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SUBJECT: AHKNCRD-AARDO REGIONAL OFFICE'S COLLABORATIVE ONE-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON "FOOD SECURITY: CHALLENGES & OPTIONS" ON JUNE 03,2024

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of self explanatory letter No. 2(3)/2023-24/DD (Trg) dated 7th May, 2024 received from Akhtar 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/relevant officers of the Ministry may forward their nominations, duly approved by their respective Head (s) of Wing (s) to HR-I Section latest by 20-05-2024 positively. *Nominations received after the deadline will not be entertained.*

Encl: As Above

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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
ESTABLISHMENT DIVISION
AHK NATIONAL CENTRE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
PARK ROAD, CHAK SHAHZAD,
ISLAMABAD



Director General NCRD /
Regional Representative AARDO

07th May, 2024

Subject: AHKNCRD-AARDO REGIONAL OFFICE'S COLLABORATIVE ONE-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON "FOOD SECURITY: CHALLENGES & OPTIONS" ON JUNE 03, 2024

About NCRD:

Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural Development (AHKNCRD), an Attached 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 and poverty alleviation for the mid-level functionaries of Federal and Provincial Nation Building Departments (NBDs), including women functionaries, Local Government and Rural Development NGOs and CBOs entrusted with the task of rural uplift.

About AARDO:

African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) is an autonomous, inter-governmental organization comprising of thirty member states from Asia and Africa. Formed in 1962, AARDO was set up with a view 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 low income developing country. Agriculture is the most important sector of the country meeting food and fiber requirements of the fast growing population. With the current rate of population growth, it is expected to get doubled by 2050—making Pakistan the 4th most populated nation from its present status of 5th most populous state of the world. The total cultivated area has increased by just 40 percent during past 60 years, while there has been more than four times increase in population with urban expansion of over sevenfold—resulting into mega-cities as well as rising population pressure on cultivated land. Reducing poverty, hunger and food insecurity are essential part of SDGs and are pre-requisites for economic development. The interdependence of food security and economic growth reinforce the development process of a nation just as food security is one of the most essential components of national security.

The extra-ordinary rise in food prices in last two decades has raised an alarm on food security, particularly for the developing world. Pakistan is no exception. It is also undergoing

devastating impacts of massive floods through most parts of the country. To achieve food-security and pro-poor agricultural growth, Pakistan needs to adopt a comprehensive approach towards increasing productivity of all foods rather than merely concentrating upon achieving just wheat-based food security.

Keeping in view the significance of the subject, related issues and potential solutions, NCRD plans to conduct a one-day national seminar on "Food Security: Challenges & Options" in collaboration with African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) on June 03, 2024. The major objectives of the Seminar are as follows:

- To discuss basic concepts and approaches of food security;
 - To familiarize participants with food security status in Pakistan;
 - To provide a forum for sharing strategies with regard to food security in the country.
- **Venue:** A.I.K 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. 1,000/- 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 6-7 suitable officers from your department / organization are sent to AHKNCRD by Thursday, May 30, 2024.
 - **Contact Person:** Mr. Mubasshir Zaman Khan, Deputy Director
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With regards,

Sincerely,



(Israr Mohammad Khan)

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- All Concerned NGO's.