

SDG FINANCE ACADEMY

Sharing UNDP's unique expertise in sustainable finance with the world – to marshal the capital needed for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

BUILDING SKILLSETS TO ACCELERATE THE SHIFT FROM A MINDSET OF DEVELOPMENT AID TO DEVELOPMENT FINANCE

Global wealth exceeds US\$450 trillion, yet the estimated gap in financing required to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is over \$4.3 trillion annually. There is no shortage of capital, and if this vast reservoir of global capital can be put to work for emerging economies, the SDGs could be reached by 2030.

The world's leading development agency, UNDP holds unique expertise in marshaling financing for development, but cannot finance the SDGs on its own. By sharing our knowledge and skills, we are equipping finance and development practitioners to join forces in attracting, and protecting investments in inclusive, green growth.

HOW WE DO IT

The SDG Finance Academy's unique learning approach is designed to break down traditional silos and bring together experts from sectors including climate and nature, gender equality, human rights and more. By working together, experts from diverse disciplines create innovative financing solutions.



SELF-PACED E-LEARNING COURSES

The Academy's expanding catalogue of open-source courses on topics from climate and energy finance to attracting private investment, building project pipelines, and measuring impact.



LIVE ONLINE AND IN-PERSON COURSES

Tailored to learners' unique needs – Governments, financial institutions, private businesses, development partners, civil society organizations and any organization interested in financing sustainable development.



TAILORED SUPPORT

In all areas of sustainable finance through an expanding roster of sustainable finance experts, small-group clinics and coaching, and an AI-driven knowledge bank.

Embedding the global knowledge base for attracting, reducing risk and protecting investments in country-led sustainable growth.

12,000+
Online Learners
engaged in e-Learning
courses

2,500+
Trained
live through online
courses, clinics and
coaching.

9.1
out of 10
Average user rating
for e-Learning course:
**Introduction to Sustainable
Finance**

OUR JOURNEY

2022

SDG Finance
Academy
established by
UNDP

First live
Academy

2023

SDG Finance
e-Learning
Programme
launched

2024

Sustainable
Finance for
Climate and
Energy launched

First small-
group clinics
and mentoring
sessions

2025

First live online
course hosted
on Biodiversity
Finance

2026

and beyond

New crisis
finance training

AI-driven
knowledge
bank



CREATING A GLOBAL COMMUNITY

Deep Dives on Unlocking Private Capital and Aligning Business Operations for the SDGs – The Academy brought together UNDP, private sector and civil society partners across Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean to learn more about UNDP's tools for attracting private finance – including SDG Investor Maps and Impact Venture Accelerators – and instruments like blended finance and guarantees. As a result, an SDG Investor Map was developed for Serbia, attracting a EUR 2 billion private investment in renewable energy.

Thailand: Aligning Private Investment with the SDGs – An Academy at Thailand's Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) focused on aligning stock exchange-listed companies' business practices

with the SDGs. Building on UNDP standards, the SEC issued a streamlined system for companies to report on their sustainability impacts.

Impact Measurement and Management (IMM) – The Academy has delivered targeted training on IMM across 16 countries: learners included government partners, UN agencies, investment authorities, banks investors and a range of private-sector actors. IMM training delivered to Senior Management at Kuwait Finance House sparked a new commitment by Kuwait's largest bank (with presence in seven countries) to align its business operations with the SDGs.

POSITIVE FEEDBACK



"I think this is a very important opportunity to articulate the (sustainable finance) space we are all working in... it is an excellent moment for all of us who are working on these issues to get together and generate initiatives in a more coordinated manner."

Danela Medina

Central Bank of Uruguay

"Over the past 20 years in the UN, I have rarely attended such a productive course"

Taib Diallo

Economics Advisor, UNDP Congo and Burundi Country Office

FEEDBACK ON THE E-LEARNING PROGRAMME

"Well presented. Easy to understand."

"Concise and clear. Informative format."

"High-quality content and presentation."

"Comprehensive structure with very useful information – rated 10 out of 10"

"It was nice to get to know this side of sustainability!"



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