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PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Reflecting sustainability criteria, especially climate change, in financial markets is increasingly gaining attention as opportunities and risks arising in this context are changing business practices. The programme will prepare participants to understand major drivers and constraints of transforming the financial system to a more sustainable one. Furthermore, it will familiarise participants with the business, regulatory and technical perspective of sustainable finance and will acquaint them to take an active part in the discussion around the topic. The programme aims to enable financial professionals to integrate Sustainable Finance related aspects into their work through new knowledge and tools for advising their clients and business partners.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The course takes approximately 6 months assuming 5-8 hours of self-study per week. It consists of 8 mandatory units, which build upon each other.

UNIT 1 : Sustainable Finance - From Niche to Mainstream

Unit 1 will set the scene and introduce participants to the world of sustainability and how it affects financial institutions' operations. It will also provide a broad overview on the different rationales why integrating sustainability considerations into business decisions can be important. Furthermore, Unit 1 summarizes existing trends and developments as well as leading industry initiatives.

UNIT 2 : The Financial Sector - Enabling the Transformation

Unit 2 will take a look on the economic side of sustainable finance. It will discuss the role of the financial system in the transformation to a low carbon and more sustainable economy. Furthermore, the Unit will provide a compendium on recent regulatory trends in financial markets worldwide and dare to take an outlook what may evolve in the future.

UNIT 3 : Sustainable Financial Products

Unit 3 will provide insights to major sustainable financial products on debt and equity side (e.g. ESG and green bonds, sustainable equity funds, sustainable lending etc.). Furthermore, it will provide an outlook on market development and discuss the offer and demand side for sustainable financial products.

UNIT 4 : Sustainable Investment Strategies and Methodologies

Unit 4 will explain major methodological approaches to measure and manage the non-financial impact of investments and how these approaches can be used for developing sustainable investment strategies. Furthermore, it will prepare the participants for the three deep dive Units 5, 6 and 7.

UNIT 5 : ESG Data

Unit 5 will shed light into the universe of environmental, social and governance (ESG) data. It will provide an overview of the different sources, users and purposes of use for ESG data. Furthermore, it will tackle the difficulties and limitations related to ESG data.

UNIT 6 : ESG - Ratings and Labels

Unit 6 will provide an overview of existing ratings and labels. It will take a look into the methodologies of sustainable rating agencies and how ratings can be used and interpreted. Besides, it will assess labels in a similar way while discussing challenges that relate to ratings and labels.

UNIT 7 : Climate Scenario Analysis

This Unit will make participants familiar with climate-related scenario analysis tools and science-based targets. It will outline why using such tools can be helpful for financial institutions to steer risks and opportunities on a company level but also in the due diligence process.

UNIT 8 : Case Studies

This Unit will provide two real life case studies that guide participants to dive into social success note and impact fund. Participants will be required to summarize / compose a short case on their own applying the newly acquired knowledge from this unit and the previous units.

Assignments - Applying Your Knowledge

In this exercise, each participant has to prepare the solution to a given assignment. The assignments are a bit more extensive case studies followed by a number of questions. The participant needs to answer these question in writing. Passing the assignment is a precondition to register for the final exam.

ABOUT ASIAN BANKING SCHOOL

The ASIAN BANKING SCHOOL (ABS) is dedicated to developing talent and is the largest specialised provider of quality banking training programmes in the ASEAN region.

As the industry's preferred partner in learning and development, ABS offers customised and open enrolment training programmes that cover a comprehensive list of banking areas developed by its Specialist Training Consultancy Team or in collaboration with strategic learning partners that includes some of the top business schools in the world. This includes its Executive Education programmes with Cass Business School in London, the University of Cambridge Judge Business School, Frankfurt School of Finance and Management and INSEAD.

ABS also works closely with the Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers in raising competency standards for the industry through the delivery of training workshops related to professional qualifications developed and awarded by the professional body; and is the exclusive training partner for the Chartered Banker Institute in the UK. It plays a significant role in enriching the talent pipeline for the financial services sector through the industry recognised Financial Sector Talent Enrichment Programme (FSTEP) and Graduate Training programmes; and is also responsible for designing, developing and delivering the industry-wide Ethics and AML/CFT programmes.

ABOUT FRANKFURT SCHOOL

Frankfurt School of Finance & Management gGmbH (Frankfurt School) is a leading private business school based in Frankfurt am Main. It is triple-crown accredited by EQUIS, AACSB and AMBA, as one of only 50 business schools globally. It is also ranked in the top 30 in the Financial Times. In Germany, it is ranked number one in various categories such as job placement.

Unusually for a business school, Frankfurt School has a department dedicated to providing advisory services and training for finance called International Advisory Services (IAS). IAS provides expertise in Financial Inclusion, SME Banking, Agricultural Finance, Sustainable Finance, and hosts the UNEP Collaborating Centre for Climate & Sustainable Energy Finance. This is a strategic cooperation between the Frankfurt School and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Green and Sustainable Finance Cluster Germany.

The Green and Sustainable Finance Cluster Germany is a network sponsored by the major German banks and financial institutions including Deutsche Börse (German Stock Exchange), Deutsche Bank, BNP Paribas, Helaba, KfW, Commerzbank, Metzler Bank and Moody's. It is supported by the state government, and various other think tanks. Its mission is to promote sustainable financial products and ensure that the transformation to a sustainable financial sector is achieved. It offers advice to the German federal state and the EU Commission in its drafting of legislation with respect to the regulatory framework of Sustainable Finance.

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