



**International Institute
for Sustainable Finance**

ENTERPRISE SOLUTIONS

Sustainable Finance Capability for Institutions

A Guide for Sponsoring Institutions

The CSFP Charter, short courses, and custom programmes

For banks, investors, development institutions, and financial authorities

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Overview

Commitments on climate, transition, and sustainable lending are met by people who can price the risk, structure the instruments, and judge the claims.

The International Institute for Sustainable Finance (IISF) is a professional body. It sets a published standard of competence for sustainable finance and transition capital, examines candidates against that standard, and awards the Chartered Sustainable Finance Professional (CSFP) designation.

Enterprise Solutions applies that standard across an institution. A sponsor may put its specialists forward for the designation, enrol whole departments in short courses, or commission a programme designed around its own mandate. Each engagement is set out in a written proposal and managed by the IISF Secretariat.

Three solutions

SOLUTION 01

The CSFP Charter for Teams

Sponsor staff for the Institute's professional designation.

Examined • Two levels

SOLUTION 02

Short Courses for Teams

Give a department a common, assessed grounding in one subject.

Self-paced • About 20 hours a course

SOLUTION 03

Custom Programmes

Commission live teaching built around your own mandate.

Faculty-led • Online or on site

Who the solutions serve

Institution	Typical participants
Commercial and investment banks	Credit, risk, corporate banking, project finance, and treasury
Asset managers, asset owners, and insurers	Investment, stewardship, underwriting, and risk
Development finance institutions and multilateral organisations	Investment officers, safeguards specialists, and programme staff
Central banks, regulators, and finance ministries	Supervision, financial stability, and policy units
Corporations	Finance, treasury, strategy, sustainability, and procurement
Professional services firms	Advisory, assurance, and legal teams

SOLUTION 01

The CSFP Charter for Teams

The Institute's professional designation, earned by examination, for the staff an institution chooses to sponsor.

The CSFP is earned at two levels. Level I establishes the knowledge base of the profession. Level II examines its application to transactions, portfolios, institutions, and public policy, and ends with a capstone strategy paper defended before an assessment panel.

Sponsored candidates follow the same syllabus and sit the same examinations as every other candidate. The standard is not varied for any sponsor, and that is the source of the designation's value to an employer.

The two levels

LEVEL I

Foundations of Sustainable Finance

8 domains and 88 learning outcomes. A proctored, computer-based examination of 100 multiple-choice questions.

Award: IISF Certificate in Foundations of Sustainable Finance

LEVEL II

Advanced Applications and Strategic Integration

8 domains and 89 learning outcomes. A proctored written examination built on case studies, then a capstone strategy paper and oral defence.

Award: the CSFP designation

At a glance

Suited to	Specialists in credit, risk, investment, treasury, and sustainability who need a recognised professional standard.
Syllabus	16 domains and 177 learning outcomes, published in full.
Study materials	Learning materials and reference readings in the Candidate Portal.
Attempts and time	Two attempts at each level are included. The charter is completed within two years of first registration.
Award	The CSFP designation, on passing Level II, completing the capstone, and accepting the IISF Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct.
Eligibility	A bachelor's degree in any discipline. No minimum work experience.
Intake	Next intake: January 2027. Registration closes on 15 December 2026.
Minimum group	Ten candidates.

SOLUTION 01

What the CSFP Examines

The syllabus has sixteen domains, eight at each level. Each domain carries a stated weight in its examination, and every learning outcome is published.

Level I: Foundations of Sustainable Finance	Level II: Advanced Applications and Strategic Integration
I.1 Ethics and Professional Standards	II.1 Ethics and Professional Judgement in Practice
I.2 Finance Essentials: Instruments, Valuation, Credit, and Risk	II.2 Climate Risk Measurement, Scenario Analysis, and Stress Testing
I.3 Sustainability Economics, Climate Science, and Social Foundations	II.3 Carbon Markets and Carbon Pricing
I.4 Policy, Regulation, and Taxonomies	II.4 Transition Finance, Industrial Decarbonisation, and Just Transition
I.5 Sustainability Data, Disclosure, and Materiality	II.5 Project and Infrastructure Finance: Structuring and Modelling
I.6 Sustainable Debt and Transition Capital Instruments	II.6 Blended, Development, and Sovereign Finance in Emerging Markets
I.7 Corporate Governance, Stewardship, and Sustainable Investment	II.7 Nature, Adaptation, and Resilience Finance
I.8 Climate and Nature Risk Fundamentals	II.8 Impact Measurement, Assurance, and Integrity

Domain weights and all 177 learning outcomes are set out in the CSFP Syllabus and Learning Outcomes, 2026 Edition.

Of particular value to a sponsor

Staged recognition	Level I leads to a certificate in its own right, so a sponsor sees an examined result at the first stage.
Capstone on the institution	With the sponsor's consent, a candidate may write the capstone strategy paper on the sponsoring institution.
Emerging-market cases	At Level II, at least one third of case material is set in emerging and developing economies.
Group profile	After each examination the sponsor receives its group's results by syllabus domain.

SOLUTION 02

Short Courses for Teams

Six self-paced courses that give a department a common, assessed grounding in one subject.

Each course teaches one subject in about 20 hours, through recorded lessons on the IISF learning platform. Participants study at their own pace and begin on a date agreed with the sponsor. Every module names the standards it teaches, and each course has a published syllabus.

The six courses

Course	Title	Suited to
Course 1	Foundations of Sustainability	All staff, for induction and general literacy
Course 2	Sustainable Business Models	Strategy, corporate banking, and advisory teams
Course 3	Sustainable Supply Chains	Procurement, trade finance, and compliance teams
Course 4	Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems	Agricultural lending, commodity, and rural finance teams
Course 5	Renewable Energy and Green Infrastructure	Project finance, infrastructure, and energy teams
Course 6	Impact Investing	Investment, development finance, and foundation teams

At a glance

Format	Self-paced and online. Recorded lessons on the IISF learning platform.
Study time	About 20 hours a course, in 8 modules and 40 lessons.
Start	On any date agreed with the sponsor. There are no fixed start dates.
Access	12 months from enrolment.
Assessment	A quiz in every module, then a final quiz.
Award	IISF Certificate of Completion for each course.
All six courses	IISF Executive Certificate in Sustainability and Sustainable Finance.
Relation to the CSFP	No exemption from the CSFP examinations. Useful preparation for Level I.
Minimum group	Ten participants.

SOLUTION 03

Custom Programmes

Live teaching by IISF faculty, designed for one institution and built around its mandate, its portfolio, and its markets.

A custom programme begins with the institution's own question: a new lending policy, a supervisory expectation, a portfolio exposed to transition, a board that must decide. IISF designs the content with the sponsor, draws its cases from the sponsor's sector and markets, and delivers the programme online or at the sponsor's premises.

Formats

Format	Length	Suited to
Board and executive briefing	Half a day	Boards, executive committees, and senior officials
Technical workshop	One to three days	Credit, risk, investment, and supervisory teams
Extended programme	Weekly sessions over four to eight weeks	Departments building a new capability

Subject areas

01 Climate and nature risk in credit decisions	06 Sustainability data, disclosure, and assurance
02 Scenario analysis and stress testing	07 Blended finance in emerging markets
03 Transition finance and sustainable debt	08 Impact measurement and integrity of claims
04 Renewable energy and infrastructure finance	09 Supervision of climate-related financial risk
05 Carbon markets and carbon pricing	10 Ethics and professional conduct

At a glance

Delivery	Live and faculty-led. Online, on site, or a combination of the two.
Design	Content is agreed with the sponsor in a written programme outline.
Participants	Group size and dates are agreed in the proposal.
Award	IISF Certificate of Participation.

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Choosing a Solution

The three solutions answer different needs. The table sets them side by side.

	CSFP Charter for Teams	Short Courses for Teams	Custom Programmes
Purpose	A professional designation	A grounding in one subject	Teaching built around one institution
Participants	Specialists	Departments and new joiners	Boards, committees, and teams
Delivery	Self-study, with proctored examinations	Self-paced recorded lessons	Live and faculty-led, online or on site
Length	Two levels, within two years	About 20 hours a course	Half a day to eight weeks
Assessment	Examinations and a capstone	Module quizzes and a final quiz	By agreement
Award	The CSFP designation	Certificate of Completion. Executive Certificate for all six.	Certificate of Participation
Start	By intake. Next: January 2027.	Any date agreed with the sponsor	Dates agreed with the sponsor
Minimum group	Ten candidates	Ten participants	Agreed in the proposal
Published fee	USD 1,500 for the full charter	USD 200 a course. USD 1,000 for all six.	Set out in the proposal

Published fees are those for individual candidates and participants. Group terms are set out in the proposal.

Combining the solutions

The solutions may be combined in one engagement. An institution may, for example, brief its board, sponsor its specialists for the designation, and enrol its wider staff in a short course.

For	Solution	Result
Board and executive committee	Custom briefing	A shared view of the risks and of the decisions they require
Specialist functions	The CSFP Charter	Staff who hold the professional designation
Wider staff	Short courses	A common vocabulary across the institution

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How an Engagement Works

Every engagement follows the same five stages, from first enquiry to closing report.

Stage	What happens
01 Enquiry	The institution writes to the Secretariat with its objective, the functions concerned, the number of participants, and its timetable.
02 Scoping	IISF and the sponsor agree the need, the solution or combination of solutions, and the measures of completion.
03 Proposal	IISF sets out the programme, the participants, the timetable, the fees, and the terms in a written proposal.
04 Agreement and enrolment	One agreement covers the engagement. IISF enrolls the participants as a group from a list supplied by the sponsor.
05 Delivery and reporting	Participants study, attend, and are assessed. The sponsor receives reports throughout and a closing report at the end.

What the sponsoring institution receives

One agreement	A single agreement and a single invoice for the engagement, raised against the sponsor's purchase order.
Named contact	One member of the IISF Secretariat responsible for the engagement from enrolment to closing report.
Group enrolment	Participants are enrolled by IISF from the sponsor's list, and none pays individually.
Progress reports	A monthly report on each participant: enrolment, modules completed, and quizzes passed.
Results	Results after each examination and on completion of each course, with a group profile by syllabus domain.
Closing report	A summary of participation, completion, results, and awards across the engagement.
Verification	Every award carries a reference that can be checked online.
Consent and data	Participants consent at enrolment to the release of progress and results to the sponsor. Examination papers and individual responses are not released.

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Standards and Governance

An institution that sponsors its staff relies on the standard behind the award. Four features protect it.

One standard	Sponsored candidates sit the same examinations, to the same pass standard, as individual candidates.
Published syllabi	The CSFP syllabus and the six course syllabi are published in full, with their learning outcomes.
A code of conduct	Every Charterholder accepts the IISF Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct.
Board oversight	The Standards & Advisory Board advises on the syllabus and on the standard of assessment.

Standards & Advisory Board

The Board has fourteen members. They bring experience from the institutions below.

World Bank	International Finance Corporation (IFC)	African Development Bank (AfDB)
Asian Development Bank	United Nations	UN Environment
UN SDSN	Standard Chartered Bank	Security Bank Corporation
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH	ERM	

Documents a sponsor may review

Document	Contents
CSFP Syllabus and Learning Outcomes, 2026 Edition	16 domains and 177 learning outcomes at two levels
Short course syllabi, 2026 Edition	Six documents, one for each course, each with 8 modules and 40 lessons

Both are published at www.sustainablefinance.in.

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Terms and Enquiries

Terms

Minimum group	Ten participants for the CSFP Charter and for the short courses. Custom programmes are designed for a single institution.
Fees	Set out in the written proposal, in US dollars.
Invoicing	One invoice for the engagement, raised against the sponsor's purchase order.
Delivery	Online worldwide. Custom programmes are also delivered at the sponsor's premises.

Request a proposal

To request a proposal, write to the Secretariat at the address below. A first message need only state four things.

Institution	Its name, country, and the function making the enquiry.
Solution	The CSFP Charter, the short courses, a custom programme, or a combination.
Participants	The approximate number and their roles.
Timetable	The date by which the institution wishes to begin.

Enquiries	office@sustainablefinance.in
Website	www.sustainablefinance.in

About IISF

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