



**Strengthening Board Leadership:
Governance, Compliance and Business
(Residential Program)**



Background:

National Banking Institute (NBI) **in association with International Finance Corporation (IFC)** presents a residential program designed to equip banking professionals with critical insights into FATF compliance, credit approvals, corporate governance, and ESG integration. Led by regulators, industry experts, including IFC representatives, the sessions will focus on the board's role in navigating regulatory challenges, strengthening governance frameworks, and ensuring effective credit oversight. Participants will gain practical strategies to enhance decision-making, regulatory compliance, and sustainable business practices. The program also offers valuable networking opportunities, fostering peer engagement and industry collaboration to navigate the evolving financial landscape successfully .

Program Details

Date: 2nd & 3rd May, 2025 (Friday and Saturday)
Venue: Kathmandu

Target Audience: BODs, CEOs, DCEOs & Company Secretaries

Includes: Trainers fee, Training Materials, Certificate, Training Logistics, Accommodation (single room) with Breakfast, Lunch, Hi- Tea, Snacks, Two time Tea Coffee Cookies & Dinner

Note: Participants must reach the venue by themselves (Pick & Drop not available)

Program Details

Objectives:

- **Understand FATF Compliance:** Discuss the board's role in navigating FATF grey list challenges and ensuring regulatory adherence.
- **Strengthen Credit Approval Oversight:** Explore key considerations for boards in managing credit approvals and minimizing risks.
- **Enhance Governance Practices:** Examine directors' roles, responsibilities, and governance frameworks aligned with international standards.
- **Integrate ESG Considerations:** Delve into the importance of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors in banking operations and decision-making.
- **Foster Strategic Decision-Making:** Provide insights to enhance board effectiveness in strategic decision-making, compliance, and sustainability.
- **Facilitate Networking and Peer Engagement:** Offer opportunities for participants to engage with industry leaders, peers, and experts through discussions and informal interactions.

Program Schedule

Day/Time	Particulars	Facilitators
Day 1		
2.00pm - 2.30pm	Arrival & Registration (Tea Coffee Cookies)	
2.30pm - 4:00pm	Breaking Free: The Role of BFI's Boards for the Exit from FATF Grey List	Financial Intelligence Unit, Nepal Ratra Bank
4:00pm - 4:15pm	Tea Break (15 Min)	
4:15pm - 5:45pm	Credit Approvals: Essential Checks for Boards	Mr. Kumar Lamsal, Chief Executive Officer, National Banking Institute
7 pm onwards	Cocktail, Snacks & Dinner	
Day 2		
8.30am - 9.15am	<i>Breakfast (45 Min)</i>	
9:30am - 11:00am	Director's Roles & Responsibilities, Corporate Governance & International Best Practices	IFC
11:00am - 11:15am	Tea Break (15 Min)	
11:15am - 12:45pm	Environment, Social and Governance	IFC
12:45 pm	Lunch & disperse	

Note: Please be informed that the speakers/ facilitators are subject to change.

Facilitator's Profile



Mr. Kumar Lamsal

Chief Executive Officer, National Banking Institute

Former CEO, Janata Bank Nepal Limited and Sanima Bank Ltd.



Lopa Rahman

ESG Officer

Lopa Rahman, is the ESG officer at IFC and oversees integrated Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance Advisory Projects covering Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. She works closely with regulators including Securities and Exchange Commissions (SEC) & Central Banks, in reviewing/updating corporate governance and ESG codes; with stock exchanges in developing ESG scorecards; with institutes of directors in delivering director training programs for boards of banks, listed entities, and family-owned businesses; on gender inclusion particularly women on boards; and working with individual IFC clients in delivering ESG advisory services. Lopa has over 20 years of work experience, including with IFC's corporate governance and ESG teams and externally managing corporate governance projects in Bangladesh and as Brand Manager in a multinational organization.

Facilitator's Profile



Mr. Jahanzeb Murad
ESG Operations Officer

Jahanzeb is an environmental and social professional with over 22 years of experience managing E&S risks across multiple sectors such as infrastructure, manufacturing, chemical & pharmaceuticals, oil & gas, cement hydropower & other renewables, etc. He has worked for multiple countries including the UK, Nepal, Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, Philippines, South Korea, and Laos. Previously, he worked as a Corporate E&S and project lead, consultant, and researcher. Currently, Jahanzeb is an ESG operations officer at International Finance Corporation – World Bank Group with the regional team on E&S advisory support for South Asia, East Asia & Pacific region in Sustainability & Gender Solutions (CEG) Department. He provides advisory support to investment teams to tackle E&S issues in various sectors and manages the low-capacity clients of the industries, government, and consultants on E&S standards. He works closely with environmental and other regulators in developing and implementing the tools for improving governance of E&S.

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