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AHK National Centre for Rural Development
AARDO Regional Office for South and Central Asia
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Islamabad, 22nd June, 2026

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: International Training Programme on “The Integrated Rural and Regional Development in Malaysia” INFRA, Putrajaya & Malacca, Malaysia, August 05-17, 2026

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 Institute for Rural Advancement (INFRA), Putrajaya & Malacca, Malaysia, during August 05-17, 2026. AARDO has invited one nomination of most relevant officer/expert 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 INFRA)	Exclusions (to be borne by candidates' Nominating Agencies or Candidate)
1.	Programme Fee, Board & Lodging	Passport, visa fee, vaccination, airport taxes etc.
2.	Return 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 rural development policies, strategies and programmes, especially based on the Malaysian experiences;
 - Share successes, best practices, and lessons learned from rural development programs implemented in Malaysia, particularly those aimed at empowering the poor through income generation programs and value-added projects such as cooperatives, agriculture, and others;
 - Enable participants to exchange views on practical knowledge, technology transfer, income generation activities, and environmental improvement for better quality of life in rural areas; and
 - Promote collaboration and networking among key personnel in rural development and poverty alleviation from participating countries

Eligibility Criteria:

4. The candidate must:
- Be a Government Officer (BPS-17 or above) or middle or senior level officers working in the relevant field;
 - Have minimum a bachelor's degree in the relevant Fields with considerable working experience in planning and executing the programmes related to subject of the programme;
 - Be subject specialist and related to the subject of the programme;
 - Have no participation in AARDO's offline programme over the last two years;
 - Have proficiency in spoken and written English language as the medium of conducting the programmes will be English only;

- Be in good health both physically and mentally to undergo the course of training; and,
 - Be below 50 years of age.
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 **July 08, 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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