SDG FINANCE ACADEMY

Training a global network of sustainable finance experts in UNDP country offices, governments and the private sector

Building global capacity for financing the SDGs

The SDG Finance Academy ensures the success of the UNDP Sustainable Finance Hub’s services by transferring knowledge and skills to UNDP country offices and partners around the world. Through targeted learning in areas such as budgeting, financing disaster risk reduction, debt instruments and Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs), the SDG Finance Academy is creating a global network of subject matter experts to catalyse progress towards the SDGs. In addition to its learning and training initiatives, the SDG Finance Academy is building a community of practice for knowledge exchange and curating a pool of experts in sustainable finance. This expertise enables it to generate engagements and partnerships among a range of actors to finance solutions to tough development challenges.

Services

The SDG Finance Academy provides UNDP country offices and other partners with:

- Learning and training
- A community of practice and knowledge exchange on sustainable finance
- The opportunity to engage with public and private partners in developing innovative sustainable finance solutions

The chart below describes the flow, reach and connectedness that the SDG Finance Academy supports to enable UNDP to achieve its SDG finance goals with national partners.

**Country Clients**

- International Finance Institutions (IFIs)
- Tax Authorities
- Regulators
- Domestic Stock Markets
- Ministry of Finance
- Domestic Private Sector
- Local Philanthropy
- Banks

- 49 participants from financial institutions
- 300+ participants from 9 governments have been trained
- 369+ private sector participants trained on impact management and finance tracking
- 50+ number of training modules on sustainable finance developed
Learning and training

UNDP's sustainable finance service offers provide the framework for the SDG Finance Academy’s learning and training programme. The foundational module, Introduction to SDG Finance and the SDG Finance Academy, is a comprehensive introduction to sustainable finance and concepts encountered in the remaining 49 modules and new/more modules are continually being developed. Upon completion of the first module, learners can choose other learning modules that are relevant to their work. Each module is accompanied by a dynamic set of educational materials and provides a professional certificate upon completion. Training is delivered both in-person and via e-modules.

SDG Finance Academy Module Structure

1. Introduction to SDG Finance and the SDG Finance Academy
2. Public Finance for the SDGs
   - SDG aligned fiscal planning and expenditure management (Budgeting for SDGs)
   - Raising domestic revenues aligned with the achievement of SDGs (Tax for SDGs)
   - Raising Public Finances- SDG aligned bond issuances (Debt for SDGs)
   - Sovereign risk and insurance financing instruments (IRFF)
3. Unlocking Private Capital and Aligning Business Operations with the SDGs
   - Originating an SDG investment project pipeline
   - Accessing public and private capital for SDG investment
4. Impact Measurement, Management and Finance Tracking
   - IMM for the Private Sector
   - IMM for the Public Sector
   - Budget Tagging
   - Finance Taxonomies
5. Integrated National Financing Frameworks (INFFs)
   - Designing integrated national financing frameworks
   - Delivering risk-informed financing strategies
   - Building Country Office SDG finance portfolios
   - Accessing knowledge and expertise through the INFF Facility
6. Partnerships

Building a community of practice and exchanging knowledge

The SDG Finance Academy’s broad training catalogue is only the beginning of its learning journey. To ensure the continued acquisition of knowledge on sustainable finance practices, all learners are provided with access to a space for knowledge exchange that includes subject-matter experts. This exchange enables all learners to understand different financial tools, approaches and their role and use, how these tools and approaches link to the SDGs, what these tools and approaches mean for policy reform, and the scope and opportunities to tailor these tools and approaches with different clients.

Generating engagements

The SDG Finance Academy’s holistic learning programme provides opportunities for finance-for-development practitioners to benefit from UNDP’s convening power with diverse public, private and multilateral stakeholders. Hand-in-hand with its training and knowledge exchange, the SDG Finance Academy matches practitioners with potential for positive partnerships, and fosters the dialogue necessary for co-creating innovative financing solutions for the SDGs.
Partnership

The Sustainable Finance Hub supports UNDP country offices in aligning and leveraging private finance with the SDGs. It brings an SDG financing focus to partnerships with International and Development Finance Institutions, business leaders, faith-based finance partners, and other private sector partners. Through global policy engagements, it strengthens the work on SDG financing with the UN system, including close collaboration with the UNDESA, UNICEF, UN Women and UNCDF. The SDG Finance Academy works together with Duke University, KPMG, and Convergence in delivering training on existing components of SFH tools. These partners combined with other external institutional partners and external experts both support the SDG Finance Academy in delivering training as appropriate as well as be trained in Module 1.

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