STRENGTHENING CENTRAL BANK RESILIENCE THROUGH INTEGRATED RISK, COMPLIANCE & GOVERNANCE COURSE

Introduction

The Executive Course on Risk and Compliance Management for Central Banks is an advanced executive programme designed to strengthen the capacity of central bank executives, managers and professionals to identify, assess, manage, monitor and report risks while maintaining robust compliance with statutory mandates, regulatory requirements, international standards and institutional policies. The programme provides an integrated Risk and Compliance Management Framework specifically adapted to the central banking environment. It examines the interconnected risks arising from monetary policy operations, financial stability responsibilities, banking supervision, foreign reserves management, foreign exchange operations, payment and settlement systems, currency management, financial markets, technology, cybersecurity, fraud, financial crime and institutional operations. The programme maintains a deliberate balance between risk management and compliance management, enabling central banks to strengthen institutional resilience, regulatory credibility, financial stability, governance and public confidence.

Course Objectives

- Understand the distinctive risk and compliance environment of central banks.
- Develop effective central-bank enterprise risk management frameworks.
- Identify and assess strategic, financial, operational and institutional risks.
- Assess risks associated with monetary policy implementation and financial markets.
- Strengthen foreign reserves and foreign exchange risk management.
- Manage risks arising from payment and settlement systems.
- Assess banking supervision and financial stability risks.
- Identify and mitigate fraud, corruption and financial crime risks.
- Strengthen cybersecurity, technology and information-security risk management.

- Establish appropriate central-bank risk appetite and tolerance frameworks.
- Develop effective risk registers, risk maps, KRIs and executive dashboards.
- Establish effective compliance management systems.
- Identify and assess statutory, regulatory and policy compliance obligations.
- Strengthen AML/CFT and financial crime compliance frameworks.
- Improve regulatory compliance monitoring and testing.
- Manage regulatory and policy changes effectively.
- Strengthen internal controls, assurance and the Three Lines Model.
- Improve board and executive risk and compliance reporting.
- Build an effective culture of risk awareness, integrity and compliance.
- Develop an integrated Central Bank Risk and Compliance Action Plan.

Course Modules

> Module 1: Central Bank Risk Management Framework

- The unique risk environment of central banks
- Central bank mandates and risk exposure
- Enterprise Risk Management in central banks
- Risk governance structures
- Roles of the Board, Governor, management and risk functions

> Module 2: Central Bank Risk Appetite and Governance

- Central bank risk appetite
- Risk tolerance and limits
- Risk ownership and accountability
- Risk escalation mechanisms
- Board and executive risk oversight

> Module 3: Monetary Policy and Macroeconomic Risk

- Monetary policy risks
- Inflation and interest-rate risks
- Exchange-rate risks
- Macroeconomic shocks and transmission mechanisms
- Scenario and stress testing

> Module 4: Financial Stability and Banking Sector Risk

- Systemic risk identification

- Macroprudential risk
- Banking-sector vulnerabilities
- Stress testing and early-warning indicators
- Financial stability surveillance

> Module 5: Foreign Reserves and Foreign Exchange Risk
- Foreign reserves risk management
- Currency and exchange-rate risk
- Interest-rate and market risks
- Counterparty and sovereign risks
- Reserves investment risk controls

> Module 6: Financial Markets and Treasury Risk
- Market risk
- Liquidity risk
- Counterparty risk
- Trading and investment risks
- Treasury risk controls and limits

> Module 7: Payment Systems and Settlement Risk
- Payment-system risks
- Settlement and counterparty risks
- Liquidity and operational risks
- Systemically important payment systems
- Business continuity for payment infrastructure

> Module 8: Operational, Technology and Cyber Risk
- Central bank operational risks
- Technology and information-security risks
- Cybersecurity threats
- Third-party and outsourcing risks
- Operational resilience

> Module 9: Fraud, Corruption and Financial Crime Risk
- Fraud risk assessment
- Internal and external fraud
- Corruption and misconduct

- Money laundering and terrorist financing risks
- Fraud prevention, detection and response

> Module 10: Central Bank Risk Monitoring and Reporting
- Key Risk Indicators
- Risk registers
- Risk matrices and heat maps
- Central bank risk dashboards
- Executive and Board risk reporting

> Module 11: Central Bank Compliance Management Framework
- Principles of central bank compliance
- Statutory and institutional obligations
- Compliance governance
- Compliance responsibilities
- Integrated risk and compliance management

> Module 12: Statutory, Regulatory and Policy Compliance
- Central bank legislation and mandates
- Regulatory directives
- Institutional policies and procedures
- Statutory reporting requirements
- Monitoring compliance obligations

> Module 13: Banking Supervision and Regulatory Compliance
- Prudential regulatory requirements
- Supervisory compliance
- Licensing and regulatory requirements
- Regulatory reporting
- Supervisory enforcement and remediation

> Module 14: AML/CFT and Financial Crime Compliance
- AML/CFT compliance frameworks
- Customer and institutional risk assessment
- Suspicious transaction monitoring
- Sanctions and targeted financial restrictions
- Financial crime compliance and reporting

> Module 15: Foreign Exchange, Reserves and Market Compliance
- Compliance in foreign exchange operations
- Reserve management policies
- Investment mandates and restrictions
- Counterparty compliance
- Market conduct requirements

> Module 16: Payment Systems and Financial Infrastructure Compliance
- Payment-system regulatory requirements
- Settlement rules and procedures
- Operational compliance
- Payment-system oversight
- Compliance with international payment standards

> Module 17: Compliance Monitoring, Testing and Regulatory Reporting
- Compliance monitoring frameworks
- Compliance testing
- Regulatory inspections
- Breach identification and reporting
- Corrective and remedial action

> Module 18: Ethics, Integrity and Conduct Compliance
- Ethical leadership in central banking
- Conflicts of interest
- Gifts and hospitality
- Confidentiality and information handling
- Whistleblowing and protected disclosures

> Module 19: Internal Controls, Audit and Assurance
- Internal control frameworks
- Three Lines Model
- Internal audit and compliance assurance
- Control self-assessment
- Board and management assurance

> Module 20: Integrated Central Bank Risk & Compliance Strategy
- Integrating risk, compliance and governance

- Enterprise risk and compliance dashboards
- Regulatory change management
- Board and executive reporting
- Developing a Central Bank Risk & Compliance Action Plan