



The Environmental & Social Risk Analysis (ESRA) Online Course

Course Partners

The ESRA Training Programme is a product of the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI), the INCAE Business School's Ecobanking Project, and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.

UNEP Finance Initiative

<http://www.unepfi.org/>

The United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) is a unique global partnership between the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the private financial sector. UNEP FI works closely with over 350 financial institutions who are signatories to the UNEP FI Statements, more than 100 Supporting Institutions and a range of partner organizations to develop and promote linkages between the environment, sustainability and financial performance. Through regional activities, a comprehensive work programme, training programmes and research, UNEP FI carries out its mission to identify, promote, and realise the adoption of best environmental and sustainability practice at all levels of financial institution operations.

CLACDS/INCAE Business School

<https://www.incae.edu/es/inicio>

INCAE is a private, non-profit, multinational, higher-education organization devoted to teaching and research endeavors in the fields of business and economics aimed at training and instructing, from a worldwide perspective, in Latin America.

The Latin American Center for Competitiveness and Sustainable Development of INCAE was established in 1996 to promote changes in public policies, business strategies and civil society actions, which allow the region to obtain higher levels of competitiveness and sustainability in its development. The Center hopes to achieve its mission by combining neutrality with applied research, dialogue facilitation, and executive education in order to create a unique model promoting change in the region.



GIZ

<https://www.giz.de/en/html/index.html>

Since January 1st, 2011, the GIZ is the union of work and experience of the EDE, the GTZ and the InWEnt into one organization with its headquarters in Bonn and Eschborn.

The GIZ aims to promote international cooperation for sustainable development and international education. Operating in more than 130 countries around the world, GIZ has a team of 17,000 employees.

Ecobanking Project

<http://www.ecobankingproject.org/?lang=en#.YGHRNK8zaUk>

The Ecobanking Project is a joint initiative of the INCAE's Latin American Center for Competitiveness and Sustainable Development – CLACDS; Capacity Building International - InWent (Germany); the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI), part of the project during its first 9 years; and the AVINA Group, which supported financially the creation and development of the project during its first 3 years.

The Ecobanking Project was established to assist the Latin American financial sector in creating value for its customer and the region, through better environmental management, analysis, and performance.

FURTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE ESRA TRAINING PROGRAMME

The ESRA Online Course was initially developed in Spanish in 2006 by the UNEP FI Latin American Regional Task Force and its partners, with the support of Bank of America. The English-language edition of the course was produced in 2007 thanks to the support of FMO. The French edition of the Course was produced in 2010 thanks to the support of DEG – Deutsche Investitions-und Entwicklungsgesellschaft mbH ("DEG"), Promotion et Participation pour la Coopération économique (Proparco) and the Agence Française de Développement (AFD). The Chinese edition of the Course was produced in 2020 thanks to the support of China SIF – SynTao Green Finance.

The course material has been updated in 2021 with the support of eco.business Fund and CAF – Latin American Development Bank.



Bank of America

<https://www.bankofamerica.com/>

Bank of America is an American multinational and financial services corporation that has been supporting initiatives in order to benefit its customers, employees, business and local community along with the environment. The bank has undertaken different policies to invest and support in environmental projects on behalf of their customers, the bank also incentive their employees to follow actions to reduce their environmental impact.

Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO)

<http://www.fmo.nl>

The Netherlands Development Finance Company (FMO) supports the private sector in developing countries and emerging markets in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Central and Eastern Europe. It does this with loans, participations, guarantees and other investment promotion activities. The goal is to contribute to the structural and sustainable economic growth in these countries and, together with the private sector, obtain healthy returns.

Proparco and AFD

<https://www.proparco.fr/fr>

PROPARCO is a Development Financial Institution partially owned by Agence Française de Développement (AFD). Their objective is to promote the private investment in emerging and developing countries in order to increase growth, sustainable development and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

DEG

<https://www.deginvest.de/International-financing/DEG/>

As a subsidiary of KfW, the objective of DEG is to contribute to sustainable economic growth and the improving of living conditions in the countries where they support private sector development. DEG has been supporting and financing private sector investment in developing countries since 1962.

Eco. business Fund

<https://www.ecobusiness.fund/en/>

The eco.business Fund pursues its mission by providing dedicated financing and technical assistance to financial institutions and businesses committed to environmental practices in unique ecological landscapes both in Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa. The fund focuses on sustainability in four economic sectors: agriculture and agri-processing, fishery and aquaculture, forestry, and tourism.

Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)

<https://www.caf.com/en/>

The Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) is a development bank committed to improving the quality of life of all Latin Americans. Their actions promote sustainable development and the integration of the region. They promote a sustainable development model through credit, non-refundable resources, and support in the technical and financial structuring of projects in the public and private sectors in Latin America. The contribution on the development of the region is reflected in the expected results of our credit operations and equity investments.

China SIF – SynTao Green Finance

http://www.syntaogf.com/index_EN.asp

China SIF (China Social Investment Forum) is initiated by SynTao Green Finance. It is a non-profit membership association that aims to provide a platform for investors and other stakeholders to discuss Socially Responsible Investment (SRI) opportunities in China, and promote the development of China's SRI market.

SynTao Green Finance is a leading consultancy providing professional services in green finance and responsible investment in China. They provide consulting and researching services in responsible investment, ESG data, green bond verification, and other green finance areas. SynTao Green Finance initiated China Social Investment Forum (China SIF), contributing to a responsible capital market in China.

