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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Training Programme on "Sustainable Agriculture in Saline Ecologies", ICAR-Central Soil Salinity Research Institute (CSSRI), Karnal, Haryana, and International Salinity Conference 3.0, WE CARE 2025, GOA, India 23 October-November 01, 2025

The undersigned is directed to inform that the African Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO), New Delhi, India is organizing subject international training programme in collaboration with the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, is organizing an international training programme on "Sustainable Agriculture in Saline Ecologies", at ICAR-Central Soil Salinity Research Institute (CSSRI), Karnal, Haryana, India, during 23 October-November 01, 2025. AARDO has invited two nominations (one principal and one alternate) of most relevant officers/experts from Pakistan to attend the subject training programme.

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.	Token Subsistence Allowance (USD 100; to cover 3-4 meals not included)	Any other expense after the event.

Objectives:

3. Objectives of the training programme are to:
- To share experiences and expertise on sustainable agriculture in saline ecologies;
 - To build capacity for developing a sustainable agrarian rural economy; and,
 - To strengthen mutual understanding and collaboration in research, development, strategies, and policy issues related to sustainable agriculture in saline ecologies among AARDO member countries;

Eligibility Criteria:

4. The candidate must:
- Be middle and senior level Government official working in the areas of policy, programme planner and implementers, responsible for rural/agricultural development programme;
 - Have bachelor's degree in Agricultural Sciences/Engineering or its equivalent in planning and executing the programmes related to 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.
 - 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 (<https://aardo.org/aardot.php>). Nominations of the interested candidates consisting of the following may be sent to Director General, AHKNCRD, latest by **September 15, 2025**.

- 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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16. Chairmen, Planning & Development Boards, Govt. of Punjab, Lahore & Govt. of Sindh, Karachi.
17. Secretaries, Planning & Development Depts., Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar; and Govt. of Baluchistan, Quetta.
18. Secretaries, Local Govt. & Rural Development Depts., Govt. of Punjab, Lahore; Govt. of Sindh, Karachi; Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar; and Govt. of Baluchistan, Quetta.
19. Secretaries, Agriculture Depts., Govt. of Punjab, Lahore; Govt. of Sindh, Karachi; Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar; and Govt. of Baluchistan, Quetta.

CC.

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