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# Advancing ESG implementation in renewable energy projects

with a focus on Social Risk Assessment

ESG Module III

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# Introduction

Managing risks and socio-environmental impacts throughout the life cycle of renewable energy projects is a complex challenge that requires a preventative approach involving various stakeholders. Effective representation from all project areas is essential, alongside systematic environmental and social monitoring as best practice.

Companies must balance corporate-level risks and opportunities, integrating financial, safety, engineering, environmental, and social governance. Understanding local communities and their dynamics is crucial for effective management.

This course will equip professionals, community leaders, and business managers with techniques and methodologies for governance and impact management from a preventive and inclusive perspective. It will also address necessary management aspects to ensure project viability and sustainability.

Designed for industry professionals in Nepal's renewable energy sector, this training will combine practical experiences with theoretical knowledge to enhance understanding of ESG and social risk assessment in renewable energy projects, tailored to participant backgrounds.

This third module will provide a technical inspection to show in situ the environmental and social monitoring approach of a hydropower plant, which will be continued with environmental and social monitoring and occupational health and safety practices to give operational continuity to the environmental and social programs.

Just transition to renewable energy isn't possible without good environmental, social and governance practices and access to sustainable finance.

**Let's embark on this journey together to build a more sustainable future.**



# International Centre for Hydropower (ICH)

ICH has focused on developing human capital, providing tools to incorporate new skills, opportunities and knowledge into strategic and operational plans. The practical nature of the courses leads to the integration of knowledge into implementation practices using case studies and experienced industry professionals from the relevant sectors.

ICH training programmes include innovative approaches to the hydropower sector's potential for environmental, social, and economic value creation utilizing the new financial models available. This requires transformation in participants' work environments, adopting new trends, striving for efficiency in its value chain, and being responsive to the needs of the different stakeholders.

**Energy connects us ICH unites us!**

## Norad

Is the Norwegian agency for development cooperation. Norad supports ICH to strive for a greener future in a world without poverty. Norad aims to leave no one behind, aligning with the need for a just transition to renewable energy. By way of knowledge and cooperation, we ensure that the funds of Norwegian development aid contribute to global development.

Together with our partners and on behalf of Norway, Norad strives for a greener future in a world without poverty. Human rights must be respected, and none should be left out. Through knowledge and cooperation, we ensure that Norwegian development aid funds contribute to global development.

## IFC

A member of the World Bank Group — is the largest global development institution focused on the private sector in emerging markets. We work in more than 100 countries, using our capital, expertise, and influence to create markets and opportunities. Our mission is to leverage the power of the private sector to end extreme poverty and boost shared prosperity on a livable planet. IFC's Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) Advisory is delivered through a continuum of engagements to support business priorities and address ESG risks in an integrated manner. We provide advice and guidance to the private sector and governments including extensive capacity building programs. IFC's extensive program in Nepal is focuses on cumulative impacts, policy change, gender in the sector and river basin Management.







## Objectives

- Overview of social risk assessment methodologies.
- Deep dive into ESG factors for sustainable finance.
- Case studies highlighting effective social risk assessment practices in the energy sector.
- Interact with project and community leaders to understand their unique perspectives.



## Course Topics

Social Impact assessment – a review

Social risk assessment frameworks and the energy transition

Understanding environmental and social governance requirements  
Notes from the field Components of projects and social risks

Social and environmental monitoring, KPIs and other indicators

Stakeholder engagement - Stakeholders and disaster risk management

Conflict transformation

Reporting and transparency





## Training Methodology

- ICH and IFC will lead the participants through an active learning journey through interactive sessions, facilitated discussions, case studies, and group activities.
- All topics delivered by experts with real-world project experience or people with lived experiences, sharing ideas and practical advice.
- Self-Reflection: Encourage participants to reflect on personal biases and experiences to validate and promote individual growth.
- Periodic quizzes and assessments to reinforce key concepts.

## Sustainability E- Learning requirement.

Participants who have completed "Advancing ESG II Nepal " will be prioritised. The target group includes finance professionals, sustainability practitioners, environmental and social specialists, and other stakeholders interested in ESG, particularly social risk management.

## Speakers & Trainers

All lecturers and resource persons are well-known specialists within their field, and they have extensive international and regional experience. Attending the courses is an opportunity to discuss current issues related to hydropower and other renewables together with professionals from the region and further afield.



## Target group

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## Applying for the course

Applicants should hold an applicable degree or possess relevant background knowledge. Proficiency in English is compulsory for this course. Applications must be made online via <https://ich.heiapply.com/application>

ICH policies and academic committee require applicants to give a complete description and relevant information about their job position. Please highlight why this training programme will be applicable to your job position.

ICH reserves the right to accept or reject any applicant based on their qualifications and experience.

## COURSE FEE

A limited number of sponsored seats are available for participants from countries prioritized by NORAD (Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation).

Only applications submitted online will be accepted. No applications can be accepted if received after the deadline. All participants will be responsible for their travel costs to Pokhara, Nepal.

**Deadline for registration is the 7th March 2025**

Selected participants, as well as those favored with NORAD sponsored seat, will be notified by 14th March, along with practical information about the course.



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