

**IMPACT INVESTING
(THREE-DAY TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR OTHER STAKEHOLDERS)**



Indian Institute of Forest Management

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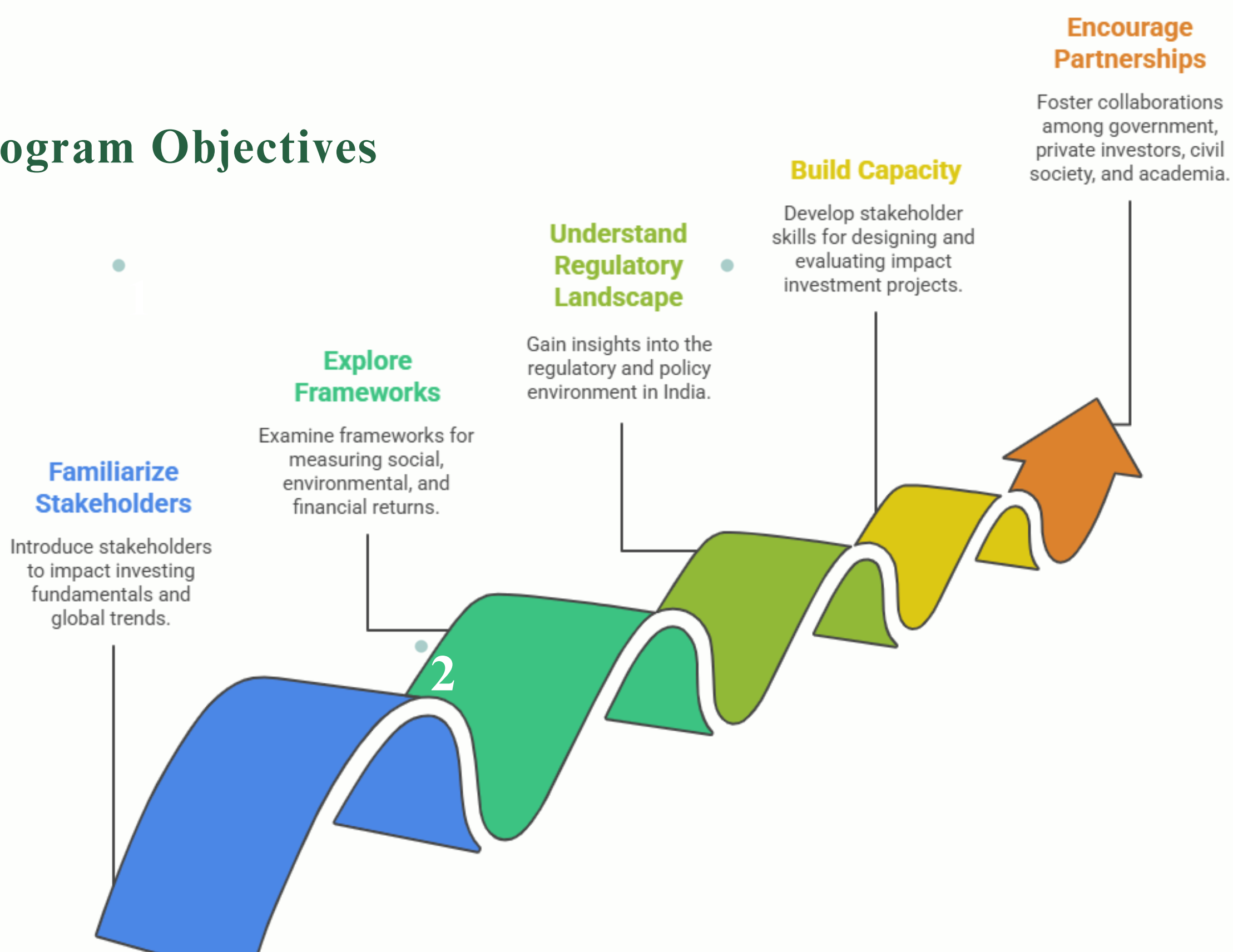


Program Overview

Impact investing has emerged as a powerful approach that blends financial returns with measurable social and environmental outcomes. As India seeks to address critical challenges such as climate change, poverty alleviation, livelihood generation, and biodiversity conservation, impact investments are increasingly playing a vital role in mobilising private capital for public good.

The three-day training programme at IIFM is designed to orient and empower diverse stakeholders, including policymakers, financial institutions, corporates, NGOs, and community representatives on the concepts, practices, and opportunities in the field of impact investing

Program Objectives



Pedagogy

- Hands-on learning
- Problem-solving exercises and brainstorming
- Case based learnings
- Hands-on workshops, role-plays, and simulations
- Insights from industry experts
- Experience sharing with experts/ FPO Directors/ Corporate officials
- Field Visits

Who can attend?

The three-day training programme on Impact Investing at IIFM, Bhopal, is open to a wide range of stakeholders committed to linking financial returns with social and environmental outcomes. Policymakers and government officials can benefit by understanding global and national frameworks for enabling impact investments. Financial institutions, banks, and investors will gain insights into structuring and assessing impact-focused projects. Corporate representatives engaged in CSR and ESG initiatives can explore innovative financing strategies, while NGOs, social enterprises, and startups will learn ways to attract and utilize impact capital. Academics, researchers, and media professionals are also encouraged to participate.

The programme is sponsored by the funds provided by MoEF&CC, GoI, and there is **no registration/course fee** for the programme. IIFM will provide lodging and boarding facilities for outstation participants. Eligible candidates will be selected on a first-come-first-served basis, subject to a maximum of 30 participants. Travelling/conveyance expenses will not be reimbursed by IIFM.

Faculty

The program features distinguished speakers from industry and academia.

Program Director

Dr. Ashutosh Verma is a distinguished faculty member at the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal, specializing in finance, sustainability, and impact investing. With extensive academic and professional experience, he has contributed to research and capacity-building initiatives in sustainable finance, corporate social responsibility, and green business models. His teaching and training expertise covers areas such as financial management, ESG integration, and innovative investment instruments for development. Dr. Verma has published in reputed journals and actively engages with policymakers, corporates, and civil society. He is committed to fostering future leaders equipped to balance financial growth with social and environmental impact.

Dr. Aghila Sasidharan is a faculty member at the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal, with expertise in sustainability, corporate social responsibility (CSR), and green finance. Her academic and professional work focuses on sustainable business models, environmental, social, and governance (ESG) practices, and the role of private sector investment in natural resource management. She has been actively engaged in research on impact investing, afforestation initiatives, and the integration of green revenues in business strategies. Dr. Sasidharan also designs and delivers training programmes for diverse stakeholders, bridging policy, practice, and academia to promote sustainable development in India.

About the Institute

The Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal, a Deemed-to-be-University under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, was established in 1982 following the recommendations of the National Commission on Agriculture. Conceived as a pioneering initiative in forestry and environmental management education, its foundation was shaped through collaboration with the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, which helped embed management rigor into its philosophy, and supported by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), which provided crucial financial and technical assistance.

Over the years, IIFM has earned recognition as a premier South Asian institution in the fields of environment, development, and sustainability management. Nestled in Bhopal, the “City of Lakes,” the institute provides an enriching academic environment that blends ecological awareness with management education. Its programmes include the MBA in Forestry Management, MBA in Sustainability Management, and MBA in Development and Sustainable Finance, addressing emerging needs in natural resource governance and sustainable finance. Additionally, the Chartered Foresters Certificate Course offers professionals continuing education in forestry and allied disciplines.

Through its interdisciplinary curriculum integrating forestry, environmental sciences, social sciences, and management IIFM equips students with knowledge and skills to address complex real-world challenges, reinforcing its mission of linking management excellence with environmental stewardship.



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