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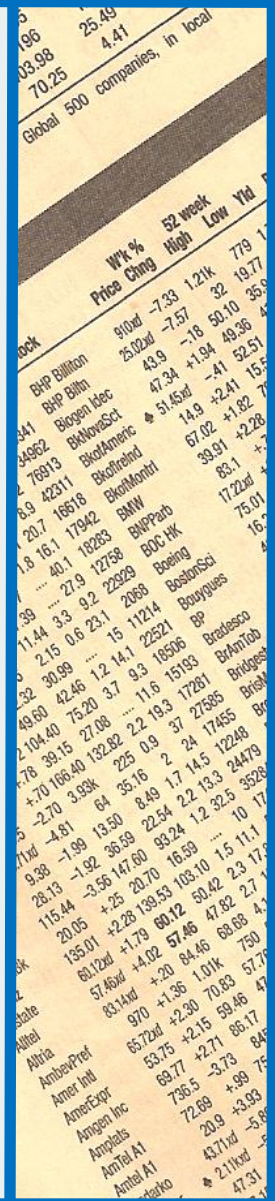
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Mehrdad has over 20 years of experience in environmental, social and corporate responsibility risk assessment, due diligence and management.

Mehrdad was previously Principal Environmental Specialist at the European Bank (EBRD), focused on an investment portfolio exceeding \$2 billion; CSR Research Director at Core-Ratings (now Innovest/DNV), advising asset managers; and Project Manager with Dames & Moore (now URS).

Mehrdad studied geosciences and business administration in Germany, USA (Fulbright) and UK. He is a member of IAIA, is a GRI-approved sustainability reporting trainer, and licensed AA1000 assurance provider.

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IFC Performance Standards & Equator Principles: Ensuring Bankability



This short course (typically 1-2 days) is tailored to extractive and capital project developers, their advisors and financiers that need to meet the Equator Principles, IFC Performance Standards and environmental and social requirements of Export Credit Agencies, Commercial, Bilateral and Multilateral Financial Institutions (including IFC and EBRD). The course highlights application and implication of these standards, including recent updates, how and where they have raised the bar for the development of 'bankable' impact assessments. Since 2007, this continuously updated course has been successfully delivered 15 times in Canada, China, Panama, Peru, UK and Venezuela. After this course, participants will know:

- Genesis, context and application of standards
- Transitioning EIA to bankable ESIA/SEA (for EP-FI)
- Social, resettlement & consultation requirements
- Applying offset solutions to address biodiversity concerns
- Due diligence process and role of Independent Engineer

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The prevalence of sustainability reporting is growing and has converged around the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), the world's most widely used framework. Prizma, an Organizational Stakeholder of GRI and a licensed AA1000

Assurance Provider, developed the first GRI-certified training initiative in North America and successfully co-delivered over a dozen courses across Canada and the USA. GRI-certified courses in the US are delivered jointly with the ISOS Group, a GRI-certified Training Partner.

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- Discover the full potential of the GRI G3 Framework
- Earn a recognized and valuable credential
- Join the exclusive community of GRI certified professionals

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Bill's career spans over 30 years. He is currently an ESIA advisor to the Millennium

Challenge Corp. supporting environmental due diligence and public consultation on industrial, agricultural and transport projects in Morocco, Mali and Burkina Faso. Previously, Dr. Kennedy was the Executive Director of the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (Canada). Prior to that, Bill was the Head of the Environmental Policy and Strategy Unit of the European Bank (UK), spearheading the development of the Bank's Environmental Policy & Strategy, appraising and monitoring of private and public sector operations, and secured new funding sources for the Bank's environmental activities, including the Global Environment Facility. Bill is an Adjunct Professor, Political Science Department, Concordia Univ., Montreal. He also held other senior posts with the Dutch Ministries of Environment and Foreign Affairs, the OECD and the UN Environment Program.

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Registrants unable to attend are encouraged to contact us and designate a substitute or transfer to the next scheduled course. A refund less \$75 processing fees/person will be provided for cancellations received at least 15 business days prior to the course. We reserve the right to modify the programs. We also reserve the right to cancel the course and will notify registrants 10 business days prior to cancellation and provide a full refund. We accept no responsibility for non-refundable expenses, including those incurred for travel and accommodation.

About Prizma



Prizma assists organizations and capital project developers to make their operations more bankable, credible & sustainable. Our team develops and trouble shoots bankable Environmental & Social Impact Assessments and CSR programs. We also provide bespoke sustainability reporting, assurance services. Our activities help organizations ensure and showcase conformance with the Equator Principles, the IFC Performance Standards, the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) and the AA000 Assurance Standard. For further information, please contact us and request references and visit www.prizmasolutions.com for further details.

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Selected Testimonials

"This was the perfect course to take as our company embarks on its first CSR report. GRI was presented in a non-intimidating manner. Overall fantastic!"

"The course exceeded my expectations. I particularly liked that you provided a balanced viewpoint on a lot of the items."

"Great job - I had several discussions about the course already today, and we are eager to start implementing."

"I enjoyed very much the group discussions and the various perspectives—from investors, accountants, environmental consultants etc"

"Would be worth the money just for the round table discussion. The course leaders did a great job."

"[Mehrdad] spoke at a conference I helped organize and I took his IFC Performance Standards and Equator Principles course. I was very impressed at his in depth knowledge and the clarity of how he educated his audience on complex sustainability topics. Mehrdad is truly a global authority in his areas of expertise."