



EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (EDP) in **ESG, Carbon Markets & Sustainability**

Online Live Classes / 50 Hrs (Weekend Format)
20th Sep. - 14th Dec. 2025

True to the name of our founding father, Late Shri Dhirubhai Ambani, the School of Law aims to create and train a community of lawyers and non-lawyers guided by the ideals of industry-academia collaboration and entrepreneurial spirit in a globalized Indian economy. We are a specialized law school positioned as a hub for capacity building, training, research and technical assistance. We offer an interdisciplinary and industry oriented education through a wide array of courses, with insights and instruction provided by experts drawn from top international & domestic organizations, industry/multilateral & intergovernmental organizations and educational institutions.

Apart from the flagship verticals – ESG, Carbon Markets & Sustainability; Construction & Arbitration Law; and AI, Data Privacy & Technology Law, we are striving to build expertise and offer programmes in emerging areas of law such as International Trade & Investment Law, IPR, Aviation Law, Tax Law, Capital Market & Securities Law and others.

Boasting tie-ups with key Indian and global organisations, we aim to develop capacity by providing high-quality, industry-focused executive development programmes and specialised educational courses in niche legal and regulatory areas to working professionals to contribute to the national goal of Viksit Bharat 2047.



Dhir & Dhir Associates established India's first dedicated ESG Practice Desk, marking a pioneering step in the Indian legal landscape. As one of the earliest law firms to formalize a specialized ESG-focused team, Dhir & Dhir positioned itself at the forefront of guiding corporations on matters related to ESG compliance, regulatory disclosures, sustainability governance, and ethical legal structuring. Their ESG Practice Desk offers comprehensive legal support to businesses seeking to align with evolving ESG frameworks, both at the national and international levels.

Axis Max Life Insurance Limited is a Joint Venture between Max Financial Services Limited and Axis Bank Limited. Its ESG framework is anchored in four core pillars: ethical business, community care, financial responsibility, and green operations—all aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. These priorities shape strategic decisions and guide long-term value creation.

Varaha is a leading global climate tech startup that specializes in nature-based solutions, including regenerative agriculture, agroforestry, and biochar projects that promote climate adaptation, biodiversity, water conservation and increased income for smallholder land stewards. The company's mission is to provide agriculture as a solution to climate change while also helping farmers in increasing their income.



MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDING DIRECTOR

As India accelerates its sustainability commitments and climate action goals, legal and regulatory professionals must evolve to meet the moment. Our Executive Development Programme on ESG, Carbon Markets & Sustainability is designed to equip you with a forward-looking legal, business, regulatory, investment and policy perspective, industry exposure, and practical tools to navigate this rapidly transforming space.

Whether you work in law, compliance, corporate governance, or environmental regulation, this programme will help you become a future-ready leader in the green transition. We invite you to be part of this mission aligned with India's march toward a climate-resilient economy and Viksit Bharat 2047.



Prof. Dr. Avinash Dadhich
Founding Director
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ABOUT ESG, CARBON MARKETS, AND SUSTAINABILITY (ECMS) VERTICAL

The ESG, Carbon Markets, and Sustainability (ECMS) vertical at Dhirubhai Ambani University's School of Law is India's first interdisciplinary educational & training programme that integrates ESG principles, carbon markets, and sustainable finance under one comprehensive curriculum.

Led by Dr. Manuj Bhardwaj, the mission-critical programme is designed to cultivate legal professionals, corporate strategists, and sustainability leaders capable of shaping and navigating evolving global sustainability frameworks.

The programme addresses the full spectrum of legal and regulatory dimensions in ESG, carbon markets, climate change law, corporate environmental compliance, sustainable finance, and governance ethics. It emphasizes practical learning through case studies, international standards, policy simulations, and legal drafting workshops. This vertical leads innovation in pedagogy, policy advocacy, and strategic advisory in emerging areas of domestic & global sustainability frameworks.

Strategic collaborations with leading law firms, carbon market experts, and financial institutions enrich the academic experience and industry relevance.



PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

This 50-hour executive development programme is designed for mid-to-senior career professionals including sustainability officers, in-house legal counsel, carbon market enthusiasts, compliance officers, ESG consultants, and policymakers. It provides practical insights and legal foresight into the rapidly evolving ESG, carbon markets, and sustainability ecosystem. Developed in collaboration with leading ESG experts, carbon market practitioners, policymakers, and legal professionals. Our industry – academia conclave EXECUTE brought together experts on June 07 in New Delhi to deliberate on the design, structure & curriculum of this EDP.



PROGRAMME FEATURES



Flexible schedule and structure for working professionals



Personalized feedback and optional project mentorship



Delivered via **interactive** workshops, policy simulations, legal drafting labs, and expert-led sessions



75% of teaching led by **senior industry professionals**; 25% by **global experts**



Practical assignments and case studies from **Indian and global contexts**



Alumni status after successful completion

WHY THIS PROGRAMME?

- **First-of-its-kind in India**
No other EDP currently integrates emerging areas like ESG, Carbon Markets, and Sustainability in one offering.
- **Global Relevance**
Prepares participants for high-demand roles in ESG law, climate finance, carbon markets, sustainability consulting, and international climate policy.
- **Small Cohort - Exclusive Learning Experience**
Small cohort size to ensure a highly personalized and interactive learning environment.

COURSE OUTLINE

WEEKS	DURATION	TOPICS
Week 1	4 hrs	Orientation & Introduction to the ECMS EDP Vision
Week 2	4 hrs	Legal Frameworks for ESG & Sustainable Finance, ESG Policy Drafting
Week 3	4 hrs	Business Responsibility & Sustainability Reporting (BRSR), Global Standards (GRI, SASB, ISSB)
Week 4	4 hrs	Carbon Markets: India's CCTS, Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, Voluntary Markets and Climate Finance Taxonomy
Week 5	4 hrs	Emissions Trading Systems (ETS) – EU, China, & Regulatory Linkages
Week 6	4 hrs	ESG in M&A, ESG Litigation Risk, Greenwashing Prevention
Week 7	4 hrs	Corporate Sustainability, EPR, Circular Economy, Environmental Compliance Laws
Week 8	4 hrs	ESG Governance, Board Duties, Ethics, Anti-Corruption, Whistleblower Laws
Week 9	4 hrs	Sustainable Finance: Green and SEBI's Sustainability Bonds, Impact Investing, Blended Finance
Week 10	4 hrs	ESG in International Law, SDGs, Human Rights, Trade & Climate Nexus
Week 11	4 hrs	Legal Risk Management in Carbon Transactions: ERPAs, Offsets, Compliance
Week 12	4 hrs	Capstone Presentations, Legal Drafting Lab, Panel with ECMS Advisory Committee
Week 13	2 hrs	Concluding Session with Key Takeaways

OUR FACULTY EXPERTS



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ASSESSMENT & CERTIFICATION

Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion from DAU-School of Law & Partners upon:

- Attendance of minimum 75%
- Submission of final capstone (individual or group project)
- Active participation in at least one simulation module

OPTIONAL ADD-ONS (POST-PROGRAMME)

- One-on-one mentorship
- Access to advisory clinics for in-house legal teams
- Collaboration on white papers and research briefs

ELIGIBILITY & ADMISSION PROCESS

- Graduates in any discipline.
- Professionals with relevant experience/interest in ESG, carbon finance, or corporate governance may receive preference.

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Application Submission

Online application with academic credentials and statement of purpose.

Applications Open:
28th June 2025

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Personal Interaction

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by the admission panel.

Application Deadline:
15th August, 2025

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Final Selection

Based on academic record, interview performance, and demonstrated interest in ESG & sustainability.

Programme Commences:
20th September 2025

CAREER PROSPECTS

Graduates will be equipped for roles in:



ESG Law & Compliance in corporate law firms and multinational companies



Policy & regulatory roles in government agencies and international organizations



Sustainability consulting in Big 4 advisory firms



Leadership positions in climate finance, impact investing, and carbon trading markets

Apply Now & Become a Pioneer in ESG, Carbon Markets and Sustainability:

With sustainability and corporate responsibility taking center stage globally, this first-of-its-kind EDP will position you as a leader in ESG law, carbon markets and sustainability governance.

Join a select group of future experts shaping the sustainability agenda for tomorrow!

OUR EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED EDP

Executive Leadership Development Program on International Aviation Management & Laws: Shaping the Future of Aviation Leadership

In collaboration with Université Toulouse Capitole, France and Spaviatech Law at Toulouse, France from **June 16th - 20th June 2025**, which included field visits to Airbus assembly lines and Aeroscopia Museum for hands-on exposure with participants from well-known law firms and organisations such as Managing Partner at Singhanian & Co., Senior Officials from Heliport Ops - Reliance Jio World Centre, and Reliance Industries – Aviation Projects.



PARALLEL EDPs



Senior Executive Leadership Programme on Arbitration, Mediation & Legal Leadership

On-site | London & Cambridge | June 30 – July 3, 2025

In association with Queen Mary University of London, UK-India Legal Partnership (UKILP), and Gatehouse Chambers, this program focuses on the evolving architecture of cross-border dispute resolution and high-impact legal leadership.

Construction Law, Contracts and Arbitration **In partnership with Society of Construction Law, India** ***September 20 – December 14, 2025***

Develop expertise in managing complex construction contracts and resolving disputes through arbitration.



Data Protection and Artificial Intelligence: Law, Policy and Practice **In partnership with Indian National Association of Legal Professionals (INALP)** ***September 20 – December 14, 2025***

Engage with regulatory landscapes, data ethics, and AI governance. This program explores how law can shape the frontiers of technology while safeguarding rights, compliance, and innovation.

Senior Executive Leadership Programme on Tax Law & Regulatory Strategy for the Boardroom ***On-site | Mumbai | August 01 – 02, 2025***

A strategic boardroom-focused program decoding tax frameworks, fiscal regulation, and legal risk navigation for corporate decision-makers and advisors.



UPCOMING EDPs

EDP in Global Trading Systems in Partnership with International Law Institute, Washington DC ***On-site | New Delhi | October 2025***

This EDP will explore the legal and strategic foundations of the global trade ecosystem, with a focus on India's recently concluded and ongoing FTAs/BTAs and emerging geopolitical trade alliances from multilateral and bilateral perspectives.



EDP in Aviation Laws & Management

On-site | Bengaluru | November 2025

The aviation industry is evolving rapidly, with new regulations, technological advancements, and global challenges redefining the way it operates. This programme brings together renowned legal and industry experts to provide participants with a global perspective on aviation law, compliance, and management



SCHOLARSHIP, FEES & REFUND POLICY

Duration: 13 Weeks (Online Live Classes)

Hour: 50 Hours (Weekend Format)

Fees:

- **For Indian Candidates:** ₹75,000 (Inc. taxes)
- **For International Candidates:** \$1000 (Inc. taxes)

Start Date: 20th September 2025



Merit-Based Scholarship

Scholarships of **upto 20%** may be awarded based on **academic merit** or **relevant professional experience**.



Special Category Scholarships

Upto 20% scholarship is available for:

- Women professionals
- Armed Forces veterans
- Practitioners working in the social impact sector



Refund Policy

- **100% Refund:** If a refund request is made at least 1 month before the commencement of the class, a full refund will be issued.
- **50% Refund:** If a refund request is made at least 15 days before the commencement of the class, 50% of the fee will be refunded.
- **No Refund:** If the refund request is made less than 15 days before the commencement of the class, no refund will be provided.
- A **standard deduction of ₹10,000** as administrative charges will apply to all refunds.
- All **refund requests** must be submitted in **writing via email**. Processing time for approved refunds is up to 10 business days.

For Programme & Admissions related queries, please contact:

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