

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Cooperatives Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Cooperative Societies	Duration	5 Days
Base Fee	\$1,500 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their global relevance.
2. Identify the role of cooperatives in advancing sustainable development.
3. Align cooperative values and operations with SDG targets and indicators.
4. Design SDG-focused cooperative strategies for impact measurement.
5. Promote climate resilience, green economy, and sustainable agriculture through cooperatives.
6. Foster gender equity and inclusive leadership within cooperative governance.
7. Integrate digital innovation and technology for SDG implementation.
8. Explore financial sustainability models linked to SDGs in cooperatives.
9. Strengthen youth engagement in cooperatives for Goal 8 (Decent Work).
10. Build local partnerships and networks for SDG cooperation.
11. Develop policy recommendations for enabling SDG-focused cooperative frameworks.
12. Enhance impact tracking, data collection, and SDG reporting.
13. Share global and local case studies of successful SDG-cooperative alignment.

Target Audiences & Modules

1. Cooperative Leaders & Managers
2. Government Policy Makers
3. NGO & Development Practitioners
4. Youth Cooperative Members
5. Women-led Cooperative Networks
6. Academic Researchers & Trainers
7. Social Entrepreneurs
8. Donors & International Organizations

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to SDGs and Cooperatives

- Overview of the 2030 Agenda
- The cooperative business model
- SDGs relevance to cooperatives
- UN guidelines and cooperative frameworks
- SDG impact metrics
- **Case Study:** The role of Rwandan coffee cooperatives in poverty eradication (SDG 1)

Module 2: Cooperative Governance and SDG Alignment

- Principles of democratic governance
- Embedding SDG priorities into cooperative policies
- Leadership training on SDGs
- Accountability mechanisms
- Ethics and transparency in SDG implementation
- **Case Study:** Mondragon Cooperative's SDG compliance in Spain

Module 3: Gender Equality and Inclusive Development

- SDG 5 and cooperatives
- Empowering women in leadership roles
- Gender mainstreaming strategies
- Inclusive decision-making processes
- Monitoring gender-sensitive indicators
- **Case Study:** Indian dairy women cooperatives and gender empowerment

Module 4: Green Economy and Climate Action

- Understanding SDG 13: Climate Action
- Climate-smart cooperative practices
- Renewable energy in cooperatives
- Sustainable agriculture and SDG 2
- Eco-certifications and compliance
- **Case Study:** Kenyan solar cooperatives supporting clean energy

Module 5: Digital Innovation and Cooperative Growth

- SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
- Leveraging technology for impact
- Mobile banking for rural cooperatives
- E-learning platforms for SDG training
- Data tools for SDG tracking
- **Case Study:** Blockchain in cocoa cooperatives in Ghana

Module 6: Financial Sustainability and Cooperative Economics

- Business planning with SDG goals
- SDG-related funding and grants
- Value chain financing
- Microfinance and SDG 8: Decent Work
- Social return on investment (SROI)
- **Case Study:** Credit unions and sustainable development in the Philippines

Module 7: Youth Engagement and SDG Leadership

- SDG 4 & 8: Education and decent jobs
- Youth-led cooperatives
- Capacity-building programs
- Youth policy development
- SDG ambassador initiatives
- **Case Study:** Uganda's Youth Agribusiness Cooperatives

Module 8: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Impact Reporting

- SDG targets and indicators
- Impact reporting frameworks (e.g., GRI, IRIS)
- Baseline and outcome mapping
- Participatory M&E methods
- Data visualization tools
- **Case Study:** Cooperative data tracking model in Colombia for SDG reporting

Training Methodology

- Interactive lectures using multimedia presentations
- Group discussions and participatory activities

- Practical exercises and SDG-aligned simulations
- Case study analysis and cooperative best practice sharing
- Action planning workshops tailored to local cooperative contexts
- Pre-and post-training evaluations and feedback sessions

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

- The participant must be conversant with English.
- Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate
- Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.
- The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.
- One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	\$1,000
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$1,500
21 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Physical	\$0
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