DATASTAT TRAINING IN

OFFICIAL COURSE PROSPECTUS

Center for Advanced Research & Professional Development

Nairobi Training Center • Global Virtual Academy • Corporate On-Site

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

ESG Assurance, Verification and Sustainability Audit Training Course

Comprehensive Course Syllabus, Practical Modules & Upcoming Schedules

PROGRAM SPECIFICATIONS & HIGHLIGHTS

DURATION
10 Days Practical Hands-on

DELIVERY MODES
In-Person Class & Live Virtual

CERTIFICATION
Accredited Certificate of Completion

INTAKES / DATES
Multiple Cohort Schedules Included

PREPARED FOR:

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ESG Assurance, Verification and Sustainability Audit Training Course

Accounting and Finance • 10 Days Intensive • Accredited Certification

Course Overview

ESG Assurance, Verification and Sustainability Audit Training Course is designed to equip professionals with the technical knowledge and practical skills required to evaluate, verify and assure Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) performance in modern organisations.

Key Skills & Software Tools Covered

Ms Word • Microsoft Excel • SpheraCloud • and Workiva ESG

Upcoming Training Schedules

Confirmed cohort intakes and venues. Both physical in-person classroom and live virtual online seats are available.

TRAINING DATES	LOCATION / VENUE	FORMAT / DURATION	INVESTMENT (FEE)
7 Dec 2026 – 18 Dec 2026	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
21 Dec 2026 – 1 Jan 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
4 Jan 2027 – 15 Jan 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
18 Jan 2027 – 29 Jan 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
1 Feb 2027 – 12 Feb 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
15 Feb 2027 – 26 Feb 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
1 Mar 2027 – 12 Mar 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
15 Mar 2027 – 26 Mar 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
29 Mar 2027 – 9 Apr 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
12 Apr 2027 – 23 Apr 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
26 Apr 2027 – 7 May 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
10 May 2027 – 21 May 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
24 May 2027 – 4 Jun 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
7 Jun 2027 – 18 Jun 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
21 Jun 2027 – 2 Jul 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
5 Jul 2027 – 16 Jul 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
19 Jul 2027 – 30 Jul 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
2 Aug 2027 – 13 Aug 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
16 Aug 2027 – 27 Aug 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
30 Aug 2027 – 10 Sep 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
13 Sep 2027 – 24 Sep 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
27 Sep 2027 – 8 Oct 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
11 Oct 2027 – 22 Oct 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**

25 Oct 2027 – 5 Nov 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
8 Nov 2027 – 19 Nov 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
22 Nov 2027 – 3 Dec 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**
6 Dec 2027 – 17 Dec 2027	Nairobi	Classroom / 10d	**$3,000 USD / KES 220,000**

* Corporate discounts and customized cohort scheduling are available for teams of 3 or more participants.

Course Curriculum & Modules

ESG Assurance, Verification and Sustainability Audit Training Course

Introduction

ESG Assurance, Verification and Sustainability Audit Training Course is designed to equip professionals with the technical knowledge and practical skills required to evaluate, verify and assure Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) performance in modern organisations. As sustainability reporting, climate accountability, responsible investment and corporate transparency become increasingly important, organisations must demonstrate the accuracy, completeness and reliability of their sustainability disclosures. This course explores ESG assurance frameworks, sustainability audit procedures, materiality assessments, greenhouse gas verification, sustainability data integrity, internal controls and emerging global reporting standards, including the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB), Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS) and International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) requirements.

Participants will develop practical competencies in conducting risk-based sustainability audits, assessing ESG governance structures, evaluating climate-related financial disclosures and verifying sustainability performance indicators. The programme also examines assurance readiness, audit evidence collection, stakeholder engagement, ethical considerations and independent verification methodologies. Through international case studies, practical exercises and professional discussions, participants will learn how to strengthen ESG accountability, identify greenwashing risks, improve sustainability data quality and support credible corporate reporting. The course provides valuable insights into sustainability assurance practices, regulatory compliance, responsible business conduct and the integration of ESG assurance into enterprise risk management and corporate governance.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand ESG assurance principles and international sustainability standards.
- Apply sustainability auditing frameworks and methodologies.
- Evaluate ESG reporting accuracy, completeness and reliability.
- Conduct materiality and double materiality assessments.
- Verify greenhouse gas emissions and climate disclosures.
- Assess sustainability governance and internal controls.
- Identify greenwashing and ESG reporting risks.
- Apply ISSB, GRI and ESRS reporting requirements.
- Evaluate environmental and social performance indicators.
- Develop risk-based sustainability audit programmes.
- Assess ESG data integrity and assurance evidence.
- Strengthen stakeholder accountability and transparency.
- Prepare independent ESG assurance reports and recommendations.

Organizational Benefits

- Strengthens ESG accountability and corporate transparency.
- Improves sustainability reporting credibility and reliability.
- Enhances compliance with international reporting standards.
- Reduces greenwashing and reputational risks.
- Improves climate-related risk management.
- Strengthens internal audit and governance systems.
- Supports responsible investment decisions.
- Enhances stakeholder and investor confidence.
- Improves sustainability performance monitoring.

- Promotes long-term corporate resilience and sustainable growth.

Target Audiences

- ESG and sustainability managers.
- Internal and external auditors.
- Risk and compliance professionals.
- Finance and accounting professionals.
- Corporate governance officers.
- Environmental and social specialists.
- Sustainability consultants.
- Investment and financial reporting professionals.

Course Duration: 10 days

Course Modules

Module 1: Fundamentals of ESG Assurance and Sustainability Auditing

- ESG assurance concepts, principles and professional responsibilities.
- Differences between sustainability audits, verification and assurance.
- ESG reporting landscape and international developments.
- Assurance levels, reasonable assurance and limited assurance.
- ESG accountability and organisational reporting structures.
- Case study: Unilever's sustainability reporting and accountability practices.

Module 2: International ESG Reporting and Assurance Standards

- International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) IFRS S1 and S2.
- Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) standards and disclosures.
- European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS).
- International Standard on Sustainability Assurance 5000 (ISSA 5000).
- Alignment between financial and sustainability reporting.
- Case study: European companies implementing Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive requirements.

Module 3: ESG Materiality and Double Materiality Assessments

- Financial materiality and impact materiality principles.
- Stakeholder identification and engagement techniques.
- ESG materiality assessment methodologies.
- Sustainability risks, opportunities and prioritisation.
- Documentation and validation of materiality assessments.
- Case study: Double materiality implementation by European multinational corporations.

Module 4: ESG Audit Planning and Risk Assessment

- Developing risk-based sustainability audit plans.
- Identifying ESG risks and control weaknesses.
- Establishing audit scope, objectives and criteria.
- Audit sampling and resource allocation.
- Developing ESG audit programmes and workpapers.
- Case study: Volkswagen emissions scandal and environmental audit failures.

Module 5: Environmental Performance Auditing

- Environmental management systems and ISO 14001.
- Waste management, pollution control and resource efficiency.
- Environmental compliance and regulatory assessments.
- Biodiversity and natural resource performance indicators.
- Environmental audit evidence and reporting.
- Case study: Patagonia's environmental responsibility initiatives.

Module 6: Social Sustainability Auditing and Human Rights Verification

- Labour standards, workplace safety and employee welfare.
- Human rights due diligence and supply chain assessments.
- Diversity, equity, inclusion and community engagement.
- Modern slavery and responsible sourcing audits.
- Social impact measurement and verification.
- Case study: Nike's historical supply chain labour challenges and remediation efforts.

Module 7: Governance Auditing and Corporate Accountability

- Board oversight and ESG governance structures.
- Business ethics, anti-corruption and whistleblowing.
- Executive accountability and sustainability remuneration.
- Governance controls and compliance monitoring.
- Corporate transparency and stakeholder accountability.
- Case study: Siemens' corporate governance and anti-corruption reforms.

Module 8: Greenhouse Gas Accounting and Climate Verification

- Greenhouse Gas Protocol and emissions accounting.
- Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 emissions verification.
- Carbon footprints and emissions inventories.
- Climate targets, net-zero commitments and transition plans.
- Carbon data accuracy and verification procedures.
- Case study: Microsoft’s carbon accounting and carbon-negative commitments.

Module 9: ESG Data Management and Evidence Collection

- Sustainability data collection and validation techniques.
- ESG information systems and digital audit trails.
- Data quality, completeness and consistency assessments.
- Audit evidence documentation and retention.
- Technology applications in sustainability assurance.
- Case study: Bloomberg ESG data and corporate sustainability information analysis.

Module 10: Sustainability Assurance Procedures and Methodologies

- Limited and reasonable assurance engagement procedures.
- Evidence gathering, testing and analytical reviews.
- Sampling, interviews and substantive testing.
- Evaluating management assertions and disclosures.
- Assurance documentation and quality control.
- Case study: Independent sustainability assurance engagements conducted by global accounting firms.

Module 11: Supply Chain ESG Auditing and Responsible Procurement

- Supplier sustainability assessments and due diligence.
- Environmental and social supply chain risks.
- Responsible procurement and supplier codes of conduct.
- Traceability, transparency and third-party verification.
- Corrective action plans and supplier monitoring.
- Case study: IKEA's responsible sourcing and supply chain sustainability programme.

Module 12: Greenwashing Detection and ESG Risk Management

- Identifying misleading sustainability claims.
- ESG disclosure manipulation and reputational risks.
- Reviewing environmental marketing and carbon-neutral claims.
- Regulatory investigations and enforcement mechanisms.
- Developing anti-greenwashing audit controls.

- Case study: Volkswagen's Dieselgate emissions misrepresentation.

Module 13: ESG Internal Controls and Audit Reporting

- Designing effective sustainability internal controls.
- Evaluating control environments and deficiencies.
- Preparing ESG audit findings and recommendations.
- Corrective action monitoring and implementation.
- Communicating assurance results to management.
- Case study: Integrated sustainability reporting and internal control practices at major multinational corporations.

Module 14: Emerging Technologies and Digital Sustainability Auditing

- Artificial intelligence applications in ESG auditing.
- Blockchain-based sustainability data verification.
- Digital monitoring and automated ESG reporting.
- Data analytics for sustainability risk detection.
- Cybersecurity and sustainability information governance.
- Case study: Blockchain-enabled supply chain traceability initiatives in the food and agriculture sectors.

Module 15: ESG Assurance Reporting, Verification and Professional Practice

- Preparing independent ESG assurance statements.
- Applying professional ethics and auditor independence.
- Communicating material findings and assurance conclusions.
- Developing ESG audit improvement recommendations.
- Integrating assurance outcomes into corporate strategy.
- Case study: Global sustainability assurance practices under the International Standard on Sustainability Assurance 5000.

Training Methodology

- Expert-led presentations and interactive discussions.
- Practical ESG audit simulations and verification exercises.
- International corporate sustainability case studies.
- Group assignments and materiality assessment exercises.
- Greenhouse gas accounting and emissions verification workshops.
- ESG reporting analysis and assurance report preparation.
- Role-playing exercises involving auditors and management.
- Knowledge assessments and practical group presentations.

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.

f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to DATASTAT CONSULTANCY LTD account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Certification & Learning Methodology

- Hands-on practical delivery with real-world datasets, case studies, and lab exercises.
- Post-training mentorship, access to class resources, and customized follow-up support.
- Participants who successfully complete the course receive an accredited Datastat Certificate of Completion.

How to Enroll & Reserve Your Seat

1. Online Registration: Visit https://datastatresearch.org/courses/esg-assurance-verification-and-sustainability-audit-training-course to register online.
2. Email Booking: Send participant details to training@datastatresearch.org for official invoice & reservation.
3. Support & Assistance: Inquire via phone +254 724 527 104 | +254 734 969 612.