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ABS | e-Learning | Certificate Programme

# CERTIFIED EXPERT IN BIODIVERSITY FINANCE

- Fully online course
- Content delivered by leaders and experts in Sustainable Finance
- Equips you with the knowledge to advance UN SDGs
- Accessible anywhere, anytime with just an internet connection
- Internationally recognised certificate

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1 CPD hour for each hour of study time, up to a maximum of 20 CPD hours per course

## PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Biodiversity underpins life on Earth. Healthy ecosystems provide ecosystem services essential to human well-being and economic activities. Scientists estimate that one million of the world's estimated 8 million species of plants and animals are on the verge of extinction, and this could curtail our ability to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and limit global warming to 1.5 degrees.

Why should financial institutions care? In today's world, financial institutions play a pivotal role in managing financial resources and contributing to the conservation of our planet's invaluable biodiversity. They impact biodiversity through their lending or investment decisions. At the same time, they are exposed to physical, reputational, systemic, and transitional risks due to biodiversity loss. Hence, the disruption of biodiversity poses significant yet often overlooked risks to financial stability. The financial sector is increasingly acknowledging the financial risks associated with biodiversity loss and the integral role it could play in preserving the delicate balance of life on Earth. According to UNEP, if the world is to achieve its climate change, biodiversity, and land degradation objectives, investments in nature must triple by 2030.

This online learning course is designed to deepen your understanding of risks associated with biodiversity loss and empower you with the knowledge and tools needed to support the preservation of Earth's diverse ecosystems as financial actors.

## PROGRAMME FORMAT

- An interactive e-learning course including video lectures, PDF scripts, practical exercises, online tests and case studies.
- A discussion forum for course related issues as well as for exchange of opinions and experiences with tutors, peers or the FSDF e-Campus team.
- Personalised support from the Frankfurt School e-Campus team.
- The possibility to achieve an internationally recognised Frankfurt School certificate after passing the 2-hour online final exam or a confirmation of course completion after completing the course.
- This online course can be complemented with a classroom component. It can be held at the Asian Banking School but only if there are sufficient numbers and with additional programme fees. This is voluntary and not a requirement to get certified by the Frankfurt School.

## PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Finance experts and professionals, including retail bankers, financial advisors, asset managers, risk managers etc., and all other financial industry professionals and practitioners in the financial sector interested in the topic of sustainable and biodiversity finance.

## REGISTRATION DATES & PROGRAMME FEE

**Next intake : 1 March to 15 September 2027**
**Final exam will be in September**

| EARLY BIRD FEE *(by 15 Jan 2027)* | MYR 4,500 | REGULAR FEE *(after 15 Jan 2027)* | MYR 5,500 |
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*Fee shown is per participant and subject to 8% Service Tax*
*An additional final exam fee will be charged by the Frankfurt School for the second and third final exam attempt*




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## PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The programme takes approximately 6 months assuming 3-4 hours of self-study per week. It consists of 5 mandatory units, which build upon each other. There are 2 intakes per year - March and September.

### UNIT 1: Setting the Scene – Introduction to Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

In this unit, we introduce the participants to the complex world of biodiversity, providing a comprehensive overview of concepts, the science, and exploring the interplay and interdependence between biodiversity loss and climate change. The unit also provides regional and sectoral case examples of the importance of biodiversity to the overall society and business.

### UNIT 2 : Biodiversity Loss Threat to the Financial System – Risks, Impacts and Dependencies

Within this module, we explore how the loss of biodiversity possesses the capacity to disrupt the financial system and the economy as a whole. It explains key terminologies and concepts of biodiversity finance and biodiversity loss as impact dependence and double materiality. This Unit delves into the intricate connections between biodiversity and financial stability, explaining double materiality and risk management strategies.

### UNIT 3 : Public and Private Sector – Initiatives and Available Frameworks

The module is dedicated to biodiversity initiatives and frameworks. It is specifically designed to help participants develop a good understanding of the role of the public and private sectors in biodiversity finance. It introduces participants to initiatives currently under development at the regulatory level, such as taxonomies. This module also aims to cover platforms and tools available for assessing biodiversity-related risks and opportunities.

### UNIT 4 : Measuring, Reporting and Strategy

In this module, participants will gain insights into the current tools, databases, initiatives, targets, metrics, and approaches that are used to evaluate biodiversity risks, and measure impacts, and interdependencies within a company's overall strategy.

### UNIT 5 : Opportunities and Innovation

Having grasped the context of biodiversity finance, the risks associated, and current standards, tools, and frameworks, the fifth unit delves into the biodiversity finance landscape, exploring an array of financial opportunities, including projects related to biodiversity as nature-based solutions, climate-smart agriculture, and restoration. Lastly, the module further delves into the financial products, funds and forms of capital suited for investment in this realm.

## THE FS-UNEP CENTRE

The content of this course was developed by the Frankfurt School - UNEP Collaborating Centre for Climate & Sustainable Energy Finance *(http://fs-unep-centre.org/)*. The Centre is a strategic cooperation between Frankfurt School and the UN Environment programme. Its vision is to advance transformation to resilient low-carbon and resource-efficient economies by attracting new types of investors, in particular catalysing the financing of clean energy by the private sector. The Centre is UNEP's major knowledge hub for climate & biodiversity finance related aspects.

## 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 Bayes Business School (formerly Cass) in London, the University of Cambridge Judge Business School, Frankfurt School of Finance and Management, INSEAD, the University of Edinburgh Business School, Bologna Business School, Bangor Business School, ESSEC Business School and the Saïd Business School, University of Oxford.

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 in ASEAN 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.

ABS began operations in 2015 and has continued to set the standard for developing talent in the banking industry through its innovative, unique, and relevant training programmes that have transformed the banking education landscape. In 2023, ABS established its Singapore office as part of its expansion plans to provide personalised training consultancy services within the region.

## 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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