-related information that could influence investor decisions



- **Management Commentary & ESG**
 - Purpose of management commentary
 - Linkage to financial statements
 - Forward-looking information
 - Identified limitations in Practice Statement 1
 - Integration of ESG into narrative reporting
- **Global Regulatory Environment**
 - Adoption of ISSB Standards across jurisdictions
 - Comparison table: ISSB vs ESRS
 - Mandatory vs voluntary reporting requirements
 - Trends in assurance and verification

Certification:

CBFS certificate of participation for participants who attend all days of training.

Training Methods:

Lecture, PowerPoint presentations, interactive discussions, global case studies, group activities, Oman-specific examples, reporting templates, quizzes, scenario-based exercises.

Trainer Profile:



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