

Understanding and Managing Sustainability Risks in Your Organisation

Course Context

Many organisations and businesses are good at managing financial risks and have systems in place to detect, understand, evaluate, review and respond to those risks. However, these days they are much more likely to be held accountable by their stakeholders for failing to identify non-financial risks, understand them and then respond effectively to them. Non-financial risks are becoming increasingly mainstream in the media, at shareholder meetings, in legislation and investment decision-making.

Sustainability-related risks are a significant component of non-financial risks and include climate change, modern slavery, business reputation, stakeholder accountability, environmental stewardship, responsible procurement and resource management. Yet many organisations' risk management systems are simply not able to deal as effectively with sustainability-related risks as they do with other types of risks. They are even less likely to realise, and take advantage of, sustainability-related opportunities for their business.

Course Aim

By the end of this course, you should be able to apply principles and tools to enable a more effective approach to understand sustainability-related risks and improve your systems to identify, contextualise, prioritise and respond to them.

Benefit

This course will assist you to understand and implement sustainability risk management principles and practices to enhance your effectiveness at dealing with sustainability-related non-financial risks. The course is structured on ID9* adult learning principles and provides a mixture of instructional sessions and practical activities that will help you reinforce and apply learnings.



The Trainer

Paul Davies has 13 years' expertise and experience in helping companies and NFPs better understand and manage sustainability risks to better embed them as part of their overall risk management system. Paul's previous clients include Westpac, Canon, Stockland, Nestle, Newmont, Mirvac, AbilityOptions, Telstra, Macquarie Bank, Fuji Xerox and Hydro Tasmania. Paul also runs courses on sustainable organisational practices and regularly writes, blogs and speaks on industry sustainability issues. He has helped businesses understand and address climate risk, responsible sourcing, materiality, stakeholder accountability and modern slavery.

Duration and Format

The format can either be face-to-face or virtual instructor led training. The content can be delivered either over a full day or across two half-day sessions. As an ID9-certified* trainer, Paul delivers a mixture of instructional sessions and practical activities based on actual examples and case studies that will help students reinforce and apply learnings, together with a student assessment to evaluate learning and a certificate of completion.

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