Introduction to Sustainable Finance 2.0

BACKGROUND
This interactive and practice-oriented course, originally developed in 2018 and comprehensively updated in 2021, covers the basics of Sustainable Finance while providing several opportunities to dive deeper. The course covers sustainable finance instruments, methodologies and frameworks for integrating sustainability into financial decisions, key global sustainable finance initiatives, and sustainable finance regulations. It is designed for interested participants from governments, academia, the financial sector, businesses, and civil society.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
Learning Objectives

- Explains the potential contribution of sustainable finance to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and the goals of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change;
- Explains the core concepts of sustainable finance and the relevance of sustainability considerations for the key actors in the financial system;
- Describes the role that regulation and industry initiatives (self-regulation) play in shaping sustainable finance;
- Describes different sustainable finance products, such as bonds and loans, that may be available to provide the capital needed to support the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals and the goals of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.
CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

This course is presented in four modules:

1. Sustainable Finance in Context: two lessons describing the role that sustainable finance can play in delivering global goals on climate change and development.

2. Fundamentals of Sustainable Finance: five interactive lessons explaining the core concepts of sustainable finance and the relevance of sustainability to finance sector decision-makers.


4. Sustainable Finance Products: six interactive lessons describing some of the products, such as bonds and loans, that may be available to provide the capital needed to support the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals and the goals of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.