



Overview

The Institute is a recognised thought leader in governance reporting. Obtaining the Institute's ESG Reporting Certification means you stand apart from your peers by having a comprehensive ESG reporting understanding and competencies. The Fourth Cohort of this Course consists of 7 pre-recorded sessions with 20 ESG experts as speakers, including reporting professionals from listed companies and the largest accounting firms.

A Certificate that Matters

Attendees of the Fourth Cohort who can successfully fulfill attendance requirements (between March and May 2024) and pass a final assessment (in June 2024) will be accredited for two years (from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2026) and will also be permitted to use the post-nominal 'HKCGI Cert: ESG' during the accreditation period.

The names and post-nominals of those who have successfully obtained the certification will be listed on the Institute's designated webpage for prospective employers and public searches.

There will be a maximum of two intakes per year and a refresher course every two years for extended accreditation. The ESG Reporting Certification Course counts toward ECPD hours for Institute members.

Topics Covered

In line with Listing Rules requirements, the ESG Reporting Certification Course will cover:

- ❖ Introduction to HKEX's ESG Reporting Guide
- ❖ Directors' duties in ESG & climate reporting
- ❖ Governance structure for ESG and climate-related disclosures
- ❖ Setting strategy, materiality assessment, and identifying risks and opportunities
- ❖ Setting metrics and targets
- ❖ ESG and climate-related disclosures
- ❖ Data collection, report drafting, timeline
- ❖ Workshops – ESG materiality assessment, SDGs mapping, sector-specific KPIs and alignment with international standards

Update on Climate Disclosures under ESG Framework

In April 2023, Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX) published a consultation paper to propose the increased climate-related disclosures by all issuers in their ESG reports, and the new climate-related disclosures aligned with the Climate Standard so finalised by the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB).

ISSB released two standards, IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 in June 2023, and further indicated to publish an Adoption Guide with recommended approaches on scaling and phasing-in of requirements.

In November 2023, HKEX announced to postpone the implementation of Listing Rule amendments for a year to 1 January 2025, giving issuers more time to get familiarised with the new climate-related disclosure requirements.

Registrants of the Fourth Cohort will be invited to attend one seminar on the updating of climate disclosures to be organised by the Institute (in Q4 2024) on complimentary basis. This forthcoming seminar does not form any part of the Fourth Cohort.

Course Details

Duration

March – May 2024
Assessment in June 2024

Format

Online at your own pace within
the course duration

Total Course Hours

14 ECPD hours
(7 sessions of 2 hours)

Medium of Instruction

English with Chinese Subtitles

Instructors

20 ESG experts

Prices

HKCGI Member/Graduate/Student: \$2,800
Non-HKCGI member: \$3,500

Application Deadline

22 March 2024 at 2.00 pm

Entry Requirements

- ❖ Members, graduates and students of the Institute; or
- ❖ Holders of bachelor's or higher degrees; or
- ❖ Full-time or part-time students leading to bachelor's or higher degrees (effective from May 2023)

Assessment

Passing the Fourth Cohort means registrants have to fulfil the following:

- ❖ Attendance requirement: 100% attendance (Registrants must watch every session in its entirety, and answer multiple-choice questions after each of the 7 sessions with unlimited attempts between March and May 2024.)
- ❖ Assessment requirement: Pass the final assessment consisting of multiple-choice questions (in June 2024)

Application

Please visit this link for the application:

<https://www.hkcg.org.hk/professional-development/esg>

Enquiries

For enquiries, please contact HKCGI's Professional Development Section by phone (2881 6177) or email (cpd@hkcg.org.hk).

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Government Funding

This programme is one of the Eligible Programmes under the Pilot Green and Sustainable Finance Capacity Building Support Scheme (Scheme), (<https://greentalent.org.hk/>).

The Scheme provides training subsidies to Hong Kong residents who are market practitioners and prospective practitioners of green and sustainable finance, namely students and graduates in relevant disciplines. After completing Eligible Programmes, members and non-members of HKCGI can apply for a subsidy of up to 80% of the enrolment fees of \$2,800 and \$3,500 respectively. Full-time student applicants can apply for a subsidy of up to 100% of the enrolment fee of \$3,500.

The reimbursement application should be submitted via the application portal of the Scheme (<https://www.greentalent.org.hk/auth/login>) within 3 months from the date of completion of the Eligible Programme.



**PILOT GREEN AND
SUSTAINABLE FINANCE CAPACITY
BUILDING SUPPORT SCHEME**

Centre for Green And Sustainable Finance

Programme Provider: The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute

Programme Identification Code: GTP-919235

Effective date under the Scheme*: 2023/04/28

* The Pilot Green and Sustainable Finance Capacity Building Support Scheme only accepts reimbursement applications in relation to an Eligible Programme with an enrolment date that is **on or after** the effective date of such Programme.

Programme fee: up to HKD 3,500[^]

(reimbursable fees under the Pilot Green and Sustainable Finance Capacity Building Support Scheme)

[^]Reimbursement amount is dependent on the actual amount incurred by the programme participant and the applicable percentage of reimbursement based on that participant's applicant category.

For details, please visit the Scheme website: <https://greentalent.org.hk/> or contact the Scheme enquiry hotline: (852) 2258 6000 or email enquiry@greentalent.org.hk.

Session Details

Session 1	Introduction/ESG Reporting Guide	Instructors
<p>March – May 2024 (Duration: 120 mins)</p>	<p>Part 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ What is ESG? ❖ How do the “E” and “S” fit with THE “G”? ❖ An overview of ESG Reporting Standards, including TCFD and ISSB Standards ❖ HKEX’s new proposals in terms of climate-related disclosures ❖ How to progress from reporting to performance ❖ The role of the board and how to engage them ❖ The role of the management team <p>Part 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The value of reporting: why companies, including SMEs, benefit from ESG reporting ❖ Transformation from business as usual: the link between purpose and sustainability ❖ Case studies on sustainability maturity: lessons learned 	<p>Ms Gill Meller FCG HKFCG(PE) Past President, The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute; Legal and Governance Director, MTR Corporation Limited</p> <p>Ms Pat Dwyer Founder and Director, The Purpose Business</p>

Session 2	Effective governance for ESG management and disclosures	Instructors
<p>March – May 2024 (Duration: 120 mins)</p>	<p>Part 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Barriers and tools for effective ESG integration/governance ❖ Board’s leadership ❖ Directors’ duties in general and specific duties and responsibilities in ESG and climate change ❖ Governance structure ❖ Forming committees/task forces, coordinators, and teams consisting of each department of the organisation <p>Part 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Workshop: creating the company’s governance structure 	<p>Ms Edith Shih FCG(CS, CGP) HKFCG(CS, CGP)(PE), Past International President, The Chartered Governance Institute, and Past President, The Hong Kong Chartered Governance Institute; Executive Director and Company Secretary, CK Hutchison Holdings Limited</p> <p>Ms Rebecca Donnellan Former Group Senior Sustainability Manager, CK Hutchison Holdings Limited</p> <p>Mr James Lai General Manager – Group Management Services, CK Hutchison Holdings Limited</p> <p>Mr Sébastien Pivet Chief Sustainability Officer & QA Director, A.S. Watson Group</p> <p>Ms Jo Richmond Head of Sustainability, CK Hutchison Group Telecom Holdings Limited</p>

Session 3	Deep Dive into Strategy Setting, Materiality Assessment and Risks and Opportunities Identification	Instructors
<p>March – May 2024 (Duration: 120 mins)</p>	<p>Part 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Strategy setting – how to identify related risks and opportunities specific to the company’s operations ❖ Materiality assessment through stakeholder engagement <p>Part 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Workshop: how to (i) set ESG/climate change strategy and; (ii) conduct materiality assessment 	<p>Mr Michael Ling FCG HKFCG Joint Company Secretary, CLP Holdings Limited</p> <p>Ms Eddie Ng Partner, Business Reporting and Sustainability, KPMG China</p>
Session 4	Setting Metrics and Targets	Instructors
<p>March – May 2024 (Duration: 120 mins)</p>	<p>Part 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Metrics and targets – regulatory requirements and various standards <p>Part 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Workshop: how does ESG create value for a listed company? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview of corporate ESG reporting ▪ Prioritise ESG indices and rankings and improve performance ▪ Understand how investors perceive ESG performance and strategy ▪ Learn to set metrics and targets 	<p>Mr Cyrus Cheung Partner, ESG Disclosure & Consulting, PricewaterhouseCoopers</p> <p>Mr Isaac Yeung Head of Corporate ESG/Head of Corporate Affairs, The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (Towngas)</p>
Session 5	ESG and Climate-Related Disclosures	Instructors
<p>March – May 2024 (Duration: 120 mins)</p>	<p>Part 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Introduction of latest developments in ESG reporting ❖ ESG Reporting Guide – including TCFD recommendations ❖ Analysis of climate-related risks and opportunities: physical and transition risks ❖ Assessment and mitigation of climate risks: TCFD recommendations and ISSB standards on <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scenario analysis 2. Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions <p>Part 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Workshop: examples and discussion of climate-change-related disclosures 	<p>Ms Melissa Fung Risk Advisory Southern Region Lead, Deloitte China</p> <p>Dr Pascal Vuichard Associate Director, Climate Change & Sustainability, Deloitte Carbon Care Asia</p>

Session 6	Getting Started (1)	Instructors
March – May 2024 (Duration: 120 mins)	Part 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Data collection ❖ Report drafting ❖ Timeline (Industry sectors: Financial, Multi-national Corporations)	Mr Ee Sin Tan Partner, Hong Kong and Macau Climate Change and Sustainability Services (CCaSS), Ernst & Young
	Part 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Workshop: ESG report writing 	Ms Jack Lee Loo Head of Sustainability Strategy, Sustainability Strategy, Economics & Strategy Planning Department/ Hong Kong Financial Research Institute of Bank of China, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited
Session 7	Getting Started (2)	Instructors
March – May 2024 (Duration: 120 mins)	Part 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ ESG Materiality assessment ❖ SDGs mapping ❖ Sector-specific KPIs ❖ Alignment with international standard (Industry sectors: Transportation, Construction)	Mr Ricky Cheng Director and Head of Risk Advisory, BDO Risk Advisory Services Limited
	Part 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Workshop: ESG report writing 	Mr Andy Lau Senior Vice President, Head of CSR & Foundation, Corporate Communications, Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited
	Part 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Technology-assisted reporting 	Mr Mark Blick CEO & Founding Member, Diginex

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