

Digital Certified Sustainability ESG Training Agenda, April 07-08 & 09, Advanced Edition 2025

ESRS Standards Advanced Module Included

The program includes **10 hours** of live sessions with two experienced tutors, both of whom possess local and international expertise. Additionally, there will be **18 hours** dedicated to further reading and assignment, along with access to the course platform, which offers supplementary materials (course material access for **8 weeks**).

	DETAILS
One Week Before the Live Sessions	<p>Access to the online training platform</p>
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<p>Live Session Day 1 – April 07, 2025 (10:00am – 01:30pm SAST)</p>	<p>Introductions and networking A brief overview of MODULES 1 & 2 including Q&As</p> <p>MODULE 3: Sustainability Strategy & Most Widely Used Standards & ESG Ratings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to successfully apply and integrate sustainability • The Importance of Stakeholders • How to Create a Strategy and Engage with the Stakeholders • Exercise: Identifying Organizational Stakeholders & Corporate Risks • Case Studies • Guidelines and Rating Indexes for Sustainability • The Importance of ESG • Sustainability (ESG) Strategy • ESG Ratings • ESG and Financial Performance (CSA, MSCI, CDP) • ESG Ratings Exercise <p>At the end of the live session a brief homework will be assigned to be presented/discussed in the next live session.</p>

In-between live sessions	Homework
<p data-bbox="201 632 477 737">Live Session Day 2 – April 08, 2025 (10:00am – 01:30pm SAST)</p>	<p data-bbox="524 296 1029 321">Brief Discussion on the homework outcomes</p> <p data-bbox="524 363 1338 426">MODULE 4: Sustainability (ESG) Reporting based on GRI and other ESG Guidelines.</p> <ul data-bbox="573 436 1252 890" style="list-style-type: none"> • Value of Sustainability reporting • Steps for Sustainability Report Creation • Materiality Assessment • Double Materiality • Exercise: Materiality • Key Factors for Effective Reporting • GRI Universal Standards • SASB, TCFD, ISSB • ESRS Standards • External Assurance • Good Practices for Sustainability Report Communication • Case Study and Exercise: Understanding <p data-bbox="524 936 1052 1035">Reporting ADVANCED MODULES (Recorded Session)</p> <p data-bbox="524 1077 1422 1140">In these additional modules (recorded), you will be able to get more in-depth knowledge of topics covered in live sessions.</p> <p data-bbox="524 1167 889 1192">The Advanced Module includes:</p> <ul data-bbox="557 1203 1068 1373" style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 1 - ESG Trends, Standards & Ratings • Part 2 - Sustainability in Supply Chain • Part 3 - Scope 3, TCFD, Net-zero • Part 4 - ESRS Standards • Part 5 - SEC: Climate Disclosure Rule <p data-bbox="524 1404 1370 1470">MODULE 5: Responsible Communication and How to Avoid Green & Blue Washing</p> <ul data-bbox="573 1480 1029 1703" style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible Communication • Green and Cause-Related Marketing • How to Avoid Green & Blue Washing • How to Avoid SDG Washing • Best Practices for Communication • Greenwashing Exercise

<p>Live Session Day 3 April 09, 2025 (10:00am – 01:30pm SAST)</p>	<p>MODULE 6: Circular Economy and the Importance of Sustainability in Supply Chain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circular Economy: Definition and Case Studies • Circular Economy – The Boundary Tool • Circular Economy Frameworks • Sustainability in Supply Chain • UN Practical Guide • Case Studies • Carbon Management Greenhouse Gas Protocol • Science-based Targets • Net Zero • Circular Economy Exercise
	<p>Key Sustainability Trends Clarifications for the Final Assignment and Certification Q&A Session</p>
<p>3 weeks after the training</p>	<p>Assignment submission</p> <p>*Additional Reading (an important part of the training course package before submitting your assignment)</p> <p>ADVANCED MODULES (Recorded Session)</p> <p>In these additional modules (recorded), you will get more in-depth knowledge on topics covered in live sessions.</p> <p>The Advanced Module includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 1 - ESG Trends, Standards & Ratings • Part 2 - Sustainability in Supply Chain • Part 3 - Scope 3, TCFD, Net-zero • Part 4 - ESRS Standards • Part 5 - SEC: Climate Disclosure Rule

***Additional Reading Appendix**

<p>Legislation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SFDR • NFRD • Circular Economy • Social Value Act (UK) • Canada’s Carbon Tax • ASEAN Taxonomy for Sustainable Finance • Global Sustainability Trends
<p>Net Zero & Carbon Emissions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Net Zero Tracker • Biodiversity Net Gain • The Science Based Targets Network • Videos
<p>Circular Economy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circular Economy for Sustainable Development • Case Study: Ecovative: The Polystyrene Eco-friendly Alternative • Case Study: Balbo Group: Sealing Regenerative Agriculture • Limitations of Circular Economy • The 9R Framework • Case Study: NEW YORK: The #WearNext Campaign • Case Study: SAN FRANCISCO: Cradle to Cradle Carpets for the City • Circular Economy Standards - BS 8001 • Ten Steps Towards Circular Economy • Case Study: Coca Cola Enterprises: Increasing Post-Consumer Packaging
<p>CSE RESEARCH- ESG ratings & reporting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSE Annual Research Summary -ESG Ratings & Reporting (North America) • CSE Annual Research Summary – ESG Ratings & Reporting (Europe)
<p>WEBINARS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESG Data and Assessments - Landscape Overview • How ESG disclosures can support Investors’ decisions & a Sustainable Economy • Oracle's Sustainability and ESG Vision • CSE Sustainability & ESG Leadership Summit 2024
<p>New Brief Modules for Key Sectors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy • Food & Beverage • Technology • Financial Services • Logistics • Shipping • Pharmaceutical • Construction

CSE will review each participant’s access to the training platform prior to submission of the final assignment.