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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

No. 5(2)2025-Admn-I/-HR-I

Islamabad, the 1st October, 2025

CIRCULAR

SUBJECT: - AARDO-AHKNCRD COLLABORATIVE INTERNATIONAL ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAMME ON "SOCIAL SAFETY NETS: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES", DECEMBER 15-18, 2025.

Deadline 09-12-2025

AHKNCRD-AARDO REGIONAL OFFICES' COLLABORATIVE ONE DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON "RURAL & ECO-TOURISM FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ON 30TH OCTOBER, 2025.

Deadline 20-10-2025

Please find enclosed herewith copies of self explanatory letters 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.

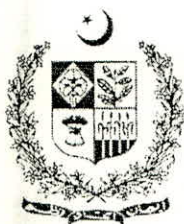
2. Interested / relevant officers from Ministry who fulfill the eligibility criteria may send their nominations, duly approved by their respective Head(s) of the Wing(s)/Departments to HR-I Section. *Nominations received after the deadline will not be entertained.*

Encl: As Above



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Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural
Development

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DIRECTOR GENERAL

September 24, 2025

SUBJECT: AARDO-AHKNCRD Collaborative International Online Training Programme on "Social Safety Nets: Challenges and Opportunities", December 15-18, 2025

Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural Development (AHKNCRD), an Executive Department of Establishment Division, is responsible for promoting the cause of rural development and poverty alleviation in Pakistan through its programmes of training and research. Training is imparted, inter alia to officials of the Local Government and Rural Development Departments, elected representatives, and functionaries of Nation Building Department (NBD's) in order to improve their professional skills and promote sharing of relevant experiences regarding rural development and poverty alleviation in Pakistan.

2. AHKNCRD is planning to organize a four days' international online training programme on "Social Safety Nets: Challenges and Opportunities" from **December 15-18, 2025**. The programme will be conducted **ONLINE** via tele-mode of training in collaboration with African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO), an inter-governmental organization working for the cause of rural development and poverty alleviation in its member countries from Africa and Asia.

3. The major objectives of the training course include:

- To discuss the concept of Social Safety Net Programmes & their importance;
- To have an overview of the various Social Safety Net Programmes of the country;
- To provide a forum for sharing experiences and strategies with regard to role of Social Safety Net and New Imperatives; and,
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4. **No training fee will be charged for training.** An online training mechanism would be utilized to impart the training sessions, which will be electronically accessible from home/office/any other place in order to attend the sessions. To attend the training programme, the participants need to have computer/mobile phone (Android/IOS) with internet connection and headphone. Two one-hour sessions will be held on daily basis. E-Certificates will be awarded to the participants after completion of the programme.

5. It will be appreciated if nominations of 5-6 suitable officers from your department/organization are sent to NCRD by **December 12, 2024**. The nomination letter is required to include:

Name	Designation	Department	Contact details	Email Address
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The coordinator may be contacted in case of any further queries.

Course Coordinator: Mr. Bilal Raza, Assistant Director

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With regards,

Sincerely,

(ISRAR MOHAMMAD KHAN)

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

Sept 25, 2025

**Subject: AHKNCRD-AARDO REGIONAL OFFICES' COLLABORATIVE ONE DAY
NATIONAL SEMINAR ON "RURAL & ECO-TOURISM FOR SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT ON 30th OCTOBER, 2025.**

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 course, workshops and seminars on various aspects of rural and poverty alleviation for the mid-level functionaries of Federal and Provincial National Building Departments (NBDs), including women functionaries, local Government and Rural Development Department, 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 organization from Asia and Africa. AARDO is functioning since 1962 to promote coordinated efforts, exchange of experiences and cooperative actions 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 Seminar:

National building refers to the process of nation integration, consolidation to unify the people's identity, achieve national stability and development. Nation-building aims at the unification of the people within the state so that it remains politically stable and viable in the long run. Nation building ensures that the country takes up an effective role within the world community. The process of national integration will be strengthened on the precondition that governance, at national level should be able to provide strong sense of national identity and national pride by equal development and ensuing equal right for all communities, regions and the federative units. The ultimate objective of a nation building mission is to transform a society emerging from conflict into one at peace. In the Pakistan, the multiplicity of languages, races, ethnicities, and sects are being influenced from the particular environment, which may serve both as ingredients of national integration and disintegration. The issues such as leadership dilemma, bad governance, Socio-economic disparity, ethno-cultural polarization, sub-nationalist politics, fragile national unity under federalism, extremism and national identity crisis are the main challenges to Pakistan's efforts of Nation Building.

Objective:

Keeping in view the significance of the subject, NCRD plans to conduct a one-day national policy seminar on “**Rural & Eco-Tourism for Sustainable Development**” in collaboration with African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) on 30th October, 2025. The major objectives of the Seminar are as follows;

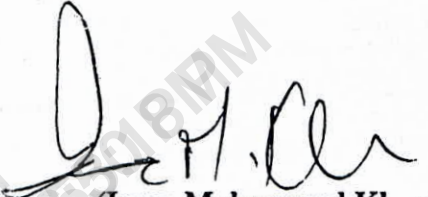
- To highlight the significance and to identify potential of Rural & Ecotourism for Sustainable Development;
- To discuss issues faced by Tourism Industry in Pakistan;
- To provide an opportunity to participants from all over the country to share their experiences related to tourism in their regions.

Venue:

AHK National Centre for Rural Development, Park Road Chak Shahzad, Islamabad

- **No fee will be charged for seminar;** however, TA/DA of the participants (if applicable) shall be borne by the nominating agencies. Boarding and loading facilities are available in the Hostel located within AHKNCRD Complex on double occupancy basis on approved rates.
- **Participants may be charged 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 7-8 suitable officers/officials/scholars/students from your department / organization are sent to AHKNCRD by **October 23rd, 2025.**
- **Contact Person:** Mr. Mubasshir Zaman Khan, Deputy Director (Training) NCRD
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With Regards,



(Israr Mohammad Khan)

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