

Sustainability Reporting and National Sustainability Reporting Framework for Company Secretaries in Malaysia

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Introduction

Responsible Corporates are known to be compliant with Governance requirements. One of the aspects of Governance that is critical now is Sustainability. As Company Secretary practitioners, it is imperative to understand best practices in sustainability and ESG, whilst, becoming adequately equipped in Sustainability reporting requirements of Bursa Malaysia as well as the recently introduced National Sustainability Reporting Framework.

Corporates world over are talking about company's risk against climate change and ESG matters. There are various international standards emerging in this domain- UN PRI's ESG due diligence, Net Zero Framework for Transition Financing, TCFD, TNFD, TISFD, IFRS S1 and S2, UN SDGs and the list goes on.

Bursa Malaysia, Capital Markets Malaysia, Securities Commission Malaysia have all introduced frameworks for companies to report on sustainability. As a practicing Company Secretary- one should understand those ESG terminologies and how it should be applied in regulatory reports.

There are several latest trends related to business- supply chain disruption, critical raw material, new laws on Human Rights, Supply Chain, Renewables, Circularity and the UN Plastic Treaty, ESG Assurance and Internal Controls. As a Company Secretary who supports Board- cognizance of these trends is key.

To manage queries as well as to keep updated on the requirements of regulators, investors and other stakeholders, Company Secretarial practitioners must equip yourselves with ESG management techniques. ESG knowledge applies according to the sector variance in business risk, benchmarking and other opportunities.

Another common Boardroom discussion is ESG investments, Investor due diligence and effective ESG transparency for investor relations. Companies that commit towards Net Zero Transitions attract Investments and Financing from various institutional investors and banks. Transparent disclosures on ESG Performance and milestones in mitigating ESG Risks piques interest of investors. Therefore, investor relation activities must take into consideration ESG performance disclosure accuracy and consistency. This is monitored through Board minutes and resolutions.

This webinar will provide principles and applied knowledge of ESG to Company Secretary practitioners.

Course objectives

- a) To understand local regulations affecting businesses who are new to ESG
- b) To gain comprehensive knowledge about ESG.
- c) To assess if your business has addressed all the relevant ESG matters.
- d) To understand ESG strategies that works and which won't.

Who should attend

COSECs and Board members

About the trainer: Ms Sunita Devi Appukuttan ESG & GHG Specialist

Sunita is a Certified Sustainability Reporting Specialist (SMY141801007). She reviews close to 100 over sustainability reports of PLCs annually from ASEAN stock exchanges for their ESG and GHG Performance, Roadmap, and GHG Inventory Management, to provide recommendations to Board of Directors. Sunita is also a Certified Sustainability Reporting Assurance (A172307011) service provider, who evaluates the integrity and resilience capacity of the company's ESG maturity and data to ascertain if the management is adequately equipped in achieving ESG GHG milestones. Certified by University of Oxford in Law & Sustainability, Sunita offers accurate assessments of Board's ESG and GHG strategies to steer clear from reputational risk and avoid all forms of greenwashing. Sunita acquired a Master's degree in Knowledge Management enabling her to extend dashboard tools to support ESG & GHG Performance tracking. Investors, regulatory stakeholders mandate dashboard reporting for validating ESG Performance, GHG Inventory and compliance to SBTi targets.

Course outline

SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING IN ASIA

- i. Find out how financial institutions around the globe highlight sustainability
- ii. What are sustainability reporting standards and framework?
- iii. Understand Bursa Malaysia's guidelines for sustainability reporting.
- iv. Compare voluntary and mandatory disclosure requirements

SUSTAINABILITY REPORT COMPONENTS

- i. What are sustainability standards and which are investor benchmarks?
- ii. Overview of your company's Sustainability Report content and quality as per FTSE 4 Good guidelines.
- iii. Check for level of transparency in ESG disclosures.

UNDERSTAND SUSTAINABILITY RISK, IMPACT & OPPORTUNITIES

- i. From the evolution of CSR to Sustainability Report, decipher how to determine risk, impact and opportunities.
- ii. What is the difference between CSR and CSV?
- iii. What are significant dataset to measure sustainability Risk, Impact and Opportunities?

RECOGNITION FOR SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING

- i. Identify awards to gain recognition for your sustainability reporting
- ii. Promote sustainability milestones during investor engagements
- iii. Learn what is a strong/ weak ESG disclosure for attracting investors/ bankers

GRI Standards by economic sectors

- i. Foundation in GRI Standards
- ii. Understand ESG series of standards, definitions and application
- iii. Identify the ESG of a business according to sectors.
- iv. Relate GRI standards to Climate, Net Zero and UN SDGs

ESG Due Diligence

- I. How to determine accuracy for ESG Materiality of a business?
- II. How to determine company's risk profile according to international benchmarks?
- III. What is a suitable Action Plan for any ESG Due Diligence - business/ operations/supply chain/ vendor management, etc

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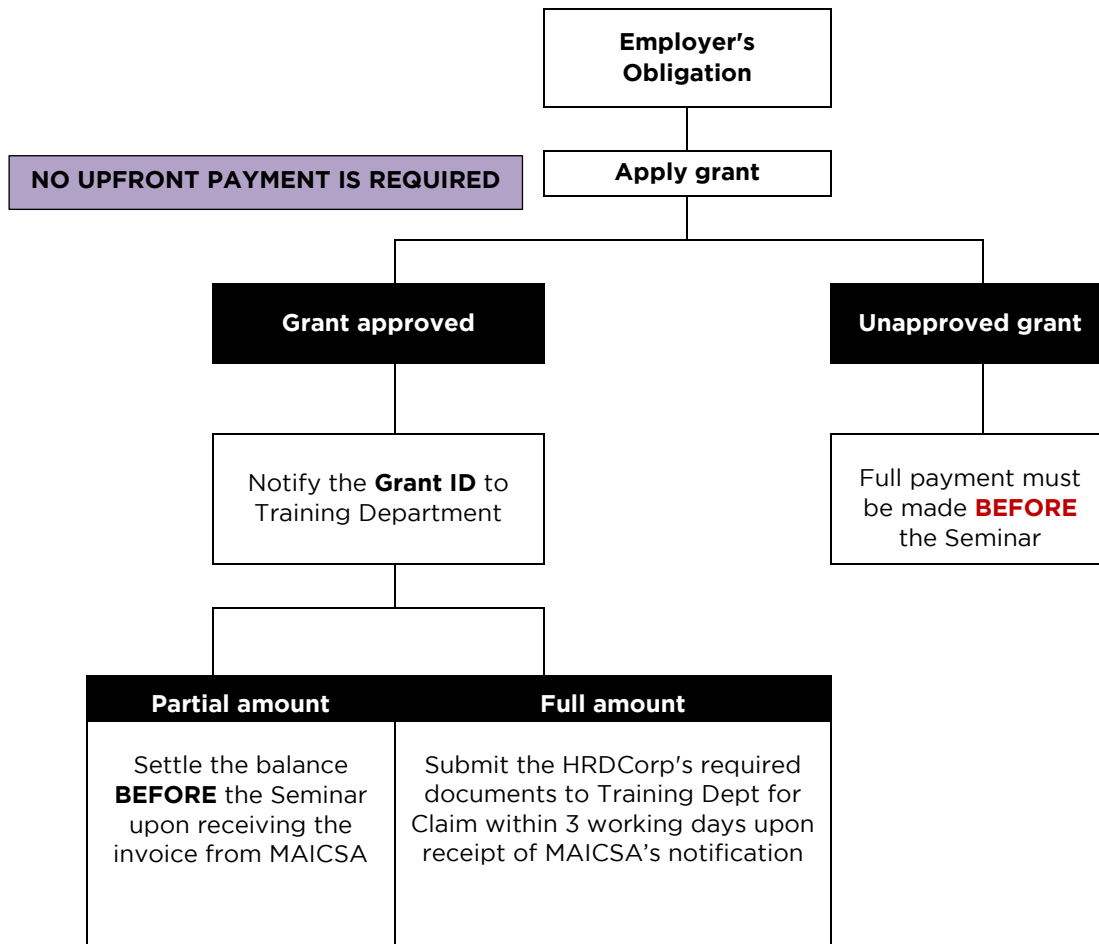
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