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WORKSHOP ON ASEAN TAXONOMY APPLICATION IN ENERGY FINANCING

Learning Level: Advanced

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

This two-day advanced-level workshop is designed to equip finance professionals—particularly those new to energy-related financing—with the practical skills to apply the ASEAN Taxonomy in real-world project evaluation and financing scenarios.

The course is highly relevant for individuals involved in cross-border, regional, or development-focused energy projects, especially in the areas of power generation, transmission, distribution, storage, and heating/cooling.

Participants will gain a working understanding of key ASEAN Taxonomy elements, including:

- Technical Screening Criteria (TSC)
- Environmental Objectives (EOs)
- Essential Criteria, such as:
 - » Do No Significant Harm (DNSH)
 - » Remedial Measures to Transition (RMT)
 - » Social Aspects (SA)

Through a hands-on and applied learning approach, the workshop incorporates:

- Practical classification exercises
- Real case study analysis
- Review of project documentation
- Simulation of internal decision-making processes
- Tools for ensuring taxonomy-aligned financing decisions

The course will also address interoperability with national taxonomies and emerging sustainability frameworks, ensuring participants are equipped to assess projects from both a technical and financial compliance perspective.

Delivered by finance and energy sector experts, with insights from guest speakers in innovation and emerging technologies, this workshop bridges the gap between taxonomy application and sustainable investment opportunities across ASEAN.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the programme, participants will be able to:

- Interpret ASEAN Taxonomy principles, Environmental Objectives, and Essential Criteria to classify energy-related economic activities
- Differentiate between Foundation Framework and Plus Standard approaches and determine their application in client financing scenarios
- Apply Technical Screening Criteria (TSC) to assess lifecycle GHG emissions, technology eligibility, and tier classification for energy projects
- Evaluate project documentation to verify compliance with DNSH, Social Aspects, and assess transition alignment using RMT
- Design taxonomy-aligned financial instruments with appropriate performance indicator/target and pricing features
- Justify financing decisions and communicate taxonomy alignment to stakeholders to mitigate greenwashing and misclassification risks

TRAINING METHODOLOGY

- Expert-led presentations
- Real-world case analysis
- Hands-on exercises for activity
- Role-play and internal decision-making simulations
- Fireside chat with industry speakers on emerging technologies
- Peer discussions and group learning to enhance practical application

PARTICIPANT PROFILE

This workshop is for finance professionals who are new to the ASEAN Taxonomy but have experience or interest in sustainable finance, energy-related transactions, or regional development financing.

No engineering background is needed—technical topics like the Technical Screening Criteria (TSC) are explained in plain language using real examples and practical tools.

Relevant Roles:

- Relationship Managers: Working with energy, infrastructure, or clean tech clients and seeking to understand project eligibility for green or transition finance.
- Credit Analysts & Committee Members: Reviewing project documents and evaluating alignment with sustainability classifications.
- ESG & Sustainable Finance Teams: Structuring products aligned with the ASEAN Taxonomy.
- Project Finance & Infrastructure Teams: Supporting energy projects seeking blended or concessional finance.
- Risk & Compliance Officers: Integrating taxonomy thresholds into ESG risk frameworks and reducing greenwashing risks.
- DFI Professionals: Applying ASEAN Taxonomy for energy projects aligned with SDG/NDC goals and international funding requirements.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Module 1: ASEAN Taxonomy Fundamentals

- Four Environmental Objectives (EOs)
- Three Essential Criteria (DNSH, RMT, Social Aspects)
- Sectoral focus on energy: scope and activity-based classification logic

Module 2: Foundation Framework (FF) vs Plus Standard (PS)

- Key differences, classification flow, and use cases
- When and how banks apply FF vs PS
- Clarifying the tiered classification (only under PS)

Module 3: Technical Screening Criteria for Energy Activities

- Lifecycle GHG emissions thresholds
- TSC for power generation, storage, transmission & distribution, heating/cooling
- Mapping technologies to eligibility
- Hands-on classification exercises and case walkthroughs
- Guest fireside chat on emerging technologies

Module 4: DNSH and Social Aspects in Practice

- Understanding DNSH risks (e.g., biodiversity, pollution, water)
- Social safeguards and minimum compliance indicators
- Reviewing supporting documents for DNSH and Social Aspects compliance verification

Module 5: Transition Pathways and RMT Assessment

- Amber Tier 2 and Tier 3: how to differentiate and justify
- Assessing transition credibility (RMT criteria)
- Case studies on partial alignment and required improvement

Module 6: Structuring Finance & Avoiding Greenwashing

- Mapping activity classification to financial instruments
- Designing credible performance indicators or performance target
- Role Play: Communicating taxonomy alignment to internal/external stakeholders

Wrap-Up: Key Takeaways, Certification, and Next Steps

ABOUT THE TRAINERS

SHARON LIEW SIEW WEI

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Sharon Liew is a Sustainable Finance Trainer with over 17 years of experience in central banking, auditing, consulting, and education. She began her career at BDO before joining Bank Negara Malaysia, where she supervised financial institutions and led risk management reviews. Her passion for teaching led her to academia, where she taught finance at Tunku Abdul Rahman University College and languages to corporate learners.

At the Asian Banking School, Sharon develops and delivers sustainable finance programmes aligned with the Green Finance Advisor certification. She has collaborated with institutions like Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Tsinghua University, and IIGF-CUFE on projects involving fintech, green finance, and AI in financial education.

Sharon is a Chartered Accountant, HRDF Accredited Trainer, and Certified Expert in Sustainable Finance (Frankfurt School). She also holds certifications in Islamic Finance, TESOL, and Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language.

ASSOC. PROF. T.S. DR. HO WAI SHIN

Solar PV Expert

Assoc. Prof. Ts. Dr. Ho Wai Shin has over 12 years of experience in Renewable Energy and Green Technology. He began his research in energy system optimisation during his Ph.D. at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), where he is now an Associate Professor. He teaches subjects such as Renewable Energy, Energy Conversion, and Pollution Control, and is a Certified HRD Corp Trainer.

Dr. Ho is a recipient of the Commonwealth Scholarship and was named Best Young Chemical Engineer in Research by IChemE in 2015. In 2020, he received both UTM's Young Scientist Research Award and Malaysia's National Young Scientist Award. He is also a Certified Energy Manager (ASEAN) and a Registered Electrical Energy Manager (Malaysia).

PROGRAMME DETAILS

Date : 13 – 14 October 2025

Time : 9:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Venue : Asian Banking School

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