

Environment Business



Sustainability Reporting

Sustainability reporting has a long history going back to environmental reporting when the first environmental reports were published in the late 1980s by companies from the industry sectors having major environmental concerns. At the end of the 1990s more and more companies started to enlarge their environmental reports to include social issues, and the number of reports that now includes social (and sometimes also financial) issues has increased considerably. Sustainability reporting continues to grow as communicating effectively with stakeholders on progress towards economic prosperity, environmental quality and social performance i.e. the triple bottom line, has become a defining characteristic of corporate responsibility. The organizations are recognizing the value of sustainability reporting as a means of improving reputation, while demonstrating to stakeholders a commitment to corporate social responsibility (CSR). The growth of sustainability reporting continues as stakeholders demand for transparency and a more responsible behaviour towards the environmental and societal issues.

The course will begin with a session on overview of the historical development of the concepts of sustainability, background of sustainability reporting and the various sustainability reporting frameworks. The introductory session shall also include a business case on CSR and Sustainability Reporting, the key drivers for reporting and the challenges & benefits of sustainability reporting.

Following this, the course will cover a practical approach for sustainability reporting. The key topics shall include:

- Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability
- Corporate Responsibility: Guiding Principles and Standards
- International initiatives on sustainability
- Sustainability Reporting Guidelines / Global Reporting Initiative
- Stakeholder Inclusiveness and Stakeholder Engagement
- Materiality Assessment / identifying the sustainability issues
- Preparing a Sustainability Report

The course shall include various case studies and group work. The participants are encouraged to familiarise with the basic concepts of

sustainability and go through various sustainability reports of the leading organizations.

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Bio:

With over 17 years of international experience in sustainability, environment, health and safety (EHS/ESG/CSR) and risk management, Dr. Yogendra Chaudhry has executed projects in various countries like Canada, Egypt, India, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, and Thailand and worked throughout Asia. For last 08 years he has done extensive work in the field of Corporate Responsibility, Sustainability Assessments, Sustainability Reporting and Rating of sustainability performance of the organizations. He has over 800 audit days to his credit and has conducted over 300 trainings in various international standards like ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001, ISO 9001, Sustainability Reporting, CSR Assurance etc in different countries. He has extensive experience in management consultancy, management and direction of multi-jurisdictional and multi facility projects addressing corporate governance, environment, business, and compliance risks from an EHS and social perspective. His project proponents included many Fortune 500 companies in a wide range of industries from townships, utilities, oil and gas, real estate, infrastructure, finance and investment, manufacturing, chemical, mining and extractive, and food and beverage. He has proven leadership, management, organizational, interpersonal and human relations skills; sound ability to develop and deliver tactical and strategic business and technical proposals and expert knowledge of Sustainability, OHS, ESG, CSR issues, management, compliance and practical implementation.