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Introduction to Sustainable Finance Taxonomies

The e-learning provided information on what sustainable finance taxonomies are, their relevance, purpose, core elements and use cases. It provided guidance on how to develop taxonomies, carefully balancing local usability with international interoperability of taxonomies. The course drew on international good practices and lessons learned from taxonomy development. Theoretical concepts were brought to life through in-depth case studies and real-life applications in China, Colombia, the European Union and South Africa.

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Course Goals and Outline

This course is aimed primarily at policymakers, including key ministerial staff, regulators, central bankers, capital market authorities and their advisors, who are interested in learning how to set up and develop sustainable finance taxonomies. By outlining the core elements and use cases of taxonomies, the course also provides important information for the real economy, including financial and non-financial companies that may need to report on the taxonomy alignment of their business activities in the future.

The course features four distinct modules:

- Module 1: An overview of sustainable finance taxonomies
- Module 2: Taxonomies in practice: the EU and China
- Module 3: Principles of taxonomy development
- Module 4: Taxonomy development principles in practice: South Africa and Colombia

After completing the course, learners should be able to:

- Explain the concept of sustainable finance taxonomies and their purpose
- Illustrate the practical application of taxonomies in the European Union and China
- Identify the key principles and good practices for developing taxonomies
- Analyse how international good practices have informed the development of taxonomies in South Africa and Colombia

The estimated time to complete is 4 hours.

Completion Requirements

In order to successfully complete this course, learners must: complete all four web-based training modules, pass the quiz at the end of every module with a minimum of 70%, and fill in the evaluation questionnaire.

