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Introduction:

Global financial markets and trading essentials focus on the structure, functioning, and dynamics of international markets. This training program equips participants with foundational knowledge of trading strategies, market analysis, and risk management to navigate the complexities of global finance effectively. It is designed to provide an in-depth understanding of the complexities of international finance and trading. Through it, participants will gain the tools to navigate the dynamic landscape of global finance and trading effectively.

Program Objectives:

By the end of this program, participants will be able to:

- Analyze and manage short-term money market instruments and organizational financial positions.
- Evaluate FOREX risk exposures and utilize financial tools for risk mitigation.
- Distinguish between monetary aggregates M1, M2, M3, and L and their roles in central bank policies.
- Develop strategies for balancing cash flows using financial intermediaries and market instruments.
- · Implement swap agreements and currency management strategies to optimize financial outcomes.

Targeted Audience:

- · Banking professionals.
- · Money market participants.
- · FOREX traders.
- Derivatives market professionals.
- Financial institution stakeholders.

Program Outline:

Unit 1:

The Contemporary Landscape of Global Banking:

- Overview of central banks and monetary policy variations.
- Role of SWIFT and electronic funds transfers in global banking.



- Quantitative easing QE and its impact on borrowing and lending practices.
- Effects of removing the gold standard from currency valuations.
- Offshore banking risks and non-regulated transactions.

Unit 2:

Foreign Exchange FOREX and Global Currency Valuations:

- Purchasing power parity and currency conversion mechanisms.
- Strategies for hedging currency risks using futures contracts.
- Use of put and call options to mitigate foreign currency risks.
- Influence of GDP and interest rates on currency fluctuations.
- Comparison of pegged vs. free-market currency systems.

Unit 3:

Global Money Markets:

- Understanding monetary aggregates: M1, M2, M3, and L.
- Instruments such as Bankers Acceptances, Commercial Papers, and T-Bills.
- Repurchase agreements and certificates of deposit in global markets.
- Yield curve implications for global interest rate trends.

Unit 4:

New Banking Frontiers and Cryptocurrencies:

- Evolution of Bitcoin and subsequent cryptocurrency trends.
- Peer-to-peer financial transactions procedures and implications for global banking.
- Changing paradigms in cash flow management across trade blocs.
- Legal considerations: privacy, disclosure, and regulatory impacts.
- Innovations in financial technology and cryptocurrency markets.

Unit 5:



The Global Swap Markets:

- Historical evolution of currency and interest rate swap markets.
- Portfolio approaches to managing foreign currency exposure.
- Structures and types of interest rate swaps fixed/floating combinations.
- Bid-ask spreads and transaction cost minimization in global markets.
- Efficiency improvements in financial intermediation through swaps.