

The Regional Centre of Excellence ('RCE') of the Financial Services Commission, Mauritius ('FSC') in collaboration with the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Society Mauritius, will host a hybrid workshop on **“Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) Shaping the Future – Challenges and Opportunities” on 27 April 2023 at 13.00-16.00 hrs (Mauritius Time) at the Regional Centre of Excellence, 7th floor, Nex tower, Rue du Savoir, Cybercity, Ebene, Mauritius.**

Overview of the workshop

ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) is a framework that helps stakeholders to understand how an organisation can manage risks and seize opportunities related to environmental, social and governance criteria.

Our world is facing numerous global challenges such as climate change, transitioning from linear economy to a circular one, increasing inequality and balancing economic needs with societal needs. Nowadays, investors are incorporating ESG factors into their investment decision making process and a demand for ESG Funds/Exchange Traded Fund/Equities with strong ESG score have increased significantly.

Therefore, the workshop will delve into the ESG/ Framework and will be divided into two (2) sessions as follows:

Session 1 will cover the basics and principles of the ESG Framework.

The focus will explicitly be on the 3 pillars of ESG and how these three pillars can be studied, analyse and put into necessary practices by an organisation and investors to achieve the best results. The different ESG Investing approaches will also be explored. The pros and cons of the ESG Framework will be illustrated accordingly.

Session 2 of the workshop will lay emphasis on putting ESG INTO ACTION. Local and international speakers will unfold case studies and, concrete reports will be put forward regarding companies that have studied the importance of ESG as a framework and putting those highlights into practice. The application of ESG considerations in the investment decision-making process

will also be explored. The session will also cover the material issues that exist while apprehending that the ESG Framework which can vary from one organisation to the other one.

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