

INTRODUCTION TO ESG



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Date : 23 & 24 January 2024
Time : 8.00 am - 5.00 pm
Venue : Google Meet (Online)

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OVERVIEW

Even before the introduction of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Agenda 2030, globally, many leading organisations have moved beyond Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) to Corporate Sustainability. Within a period of 50 years, organisations' understanding of sustainability has evolved from no knowledge to the development of new management models which integrate sustainability. In fact, stakeholders are increasingly interested in understanding the approaches of organisations in managing their economic, environmental, and social risks and opportunities. Sustainability is becoming an increasingly discussed topic amongst a range of stakeholders, from board members to investors, consumers and employees. As a result, Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) have gained increasing attention over the past few years within the private sector, especially the financial sector. The non-financial disclosure requirement is becoming important for the regulators as well as the capital market to understand a company's overall risk and opportunities related to sustainability – climate and nature related.

Sustainability/ESG Reporting or non-financial disclosure is an overview of a company's economic, environmental and social impacts, caused by its overall activities. Presenting the company's commitment to a sustainable global economy – can help organizations measure, understand and communicate their economic, environmental, social and governance performance, and then set goals, and manage change more effectively.

Public listed companies are already required to report on ESG-related matters. The industry knows from experience that new reporting requirements placed on public companies will flow down their supply chains. While there may not be a direct governmental requirement for private companies, they are likely to require reporting through contractual agreements – customer/client requirements in many parts of the industry, as well as the requirements of the financial sector.

Success hinges on an organization's ability to be progressive in its mission, and adapt to the evolving needs of its stakeholders' expectations - an effective ESG program is not just an asset, but a badge of credibility and integrity.

OBJECTIVES

This training will enable learners to get a better understanding of the core building blocks of sustainability along with the business case for integrating sustainable practices within their operation. It will cover all aspects of ESG strategies, framework, risks and opportunities, ratings, reporting, and evaluation. In addition, it will provide the understanding of structural changes and behavioural change for sustainability.

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- Member = RM450
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Dr. Hari Ramalu Ragavan is a Certified HRDF Trainer, with 25 years of research, training, and consulting experience in environmental management and policy in Malaysia and Asia Pacific. He worked at:

- University Malaya,
- Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers,
- Centre For Environmental Technologies (CETEC), and
- served the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for Malaysia, Singapore & Brunei Darussalam as Programme Manager from 2004 till 2015, in the sustainable development cluster and had developed, managed and monitored/evaluated at least 15 projects worth USD40 million.

Dr. Hari is currently the Principal Consultant at AKAR ASIA Consulting. He has advised UNDP, World Bank, USAID, UNIDO, UNEP and ADB in Sri Lanka, Papua New Guinea, Cambodia, Philippines, Nepal, Myanmar, Timor Leste and Vietnam as well as Malaysia in the areas of climate change and nature ecosystems management, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) involving communities, private sector and local governments. He also provides advisory services to the private sector on corporate sustainability, Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) framework and focus areas.

He is a Human Resources Development Corporation (HRDC) certified, Trainer and conducts various trainings on Sustainable Consumption and Production (SDG12) and ESG. He is a Certified Expert in Sustainable Finance (CESFi) (Frankfurt School). He is:

- a Board Member of Asia Pacific Roundtable for Sustainable Consumption and Production,
- an Exco member of the Environmental Management and Research Association of Malaysia,
- a Committee Member of the Malaysian Evaluation Society.
- a member of the Industry Expert Committee (IEC) - Sustainability under Human Resource Development Corp (HRD Corp)
- an advisor at the ESG Association of Malaysia.

Dr. Hari studied in Sweden (M.Sc. Environmental Management and Policy) and UK (PhD Development Management and Policy).

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

8.00 am	Registration
8.30 am	Course Overview
9.00 am	Module 1 : Introduction to Sustainability and ESG
10.00 am	Tea Break
10.30 am	Module 2 : ESG Megatrends: Global and Local (Drivers, Restraints and Challenges of ESG)
12.30 pm	Lunch Break
2.00 pm	Module 3 : ESG strategies, framework, risks and opportunities
3.30 pm	Tea Break
4.00 pm	Q & A Session
5.00 pm	End of Day 1

8.00 am	Registration
8.30 am	Course Overview
9.00 am	Module 4 : ESG reporting and evaluation.
10.00 am	Tea Break
10.30 am	Module 5 : Structural changes (structures, processes, practices), and behavioural change (mindsets, skillsets, relationship) for ESG/sustainability
12.30 pm	Lunch Break
2.00 pm	Module 6 : Engaging Stakeholders into ESG / sustainability.
3.30 pm	Tea Break
4.00 pm	Q & A Session
5.00 pm	End of Training

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