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Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural Development
(Park Road, Chak Shahzad, Islamabad)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: International Online Workshop on "Role of Artificial Intelligence in Achiving Sustainable Rural Development Goals", Sharda University, Greater Noida, UP, India, September 23-25, 2025

The undersigned is directed to inform that the African Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO), New Delhi, India is organizing subject international ONLINE training programme in collaboration in collaboration with the Sharda University, Greater Noida, UP, India, from September 23-25, 2025. AARDO has invited nominations from Pakistan to attend the subject training programme that will be conducted for three days (total 7 and half hours, two and half hours' session on each day). The session timings will be 1400-1630 hrs. Indian Standard Time (1330-1600 hrs. PST).

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Objectives:

Objectives of the training programme are:

- Artificial Intelligence and Its Crucial Role in Modern Society;
- Building the Future of Food Intelligence: The Power of Knowledge Graphs in Food Science and Innovation;
- Role of Artificial Intelligence in Modern Agriculture: Implications for Rural Development;
- Revolutionizing Agriculture with Artificial Intelligence: From Smart Farms to Sustainable Future;
- Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare; and,
- Ethics and value the age of Artificial Intelligence.

3.

Eligibility Criteria:

The candidate must:

- Be a Government Officer (BPS-17 or above) or middle or senior level officers from Ministries/Divisions/Attached Departments, Provincial Governments and Public-Sector Universities;
- Have bachelor's degree with a minimum of three years' experience in the concerned fields;
- Have proficiency in spoken and written English language as the medium of conducting the programmes will be English only; and,
- Be conversant with ICT and willing to undertake online training programme.

4.

Interested candidates fulfilling the eligibility criteria are required to submit online applications on AARDO's website (<http://aardo.org/formDD.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, and
 - The official nomination letters.
5. Advance copies of the approved nominations with 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.
6. 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.
7. In case of any queries, please feel free to contact the undersigned (focal person).



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13. Director General, National Agriculture Research Centre (NARC), Islamabad.
14. Chief Commissioner, ICT Administration Complex, Islamabad.
15. Chief Secretaries of Provinces (Punjab-Lahore, Sindh-Karachi, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa-Peshawar, & Baluchistan-Quetta).
- 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.