Big Data in Public Sector: Opportunities & Risks Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Public Sector Innovation	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives

1. Understand core big data concepts and architectures in the public sector context.
2. Identify opportunities for big data analytics in policy design and public service delivery.
3. Analyze public sector data ecosystems and data value chains.
4. Apply data-driven decision-making frameworks for government institutions.
5. Understand risks associated with privacy, security, and ethical data use.
6. Explore big data technologies and platforms used in government environments.
7. Integrate big data analytics into public sector planning and monitoring systems.
8. Evaluate data quality, interoperability, and integration challenges.
9. Apply governance and regulatory frameworks for responsible data use.
10. Assess cybersecurity and operational risks in large-scale data initiatives.
11. Use big data for performance management and outcome measurement.
12. Design mitigation strategies for legal, reputational, and operational risks.
13. Develop institutional roadmaps for sustainable big data adoption.

Organizational Benefits

- Improved evidence-based policy formulation and decision-making
- Enhanced efficiency and effectiveness of public service delivery
- Better anticipation of social, economic, and environmental trends
- Increased transparency and accountability in government operations
- Stronger data governance and risk management frameworks
- Improved inter-agency data sharing and collaboration
- Reduced operational costs through data-driven optimization
- Strengthened public trust through responsible data use
- Enhanced capacity for innovation and digital transformation
- Better monitoring and evaluation of public programs

Target Audiences

- Public sector policy makers and planners
- Government data analysts and statisticians
- ICT and digital transformation teams

- Monitoring and evaluation professionals
- Public sector risk and compliance officers
- Regulators and oversight institutions
- Researchers and public administration professionals
- Consultants supporting government data initiatives

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Course Modules

Module 1: Introduction to Big Data in the Public Sector

- Define big data concepts, characteristics, and terminology
- Understand sources of public sector big data
- Explore global trends in government data usage
- Identify public value creation through data analytics
- Review challenges specific to public institutions
- Case Study: National statistics office leveraging administrative big data

Module 2: Public Sector Data Ecosystems

- Map government data producers and consumers
- Understand data flows across ministries and agencies
- Identify data silos and interoperability challenges
- Explore open data and data-sharing initiatives
- Assess institutional roles and responsibilities
- Case Study: Cross-ministry data integration for social services

Module 3: Big Data Technologies and Architectures

- Overview of big data platforms and tools
- Understand cloud, on-premise, and hybrid architectures
- Explore data lakes and distributed storage systems
- Review analytics and visualization technologies
- Assess technology selection criteria for governments
- Case Study: Cloud-based data platform for municipal services

Module 4: Data Collection and Data Quality Management

- Identify structured and unstructured public sector data
- Apply data quality dimensions and standards
- Address data accuracy, completeness, and timeliness
- Implement data validation and cleansing processes

- Manage metadata and documentation
- Case Study: Improving data quality in national health records

Module 5: Big Data Analytics for Policy Making

- Apply descriptive analytics for policy analysis
- Use predictive analytics for forecasting outcomes
- Explore prescriptive analytics for policy options
- Integrate analytics into policy cycles
- Communicate insights to decision-makers
- Case Study: Predictive analytics for unemployment policy

Module 6: Big Data for Public Service Delivery

- Use data analytics to optimize service delivery
- Analyze citizen behavior and service usage patterns
- Improve targeting of social programs
- Support smart cities and digital government initiatives
- Measure service performance and outcomes
- Case Study: Data-driven optimization of public transport

Module 7: Ethical Use of Big Data

- Understand ethical principles in public data use
- Identify risks of bias and discrimination
- Promote fairness and inclusivity in analytics
- Ensure transparency and explainability of models
- Manage ethical oversight mechanisms
- Case Study: Algorithmic bias in public sector decision-making

Module 8: Data Privacy and Legal Compliance

- Understand data protection laws affecting government data
- Manage consent and lawful data processing
- Protect personal and sensitive information
- Implement privacy-by-design approaches
- Respond to data subject rights requests
- Case Study: Privacy breach in a government database

Module 9: Cybersecurity and Data Protection Risks

- Identify cyber threats targeting public sector data
- Implement security controls and access management
- Protect critical data infrastructure
- Monitor systems for breaches and anomalies
- Develop incident response procedures
- Case Study: Cyberattack on a government data center

Module 10: Big Data Governance Frameworks

- Define data governance principles and structures
- Establish roles such as data owners and stewards
- Develop data policies and standards
- Align governance with institutional mandates
- Monitor compliance and accountability
- Case Study: Implementing a national data governance framework

Module 11: Interoperability and Data Integration

- Address technical and organizational interoperability
- Use standards and APIs for data exchange
- Integrate legacy systems with modern platforms
- Manage data sharing agreements
- Ensure data consistency across systems
- Case Study: Integrated population registry system

Module 12: Big Data for Monitoring and Evaluation

- Apply big data in program monitoring
- Use real-time dashboards and indicators
- Combine traditional and big data sources
- Improve evaluation accuracy and timeliness
- Communicate results to stakeholders
- Case Study: Big data supporting education program evaluation

Module 13: Risk Management in Big Data Initiatives

- Identify strategic and operational data risks
- Conduct risk assessments for data projects
- Develop mitigation and control measures
- Manage reputational and political risks
- Integrate risk management into governance
- Case Study: Risk mitigation in a national data project

Module 14: Capacity Building and Institutional Readiness

- Assess skills and capacity gaps in public institutions
- Develop data literacy and analytics competencies
- Build multidisciplinary data teams
- Manage change and organizational culture
- Plan sustainable capacity development
- Case Study: Building a government analytics unit

Module 15: Strategic Roadmaps for Big Data Adoption

- Define vision and objectives for big data use
- Prioritize initiatives based on impact and feasibility
- Align data strategies with national development plans
- Secure funding and stakeholder buy-in
- Monitor progress and continuous improvement
- Case Study: National big data strategy implementation

Training Methodology

- Instructor-led presentations and conceptual briefings
- Interactive discussions on public sector use cases
- Group exercises and applied analytics scenarios
- Case study analysis and peer learning sessions
- Practical tools and templates for data governance
- Action planning for institutional implementation

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

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Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Online	$2,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	$3,000
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	$0
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	$0
21 Sep 2026	02 Oct 2026	Physical	$0
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