

Recommended Core Reading List (Essential Documents for the Micro-credential)

For a 4-hour asynchronous micro-credential (80 hours of learning), the following documents provide the strongest foundation:

1. Environmental Quality Act 1974
2. Town and Country Planning Act 1976 (Act 172)
3. National Physical Plan 4 (NPP-4)
4. National Urbanisation Policy 2 (NUP2)
5. Twelfth Malaysia Plan (12MP)
6. National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR)
7. Low Carbon Cities Framework (LCCF)
8. Green Technology Master Plan
9. Bursa Malaysia Enhanced Sustainability Reporting Framework
10. CCPT Climate Change and Principle-Based Taxonomy
11. Principles-Based Sustainable and Responsible Investment Taxonomy
12. Global Reporting Initiative (GRI Standards)
13. IFRS S1 & S2 Sustainability Disclosure Standards
14. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
15. New Urban Agenda (UN-Habitat)
16. Global Protocol for Community-Scale Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories (GPC)
17. GHG Protocol for Cities
18. IPCC Sixth Assessment Report (AR6): Synthesis Report
19. Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030
20. Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

For an ESG in Urban Planning micro-credential, the list should include not only ESG reporting and finance references but also urban planning legislation, climate policies, biodiversity, resilience, social inclusion, governance, and international urban frameworks. Below is a more comprehensive reference list.

Existing References

- CCPT Climate Change and Principle-Based Taxonomy
- Enhanced Sustainability Framework
- Environmental Quality Act 1974 (formerly listed as Environmental Act 1974)
- Green Technology Master Plan
- Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights
- ILO Indicators of Forced Labour
- ILO Just Transition Guidelines
- ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work
- Low Carbon Mobility Blueprint 2021–2030
- Malaysia Plastics Sustainability Roadmap 2021–2030
- National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR) (*recommended to replace or complement National Energy Policy 2022–2040*)
- National Marine Litter Policy and Action Plan 2021–2030
- Principles-Based Sustainable and Responsible Investment Taxonomy for the Malaysian Capital Market
- IPCC Sixth Assessment Report (AR6): Synthesis Report

International ESG and Urban Planning References

Climate Change & Environment

- Paris Agreement (UNFCCC)
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- IPCC Sixth Assessment Report (AR6)

- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030
- Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
- Ramsar Convention on Wetlands
- New Urban Agenda (UN-Habitat)
- World Cities Report (UN-Habitat)
- Global Protocol for Community-Scale Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories (GPC)
- GHG Protocol for Cities
- Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi)
- Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)
- IFRS S2 Climate-related Disclosures
- TNFD (Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures)

ESG Reporting & Sustainability

- Global Reporting Initiative (GRI Standards)
- IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards (S1 & S2)
- Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB)
- Integrated Reporting Framework (IIRC)
- CDP Climate Disclosure Framework
- OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct
- UN Global Compact Principles
- ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems
- ISO 37120 Sustainable Cities and Communities
- ISO 37122 Smart Cities Indicators
- ISO 37123 Resilient Cities Indicators

Sustainable Development

- Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- Voluntary Local Review (VLR) Guidelines
 - Localizing the SDGs Framework (UN-Habitat)
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Malaysian Urban Planning & ESG References

National Planning Policies

- National Physical Plan 4 (NPP-4)
 - National Urbanisation Policy 2 (NUP2)
 - Twelfth Malaysia Plan (12MP)
 - National Climate Change Policy
 - National Adaptation Plan (when officially adopted)
 - National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR)
 - National Green Technology Policy
 - Green Technology Master Plan Malaysia 2017–2030
 - National Policy on Biological Diversity 2022–2030
 - National Policy on Climate Change
 - National Water Resources Policy
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Planning Legislation

- Town and Country Planning Act 1976 (Act 172)
 - Local Government Act 1976 (Act 171)
 - Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974 (Act 133)
 - Environmental Quality Act 1974 (Act 127)
 - National Forestry Act 1984
 - National Land Code 1965
 - Land Conservation Act 1960
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Planning Guidelines

- PLANMalaysia Planning Guidelines
- Low Carbon Cities Framework (LCCF)

- Low Carbon Cities Assessment System (LCCF Assessment)
 - Green Neighbourhood Planning Guidelines
 - Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning Guidelines
 - Climate Change Planning Guidelines
 - Green Infrastructure Planning Guidelines
 - National Landscape Policy
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Social & Governance

- Shared Prosperity Vision 2030
 - MADANI Economy Framework
 - Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009
 - National Anti-Corruption Plan (NACP)
 - Bursa Malaysia Sustainability Reporting Guide
 - Bursa Malaysia Sustainability Reporting Toolkit
 - Securities Commission Malaysia Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI) Roadmap
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ESG Finance

- CCPT Climate Change and Principle-Based Taxonomy
 - Principles-Based Sustainable and Responsible Investment Taxonomy
 - Bank Negara Malaysia Climate Risk Management Framework
 - Green Sukuk Framework
 - ASEAN Green Bond Standards
 - ASEAN Social Bond Standards
 - ASEAN Sustainability Bond Standards
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Built Environment & Green Buildings

- Green Building Index (GBI)
- GreenRE Rating Tool
- MyCREST

- GreenPASS
 - CIDB Sustainable INFRASTAR
 - Envision Sustainable Infrastructure Rating System
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UN-Habitat & Urban References

- New Urban Agenda
- World Cities Report
- State of the World's Cities Report
- SDG 11 Monitoring Framework
- City Prosperity Initiative (CPI)
- Urban-Rural Linkages Guidelines