# EXECUTIVE PROGRAMME IN REGULATORY IMPACT ASSESMENT (RIA) COURSE

## Introduction

High-quality regulation is a cornerstone of economic growth, investor confidence, good governance, and sustainable development. Around the world, governments and regulatory institutions are increasingly required to ensure that new and existing regulations are evidence-based, proportionate, transparent, and responsive to the needs of citizens and businesses. Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) has emerged as the global standard for improving regulatory quality and ensuring that policy decisions deliver maximum public value while minimizing unnecessary regulatory burdens. The Executive Programme in Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) is a practical, internationally benchmarked executive programme designed to equip public policymakers, regulators, legal professionals, development practitioners, and private sector leaders with the knowledge and tools required to design, analyse, implement, and evaluate effective regulations. Participants will explore globally recognized RIA methodologies, analytical frameworks, stakeholder engagement strategies, cost-benefit analysis techniques, and regulatory governance best practices aligned with OECD Principles on Better Regulation, World Bank Good Regulatory Practices, and international regulatory excellence standards. Through practical case studies, simulations, group exercises, and hands-on workshops, participants will develop the competencies required to produce high-quality Regulatory Impact Assessments that support informed decision-making, foster innovation, strengthen regulatory governance, and promote sustainable economic development.

## Course Objectives

- Apply internationally recognized Regulatory Impact Assessment principles and methodologies in policy and regulatory development.
- Conduct evidence-based assessments of the economic, social, environmental, and

institutional impacts of proposed regulations.
- Design effective stakeholder engagement and public consultation strategies that enhance regulatory legitimacy and transparency.
- Apply analytical tools including cost-benefit analysis, cost-effectiveness analysis, and risk assessment to support regulatory decision-making.
- Prepare comprehensive Regulatory Impact Assessment reports that inform policy formulation and legislative processes.
- Develop regulatory monitoring, evaluation, and post-implementation review frameworks for continuous regulatory improvement.
- Explain the principles, frameworks, and importance of Regulatory Impact Assessment in evidence-based policymaking.
- Identify regulatory problems, policy gaps, and objectives requiring government or institutional intervention.
- Evaluate alternative regulatory and non-regulatory options using cost-benefit analysis and economic impact assessment.
- Assess the potential economic, social, environmental, and institutional impacts of proposed regulations.

## Course Modules

### > Module 1: Introduction to Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)
- Evolution, purpose and importance of Regulatory Impact Assessment.
- Principles of Better Regulation and evidence-based policymaking.
- International RIA frameworks and regulatory excellence standards.
- Benefits of RIA for governance, economic growth and public value.

### > Module 2: Regulatory Governance Frameworks
- Principles of regulatory governance and accountability.
- Institutional arrangements, mandates and regulatory responsibilities.
- Regulatory oversight mechanisms and quality assurance institutions.
- The regulatory life cycle and coordination across institutions.

### > Module 3: Defining Public Policy Problems
- Identification and definition of regulatory problems and policy gaps.
- Root cause analysis and assessment of underlying issues.
- Baseline assessment and analysis of existing conditions.
- Formulation of clear, measurable and evidence-based policy objectives.

### > Module 4: Policy Options & Evidence-Based Policymaking
- Identification of regulatory, non-regulatory and alternative policy options.
- Comparative policy analysis and assessment of policy feasibility.
- Data collection, evidence quality assessment and policy intelligence.
- Innovation-friendly regulation and evidence-based policy selection.

### > Module 5: Economic & Social Impact Assessment
- Economic impact assessment, business costs and productivity effects.
- Competition assessment, investment implications and market impacts.
- Social inclusion, employment effects and gender considerations.
- Consumer protection and distributional impacts across stakeholder groups.

### > Module 6: Environmental & Institutional Impact Assessment
- Environmental sustainability and assessment of environmental impacts.
- Climate change considerations and natural resource implications.
- Institutional capacity, operational implications and implementation readiness.
- Sustainable development and assessment of long-term policy outcomes.

### > Module 7: Cost-Benefit & Cost-Effectiveness Analysis
- Identification and classification of regulatory costs and benefits.
- Economic valuation techniques and monetization of impacts.
- Discounting principles, net benefits and cost-effectiveness analysis.
- Decision criteria, resource optimisation and performance indicators.

### > Module 8: Risk Assessment in Regulation
- Identification of regulatory risks, hazards and uncertainties.
- Analysis of risk likelihood, severity and potential consequences.
- Risk evaluation, prioritization and regulatory risk acceptability.
- Risk mitigation strategies and decision-making under uncertainty.

### > Module 9: Stakeholder Identification & Engagement
- Stakeholder identification, classification and mapping.
- Analysis of stakeholder interests, expectations and concerns.
- Assessment of stakeholder influence, power and potential impact.
- Development of stakeholder engagement plans and participation strategies.

### > Module 10: Public Consultation & Regulatory Communication
- Public consultation methods and inclusive participation mechanisms.

- Digital engagement tools and accessible communication channels.
- Regulatory communication, transparency and management of stakeholder expectations.
- Consultation documentation, feedback analysis and reporting.

**> Module 11: Designing Effective Regulations**
- Principles of effective regulatory design and legal proportionality.
- Performance-based, outcome-focused and principles-based regulation.
- Regulatory flexibility, innovation and adaptability to changing conditions.
- Balancing regulatory objectives, compliance burdens and public interest.

**> Module 12: Legislative Drafting & Compliance Planning**
- Legislative drafting principles, structure and regulatory clarity.
- Legal consistency, enforceability and alignment with existing legislation.
- Compliance planning, implementation guidance and stakeholder support.
- Regulatory enforcement models, compliance monitoring and sanctions.

**> Module 13: Regulatory Quality Assurance**
- Regulatory quality standards and assessment criteria.
- Internal review processes and quality assurance procedures.
- Independent oversight, scrutiny and validation of regulatory proposals.
- Continuous improvement and institutional quality management.

**> Module 14: Regulatory Reform & Digital Transformation**
- Administrative simplification, red tape reduction and regulatory burden management.
- Business-friendly regulation, regulatory efficiency and improved service delivery.
- Digital regulation, smart regulation and Regulatory Technology (RegTech).
- Data-driven regulation, digital innovation and regulatory transformation.

**> Module 15: Monitoring Regulatory Performance**
- Development of regulatory performance indicators and measurement frameworks.
- Compliance monitoring, enforcement tracking and performance assessment.
- Regulatory data collection, reporting and information management.
- Regulatory dashboards, performance analysis and evidence-based decision-making.

**> Module 16: Post-Implementation Review & Continuous Improvement**
- Post-implementation review methods and regulatory evaluation frameworks.
- Measurement of regulatory effectiveness, efficiency and intended outcomes.

- Lessons learned, identification of implementation gaps and corrective action.
- Regulatory revision, adaptive regulation and international benchmarking.

**> Module 17: Sector-Specific Regulatory Impact Assessments**
- Economic regulation, competition and financial market oversight.
- Social sector regulation, public services and consumer protection.
- Environmental regulation, climate considerations and natural resource management.
- Infrastructure, utilities and sector-specific regulatory challenges.

**> Module 18: Emerging Trends in Regulatory Excellence**
- Behavioural insights and Behavioural economics in regulatory design.
- Citizen-centered regulation, public value and responsive governance.
- Artificial intelligence, digital innovation and future-ready regulation.
- Cross-border regulatory cooperation, harmonization and regulatory agility

**> Module 19: Preparing a Regulatory Impact Assessment Report**
- RIA report structure, content requirements and analytical framework.
- Technical writing, presentation of evidence and interpretation of findings.
- Documentation of alternatives, impact analysis and stakeholder consultation.
- Formulation of evidence-based recommendations and implementation proposals.

**> Module 20: Practical Simulation & Action Planning**
- Conducting a real-world RIA simulation using a selected regulatory problem.
- Preparing and presenting an RIA report with supporting evidence.
- Peer review, quality assessment and incorporation of facilitator feedback.
- Developing institutional implementation roadmaps and individual action plans.



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