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PROGRAMME BROCHURE 2026

# Certificate Programme in Corporate Climate Leadership

*Leading India's Net-Zero Journey through Corporate  
Climate Action for Viksit Bharat @2047*

3

MONTHS  
DURATION

9

CORE  
MODULES

Online

2-DAY HANDS-ON  
SESSION WITHIN 3  
MONTHS.

In focus

SENIOR  
LEADERSHIP

13 CLIMATE  
ACTION



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Foundation Batch Registration Starts  
In **September 2026**

## Context

Climate change is reshaping the global economy and exposing business to physical, transition and regulatory risk. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's **Sixth Assessment Report** cycle, has established that warming is human induced and that South Asia faces intensifying heat extremes, erratic monsoon behaviour and rising sea levels. It warns the world has reached 1.1°C, with the 1.5°C threshold expected in the early 2030s.

India's Updated Nationally Determined Contribution. It has recently updated its climate goal for 2031-2025 as the target period. will require an estimated \$2.5 trillion between 2015 and 2030, linking corporate climate leadership directly to national growth and resilience. Heat stress is projected to cause global productivity losses equivalent to 80 million full-time jobs by 2030, while rising temperatures could cost India 2.8 per cent of GDP by 2050.

### *India's updated NDC (2031-35)*

- *Reduce emissions intensity of GDP by 47% from 2005 levels by 2035*
- *Achieve 60% cumulative installed electric power capacity from non-fossil fuel energy sources by 2035*
- *Create a carbon sink of 3.5– 4.0 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent through forest and tree cover by 2035*

## ESG, Sustainability and Climate Landscape

Climate change has moved from the periphery of corporate risk to its very centre. Boards that fail to embed climate considerations into governance structures face regulatory challenges. Boards and key managerial personnel determine transition planning, disclosure quality and resilience investment. Climate competence at the leadership level is therefore a governance requirement and not a technical one.

**National Guidelines for Responsible Business Conduct** established nine principles for responsible environmental stewardship across corporate governance frameworks. BRSR (Business Responsibility and social reporting) operationalizes NGRBC turning responsible business principles into measurable corporate disclosures

**India's Carbon Credit Trading Scheme** introduces compliance and strategic obligations for corporates operating in regulated sectors. CCTS has officially transitioned into its operational rollout, moving forward through tightly sequenced implementation phases and expected go live in october, 2026. Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) acts as a tariff on carbon-intensive goods entering the EU is significant as it directly impacts the competitiveness of exports such as steel, aluminium, cement, and fertilisers, with costs added based on the embedded emissions during production.

**International Sustainability Standards Board** creates a global, investor-grade baseline that eliminates greenwashing by standardizing how companies report sustainability risks. It has high interoperability with India's BRSR. However, Scope 3 emissions reporting is acutely low.

The programme is designed for board members, independent directors, senior executives and researchers responsible for climate, sustainability and ESG strategy. It builds working knowledge of climate risk, climate finance, GHG accounting, carbon pricing, climate modelling and climate action, preparing participants to align corporate strategy with India's net zero commitment for 2070.

## Structure & Delivery

|                     |                                                                                                            |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Duration            | 3 months (12 weeks)                                                                                        |
| Delivery Mode       | Hybrid —Online programme, with two days of experiential In-person Session                                  |
| Programme Structure | 9 thematic modules + board simulations + capstone project                                                  |
| Target Audience     | Board Members, Independent Directors, Key Managerial Personnel, Senior Executives, Academicians & Scholars |
| Field Visit         | Field visit for Carbon sequestration, which will give hands-on experience                                  |
| Certification       | Certificate in Corporate Climate Leadership, issued by IICA                                                |

## What Participants Will Achieve

|    | Objective               | Description                                                                                                                                         |
|----|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 01 | Risk Assessment         | Equip board members and executives to integrate climate considerations into corporate governance, board charters, and risk frameworks.              |
| 02 | Regulatory Preparedness | Build a comprehensive understanding of Indian and global climate regulations and disclosure standards for proactive compliance.                     |
| 03 | Strategic Leadership    | Enable participants to set credible net-zero targets, govern the decarbonisation transition, and link executive accountability climate performance. |
| 04 | Fiduciary Competence    | Strengthen understanding of legal duties, climate litigation risks, and directors' responsibilities under the Companies Act and global precedents.  |
| 05 |                         |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 06 | Stakeholder Engagement  | Develop skills to engage investors, ESG rating agencies, regulators, and civil society with transparency and confidence.                            |

## Key Learning Areas

A structured journey from global climate imperatives to board-level action.



## Who Should Attend

This programme is designed for senior leaders who shape governance decisions and corporate strategy. particularly suited for:

| Participant Category                                  | Profile                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Board Members &amp; Directors</b>                  | Executive and non-executive directors, including current and aspiring Independent Directors seeking to enhance their climate governance competencies. |
| <b>Key Managerial Personnel (KMP)</b>                 | CEOs, CFOs, COOs, Company Secretaries, and Chief Sustainability Officers responsible for climate strategy and disclosure.                             |
| <b>Senior Executives &amp; Functional Heads</b>       | Heads of risk, finance, legal, operations, and investor relations who inform and support board-level climate governance.                              |
| <b>Academicsians &amp; Researchers, Professionals</b> | Faculty, scholars, and policy researchers working at the intersection of corporate governance, sustainability, and climate policy.                    |

## By completing the programme, participants will be able to

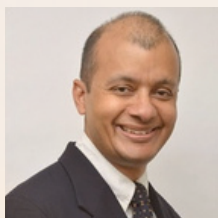
- Oversee climate risk management as a boardroom priority.
- Guide the transition to net-zero with clear strategy and accountability.
- Manage climate finance and ensure fiduciary responsibility in funding decisions.
- Use carbon markets and internal pricing as strategic tools for business.
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- Apply climate modelling for scenario planning and energy demand forecasting.

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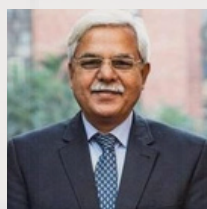
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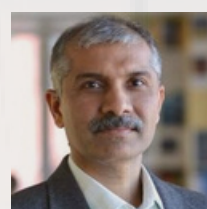
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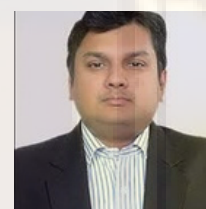
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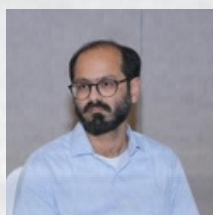
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## Programme Rollout

| Phase          | Weeks 1–2             | Weeks 3–5                            | Week 6             | Month 2                         | Month 3       |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Key Activities | Introductory Sessions | Interactive Sessions & Masterclasses | Technical Sessions | In-Person Session & Assessments | Certification |

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