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FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP

GETTING STARTED ON SUSTAINABILITY AN INTRO FOR SMES AND BEGINNERS

BACKGROUND

As demands amplify for supply chain participants to enhance and communicate on their sustainability-related practices and impacts, smaller companies and those with limited sustainability experience are facing demands they do not know how to fulfill. This workshop helps participants navigate a series of practical tools and frameworks designed specifically for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and companies with limited expertise on sustainability-related topics to help get started on integrating sustainability into governance, strategy, operations and disclosures.

TRAINING FORMAT

- **Hosted by SSE Partner Exchanges**, inviting their issuer's and the supply chains of their issuers to join the virtual workshop
- **Facilitated by experts** from the UN SSE, with guests from the Ethical Supply Chain Program
- **Delivered online** with interactive activities and direct interaction with expert facilitators
- **Q&A** open throughout the training
- **120 minutes** of live facilitation

PARTICIPANTS

This workshop is relevant for the **leadership and employees of SMEs** or at companies that are just starting to integrate sustainability into business decision-making.

A note to listed companies

Listed companies are encouraged to share this invitation with **all companies in their supply chain**, and encourage wide-spread participation. This will help listed companies be able to collect the information they need to effectively assess sustainability-related risks and opportunities in their supply chain



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CONTENT

The workshop provides participants with practical guidance and tools to understand the drivers of sustainability integration, identify key sustainability-related risks and opportunities, and begin communicating sustainability-related information effectively. The workshop includes live polling, interactive exercises, and a guest presentation from the Ethical Supply Chain Program illustrating what sustainability integration looks like in practice for small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs). The workshop is designed to be accessible to participants with no prior sustainability experience, while remaining relevant and actionable for those already on their journey.

MODULES

MODULE 4: COMMUNICATE

Where and how to communicate sustainability-related information effectively

MODULE 1: PREPARE

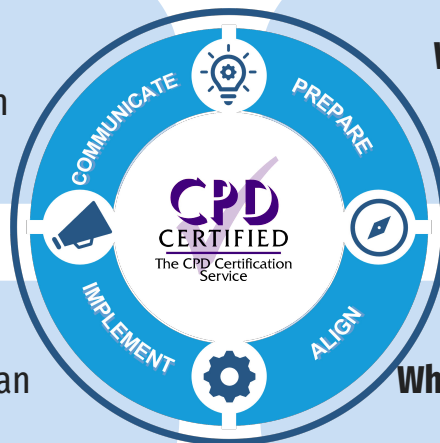
Why sustainability is increasingly relevant for SMEs and all capital market participants

MODULE 3: IMPLEMENT

How sustainability implications can be embedded into business practices and risk management

MODULE 2: ALIGN

What practical steps companies can take to begin integrating sustainability into oversight



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