

Asia's First and Premier
Professional Certification in Sustainability

Certified Sustainability Officer (CSO) Professional Training Program

“A Globally Aligned, Regionally Focused & Market Tailored
Sustainability & ESG Leadership Certification”

Venue:
AICB Centre of Excellence
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Dates:
October 21 - 24, 2025

Duration:
4 Days (32 In-Person Hours)

HRD Corp Claimable (As Per Charged)
Under Professional Certification / SBL-Khas, subject to HRD Corp terms and approval.

Eligible for ESG Tax Deduction
For BURSA-Listed Companies Investing in Sustainability Training



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Why You Should Attend



Set the Standard: Become a Certified Sustainability Leader with Asia's Premier CSO Credential

Every sustainability professional—and those aspiring ones—should attend this course and obtain the Certified Sustainability Officer (CSO) certification, as Asia's first and premier professional credential in sustainability.

Recognized by industry peers, the CSO certification validates your role, enhance your professional credibility, and equips you with the practical skills and regional insights needed to lead sustainability initiatives and meet rising regulatory and stakeholder expectations across Asia.



Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion, participants will be able to:

- **Lead ESG compliance and internal integration aligned** with Malaysian, Singaporean, and Vietnamese regulations
- **Translate international sustainability standards (e.g., GRI, TCFD, ISSB, etc.)** into actionable corporate practices
- **Design and implement net-zero strategies across departments** and supply chains
- **Strengthen ESG reporting, assurance,** and disclosure credibility
- **Embed sustainability governance** and accountability at board level
- **Apply AI and data tools** to monitor ESG risk and performance

Who Should Attend

This program is ideal for professionals in:

- **Sustainability & ESG roles** in MNCs, PLCs, GLCs
- **Corporate strategy, risk,** and operations
- **Investment, finance,** and treasury functions
- **Supply chain, procurement,** and compliance
- **Government-linked companies** and NGOs



Course Structure

Delivery Format: In-Person, Classroom-Based Learning

Methodology: Interactive lectures, sectoral case studies, peer learning, hands-on workshops

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Methodology: Interactive lectures · ASEAN-focused case studies · Peer collaboration · Hands-on workshops

Day	Module	Description
Day 1	Module 1: Global Sustainability Trends & ASEAN Responses (4 hrs)	Understand global sustainability, ESG and SDG trajectories, and how ASEAN's policy shifts—especially in Malaysia, Singapore, and Vietnam—are shaping corporate mandates.
	Module 2: Net-Zero Pathways & Frameworks (4 hrs)	Delve into regional adoption of global standards like SBTi and ISSB. Compare net-zero strategies across ASEAN's diverse energy and regulatory landscapes.
Day 2	Module 3: Sustainability Reporting & Assurance (4 hrs)	Navigate international frameworks like GRI, SASB, TCFD, and TNFD, and national frameworks like NSRF, affecting corporate entities in the ASEAN region. Address greenwashing, climate risk, and audit readiness tailored to regional disclosure trends and reporting frameworks.
	Module 4: Sustainable Supply Chains in Asia (4 hrs)	Learn practical tools like EcoVadis and RBA Code for evaluating sustainability across Asian supply chains and supplier networks.
Day 3	Module 5: Sustainable & ESG Finance, Risk & Regulation (8 hrs)	Examine Global frameworks and standards' influences on ASEAN sustainable finance policies via MNCs. Harmonize sustainable finance through ASEAN Taxonomy, ACMF, Green Bond Standards. Comply with national-level regulations and disclosure requirements.
Day 4	Annex Modules – Leadership & Innovation Add-Ons (8 hrs)	- Sustainability Governance & Board Engagement By: Ms Sujatha Sekhar Naik, Chair, Malaysian Institute of Corporate Governance (MICG) - Leadership Dialogue: ASEAN Corporate ESG Success Story By: Dr Renard Siew, President, Malaysia Carbon Market Association (MCMA) - AI-Powered Risk Management for ESG By: Dr Sarjit Singh, Senior Advisor, Deloitte - Materiality, Proportionality and Scope 3 Carbon Emissions of NSRF Impact on Malaysian SMEs By: Dr Ben Ong, Chairman and Founder, MAPAN

Notes:

- Annex Modules are led by distinguished senior leaders and experts with hands-on ASEAN experience. These sessions offer peer-driven, leadership-focused insights. Training materials will cover only the Core Modules (1-5); Annex content is delivered as experiential enhancements.
- The organizers reserve the right to modify the program without prior notice. Training hours may vary and are subject to change based on class progress and learning pace.

CSO Trainers



Dr. Sarjit Singh

Lead Trainer, Certified
Sustainability Officer (CSO) Program

Expert-Led Training by Deloitte

The core modular training of the CSO Professional Certification & Training Program will be delivered by a team of experts from Deloitte, led by Dr Sarjit Singh, Senior Advisor, Deloitte Enterprise Risk Services. Participants will benefit from world-class insights, practical frameworks, and real-world applications tailored to Asia's sustainability landscape. Dr. Sarjit is an esteemed leader in the accounting and finance sector with over 30 years of experience spanning senior roles at PwC, Aviva, AIA, InCorp Global, and Kreston ACA. He currently serves as Chairman of the Singapore Regional Council of Chartered Accountants ANZ, and holds board positions at the University of the Arts Singapore (UAS). A recipient of multiple national awards including the Public Service Star (Bar) and the SkillsFuture Fellowship, he has conducted ESG and sustainability training for governments, corporations, and institutions across Asia. His delivery blends global standards with regional context, providing participants with practical tools and leadership insights to drive sustainable impact.



Dr. Tan Seng-Chuan

Managing Director, TEMBUSU Asia Consulting
President-Elect, World Federation of Engineering Organizations

Dr. Tan Seng-Chuan is a leading authority in sustainability and environmental consulting with decades of experience across Asia Pacific. He is a Chartered Engineer in Sustainability, Environment & Water, a certified GHG Emission Lead Verifier, GRI Certified Sustainability Professional, and a Senior Practicing Management Consultant (Sustainability). Dr. Tan has held senior leadership roles in major engineering and environmental firms—including CH2MHILL and Ramboll Environ—where he led cross-border initiatives in climate change mitigation, water management, energy systems, and sustainable infrastructure. As founder and Managing Director of TEMBUSU Asia Consulting, he has guided the firm to become a GRI Certified Training Partner and an accredited Verification Body under Singapore's Carbon Pricing Act. His firm is recognized for its impact in advancing ESG excellence and capacity building across the region.



Dr. Shana Yong

Global ESG Strategist
Certified Lead Auditor
Sustainable Finance Specialist
Founder, ESGSOLVE & REGENCAPITOL

Dr. Shana Yong is an award-winning sustainability leader with over 15 years of global experience advancing ESG transformation across finance, tech, and infrastructure. She holds a Ph.D. in Business (Sustainability), an MBA in Marketing, and a BSc in Economics and Management, bridging sustainable innovation with strategic growth. As founder of ESGSOLVE and REGENCAPITOL, Dr. Shana drives AI- and IoT-powered ESG and carbon solutions, helping companies achieve compliance, reach net-zero targets, and access climate finance. Her leadership supports alignment with global standards including ISSB, TCFD, GRI, and SBTi. She serves as Director of Sustainability and Global Sustainability Leader at the UK's Center of Security Research and Studies and ICG, advising on ESG intelligence, climate risk, and sustainable finance. She is also lead ESG consultant to the UN Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), guiding green infrastructure investments in ASEAN. A Certified Financial Planner, ISO 14001 Lead Auditor, and ISO 14064 Carbon Practitioner, Dr. Shana delivers accredited ESG training and advisory for regulators, corporations, and family offices. Her work with Universiti Putra Malaysia and Carbon Registry Thailand advances biodiversity-linked carbon credits and climate resilience. Recognized for connecting capital to climate impact, she continues to shape the future of ESG through innovation, finance, and policy.

Guest Speakers



Dr. Renard Siew
President, MCMA

Dr. Renard Siew is Head of Corporate Sustainability at Yinson, leading the company's climate and sustainability strategy. He has previously driven sustainability initiatives at major public-listed firms including Sime Darby, CIMB, and MRCB, and contributed to research at the Centre for Energy and Environmental Markets (CEEM) on ESG integration, GHG reporting, and sustainable investment. A graduate of Cambridge University and UNSW, he was selected for the PhD Academy at ETH Zurich and recognized by the Emerald Literati Network for research excellence. He is a member of the WEF Expert Network, serves on the Global Future Council on SDG Investment, and was named an SDG Champion - Climate Action by the World Economic Forum. Renard has advised on the UNEP-FI's Collective Commitment on Climate Action, co-chaired national climate risk working groups, and currently serves as President of the Malaysia Carbon Market Association (MCMA).



Ms. Sujatha Sekhar Naik
Chair, MICG

Ms. Sujatha Sekhar Naik is a seasoned legal, governance, and capital markets professional with over 30 years of experience spanning policy, regulatory frameworks, sustainability, and corporate governance. She currently serves as Partner at Messrs Aqran Vijandran and Chair of the Malaysian Institute of Corporate Governance (MICG). She also sits on the boards of Metrod Holdings, Hextar Technologies Solutions, and the Financial Markets Ombudsman Service (FMOS). Previously, she was CEO of the Securities Industry Dispute Resolution Center (SIDREC) and held senior roles at the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC), where she led key corporate governance reforms. Sujatha continues to shape policy through the SC's Corporate Governance Council, the SME Governance Working Group, and the Institute of Internal Auditors Malaysia. She holds an LLB (Hons) from the University of London, is qualified to practice in both the UK and Malaysia, and is also an accredited mediator and trainer.



Dr Ben Ong
Founder and Chairman, MAPAN

Dr. Ben Ong, PhD, is the Founder and Chairman of the Malaysian Association of Public Advocacy for Nature (MAPAN) and a seasoned practitioner with over 30 years' experience in digital supply chain, automation, and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP). He has held senior leadership roles, including General Manager for Malaysia's largest transportation group and board-level positions in leading 3rd party logistics providers, serving prominent clients such as 7-Eleven, Watsons, Etika (Pepsi), Carrefour, Makro, Guinness, ExxonMobil, Shell, and BASF. His expertise spans system integration, cold chain, halal compliance, environmental and quality management systems, HACCP, HSSE, ISO, GMP, and GWP—key pillars of ESG and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Currently, he is focused on applying advanced technologies including IoT, big data, renewable energy, AI, and Industry 4.0 solutions to drive operational efficiency and sustainability.

Certification

Participants who fulfill all program requirements will be awarded the Certified Sustainability Officer (CSO) credential and a certificate of completion.

Optional Recognition: Participants who opt for a fully plant-based meal plan will receive special acknowledgment on their certificates for supporting low-carbon, sustainable diets.

PROGRAM FEES (Subject to 8% SST where applicable)

Participant Origin	Fee Per Pax
Malaysia:	RM12,000
ASEAN Countries:	USD2,850

Notes:

1. The Certified Sustainability Officer (CSO) Program is HRD Corp claimable as per charged under the Professional Certification course category.
2. Eligible Malaysian employers may apply through the HRD Corp SBL-Khas scheme, subject to standard terms and approval.

Fee Includes:

- Daily lunch meals (with optional plant-based meal program)
- Morning and afternoon coffee/refreshments
- Full training materials and certificate issuance

DISCOUNT SCHEMES

- **Early Bird Discount:** 10% off for first 25 participants, and the deadline is **September 15, 2025**, whichever comes first
- **Group Discount:** 5% off for 3 or more participants from the same company
- **Institutional Rate:** 10% off for members of AIS Institutional Program Partners

Registration

To Register:

Please complete the registration form and email it to:

✉ program@sustainabilityinstitute.asia

Local Organizing Partner:



Strategic Partners:



Supporting Organization:





About AIS

The Asia Institute for Sustainability (AIS) is a Singapore-based regional certification and knowledge body advancing sustainability and ESG leadership across Asia. AIS works with industry, government, and academia to develop competency-based programs, standards, and frameworks to build professional and organizational capacity for meaningful sustainability transitions, while fostering cross-border collaboration toward a low-carbon, inclusive, and resilient future.



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