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AHK National Centre for Rural Development
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: International Training Workshop on "Achieving Sustainable Development Goals: Financial Inclusion and Rural Transformation", BARD, Cumilla, Bangladesh, 28th November – 08th December, 2026

The undersigned is directed to inform that the African Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO), New Delhi, India is organizing an international training workshop on "Achieving Sustainable Development Goals: Financial Inclusion and Rural Transformation" in collaboration with the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, during 28 November - 08 December, 2026. AARDO has invited one nomination of most relevant officer/expert from Pakistan to attend the subject training workshop.

2. Following is the detail of the scholarship inclusions as well as exclusions:

Sr. No.	Included (Borne by AARDO and Partner Institute)	Exclusions (to be borne by candidates' Nominating Agencies or Candidate)
1.	Programme Fee, Board & Lodging	Passport, visa fee, vaccination, airport taxes etc.
2.	Both ways Air Ticket by economy class (from capital city, i.e., Islamabad)	Travel, health insurance premium and
3.	Literature Course Materials	Telephone calls, laundry
4.	Study Visits during the programme	Medical expenses
5.	Local Travel (Airport Transfers)	Extra baggage allowances (above that provided by the Airline)
6.	Daily Token Allowance (Subsistence)	Any other expense after the event.

Objectives:

3. Objectives of the training programme are to:
- Understand the interlink between SDGs and financial inclusion, and its implications on rural transformation;
- Learn different ways of financial inclusion of the vulnerable and excluded rural people in Bangladesh and participating countries;
- Identify new and sustainable financial products and services by addressing economic, cultural and structural problems;
- Identify ways to mobilize adequate funds and develop mechanisms for the inclusion of all segments of the rural poor in the financial services; and,
- Provide a forum for sharing of experiences and strategies for achieving sustainable development goals, financial inclusion & rural transformation.

Eligibility Criteria:

4. The candidate must:
- Be a mid or senior level Government Officer or expert (Civil Servants only) working in the relevant field;
- Have bachelor's degree with a considerable working experience in planning and executing programmes/projects related the subject of the programme;
- Be subject specialist and related to the subject of the programme;
- Have proficiency in spoken and written English language as the medium of conducting the programmes will be English only;
- Be preferably below 55 years of age, and no participation in AARDO's offline programme over the last two years; and,
- Be in good health both physically and mentally to undergo the course of training.

5. Only those nominations would be considered which are routed through proper channel as per given details:

- Federal Government employees through their concerned Ministries;
- Provincial Government employees through their relevant Planning & Development Departments.

6. Interested candidates fulfilling the eligibility criteria are required to submit online applications on AARDO's website (http://aardo.org/aardot.php). Nominations of the interested candidates consisting of the following may be sent to Director General, AHKNCRD, latest by **October 09, 2026**.

- Clearly scanned or printed copies of the duly filled and submitted online application forms,
- Copy of valid passport; and,
- The official nomination letter.

7. Advance copies of the approved nominations with copies of submitted application forms may preferably be emailed at ro2@ncrd.gov.pk as well as dg@ncrd.gov.pk, due to paucity of available time. The nominations may also be faxed at 051-9255157.

8. Incomplete/late nomination(s) will not be entertained. After scrutiny and approval of nomination(s) by the competent forum, the selected nominee(s) will be informed accordingly. Likewise, other necessary details will also be shared later on.

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14. Chairmen, Planning & Development Boards, Govt. of Punjab, Lahore & Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
15. Secretaries, Planning & Development Depts., Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhawa, Peshawar; Govt. of Baluchistan, Quetta; Govt. of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Muzaffarabad; and, Govt. of Gilgit-Baltistan, Gilgit.
16. Secretaries, Local Govt. & Rural Development Depts., Govt. of Punjab, Lahore; Govt. of Sindh, Karachi; Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar; Govt. of Baluchistan, Quetta; Govt. of AJ&K, Muzaffarabad; Govt. of Gilgit-Baltistan, Gilgit.
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CC.

- Joint Secretary (Training), Establishment Division, Islamabad.
- Deputy Director (T-II), NCRD, with the request to upload this OM on the NCRD website.