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**SUBJECT: AHKNCRD-AARDO REGIONAL OFFICE'S COLLABORATIVE ONE-DAY NATIONAL POLICY SEMINAR ON "CLIMATE CHANGE: ISSUES, MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION" ON 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022**

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of self explanatory letter No. 4(1)/2022-23/S/AD (T) dated 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 received from Aktar Hameed Khan National Center for Rural Development (AHKNCRD), an Executive Department of Establishment Division, on the above mentioned subject for placing on the website of the Ministry of Commerce.

2. Interested officers of the Ministry may forward their nominations, duly approved by their respective Head (s) of Wing (s) to HR-I Section latest by **11-11-2022 positively**.

Encl: As above



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October, 2022

**Director General NCRD /**  
**Regional Representative AARDO**

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**About NCRD:**

Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural Development (AHKNCRD), an Executive Department of Establishment Division, is responsible for promoting the cause of rural development in Pakistan through its programmes of training and research. The primary function of the Centre is to organize training courses, workshops and seminars on various aspects of rural development and poverty alleviation for the mid-level functionaries of Federal and Provincial Nation Building Departments (NBDs), including women functionaries, Local Government and Rural Development Departments, NGOs and CBO's entrusted with the task of rural uplift.

**About AARDO:**

African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) is an autonomous, inter-governmental organization comprising of thirty-one member states and two associate member organizations from Asia and Africa. AARDO is functioning since 1962 to promote coordinated efforts, exchange of experiences and cooperative action for furthering the objectives of development of the rural areas. There are a total of six Regional Offices to assist AARDO's Secretariat situated at New Delhi, India. Regional Office for Central and South Asia is situated at NCRD, the link institution from Pakistan to work with AARDO.

**About the Seminar:**

Pakistan is a country rich with natural resources and variety of ecological environments from snow-clad Himalayas to hot and cold deserts, Indus river basin, coastal plains, arid plateaus etc. However, global rise in mean temperature owing to deforestation, green-house gas (GHG) emissions, destruction of ecosystems, etc. have threatened the existence of these resources and ecosystems. Domestic factors such as insufficient and inequitable economic growth compared to higher population, deforestation, urbanization, industrialization, glacier depletion, pressures on ecosystems, etc. have contributed to disastrous changes in climate and its negative impacts including water scarcity, food insecurity, erratic monsoon rains and increase in frequency and intensity of extreme weather events in the country. Global Climate Risk Index 2021 has ranked Pakistan 8<sup>th</sup> most vulnerable country in the world by climate change.


According to National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), the rains and recent resultant flooding of 2022 affected over 33 million people, destroyed 1.7 million homes and about 1500 people lost their lives. Damages likely exceed preliminary estimates of US\$ 30 billion. Pakistan received three times its usual rainfall in August 2022 whereas Sindh and Balochistan received 7 & 8 times their usual monthly totals, respectively which is attributed to climate change by weather experts unanimously.

Keeping in view the importance of the subject, NCRD plans to conduct a one-day national policy seminar titled "Climate Change: Issues, Mitigation and Aadaptation" in collaboration with African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) on November 24, 2022. The major objectives of the Seminar are as follows:

- i. To discuss the various aspects of climate change including its adverse impacts and possible solutions;
  - ii. To discuss various possible mitigation and adaptation strategies in Pakistan's context;
  - iii. To make national level policy recommendations to address the issue of climate change
- **Venue:** AHK National Centre for Rural Development, Park Road, Chak Shahzad, Islamabad.
  - **No fee will be charged for the Seminar;** however, TA/DA of the participants shall be borne by the nominating agencies. Boarding and lodging facilities are available in the Hostel located within AHKNCRD Complex on double occupancy basis and @ Rs. 250 per night per person. Participants may please be informed that family members / children and servants are not allowed to stay with them in the Hostel.
  - It will be appreciated if nominations of 4-5 suitable officers from your department / organization are sent to AHKNCRD by **Wednesday, November 18, 2022.**
  - **Contact Person:** Mr. Bilal Raza, Assistant Director  
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With regards.

Sincerely,



(Israr Mohammad Khan)

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