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Introduction

The Strategic Oversight of Development Finance Institutions course is a specialized one-week executive program designed for senior regulators and supervisors responsible for overseeing Development Finance Institutions. Given the critical role DFIs play in financing infrastructure, industrial development, exports, small and medium enterprises, and long-term economic growth, effective supervisory oversight is essential to ensure financial stability, sound governance, and sustainable developmental impact.

This course focuses on the regulatory and supervisory perspective rather than operational banking practices. It equips participants with the frameworks, analytical tools, and insights required to supervise development banks, assess long-term credit and portfolio risks, evaluate developmental impact, and strengthen governance and accountability mechanisms.

The program integrates international best practices, regulatory standards, and practical case studies relevant to institutions such as development banks, export-import banks, and industrial finance institutions.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand the mandate, structure, and business models of development finance institutions.
- Apply supervisory frameworks tailored to development finance banks.
- Assess long-term credit, project, and portfolio risks in DFIs.
- Evaluate asset quality, concentration risk, and portfolio performance.
- Supervise governance, accountability, and internal control structures.
- Monitor and assess developmental impact and policy alignment.
- Strengthen regulatory oversight in line with financial stability objectives.
- Apply data analytics and early warning indicators from a supervisory perspective.

Course Outlines

The course is delivered over five structured training days, with each day addressing a key dimension of supervisory oversight.



Day One: Development Finance Institutions and Supervisory Frameworks

- Overview of Development Finance Institutions and their economic role.
- Differences between DFIs, commercial banks, and microfinance institutions.
- Regulatory mandates and supervisory responsibilities for DFIs.
- Business models and funding structures of development banks.
- Key risks inherent in development finance activities.
- International best practices in DFI supervision.

Day Two: Credit Risk and Portfolio Supervision in Development Finance

- Characteristics of long-term and project-based financing.
- Supervisory assessment of credit appraisal and approval frameworks.
- Portfolio segmentation and concentration risk analysis.
- Monitoring asset quality, delinquency, and restructuring.
- Non-performing loans in Development Finance Institutions.
- Supervisory review of provisioning and impairment practices.

Day Three: Risk Management and Financial Stability Considerations

- Long-term credit risk and maturity mismatch risks.
- Project finance and infrastructure risk supervision.
- Environmental, social, and governance risk oversight.
- Stress testing and scenario analysis for DFIs.
- Early warning indicators and supervisory monitoring tools.
- Role of DFIs in maintaining financial system stability.

Day Four: Governance, Accountability, and Compliance Oversight

- Corporate governance frameworks in development finance institutions.
- Roles and responsibilities of boards and senior management.
- Internal controls, audit, and compliance supervision.
- Transparency, disclosure, and accountability standards.
- Supervisory responses to governance weaknesses.
- Managing political, reputational, and operational risks.

Day Five: Development Impact Monitoring and Data-Driven Supervision

- Measuring and supervising developmental impact and policy outcomes.
- Key performance indicators for development finance objectives.
- Supervisory review of impact reporting and evaluation frameworks.
- Use of data analytics and technology in supervisory oversight.
- Emerging use of artificial intelligence and early warning systems from a regulatory perspective.
- Case studies in effective DFI supervision.
- Final review and key supervisory success factors.



Why Attend This Course? Wins & Losses!

- Strengthen supervisory oversight of Development Finance Institutions.
- Enhance understanding of long-term credit and portfolio risks.
- Improve governance and accountability supervision.
- Align DFI oversight with financial stability and policy objectives.
- Gain exposure to international best practices in DFI regulation.
- Build confidence in supervising complex and specialized financial institutions.

Conclusion

The Strategic Oversight of Development Finance Institutions course provides a comprehensive and structured approach to supervising development banks and other specialized financial institutions. Over one week, participants gain regulatory insight, analytical tools, and supervisory frameworks necessary to ensure DFIs operate safely, transparently, and in alignment with national development objectives.

This program is ideal for senior officials and supervisors seeking to strengthen regulatory oversight, safeguard financial stability, and enhance the effectiveness and developmental impact of Development Finance Institutions within the financial system.

