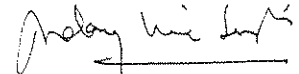


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Government of India  
Ministry of Rural Development

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated the 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2011

Subject: International Workshop on "Indigenous Knowledge/Practices for Food Security and Livelihood", Indian Institute of Management, Noida, India, 10-16 February, 2012.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of AARDO's letter no. CB/WS/India-IIML-Noida/2011 dated 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2011 on the subject mentioned above and to request that the nomination of willing and suitable candidates involved in the subject area of the course may be sent to IC Section by 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2011.



(Uday Vir Singh)  
Section Officer (IC)  
Tel Fax: 23382553

**All Joint Secretaries in the Department of Rural Development**

**Director General  
National Institute of Rural Development,  
Rajendra Nagar, Hyderabad**

**Director,  
State Institutes of Rural Development  
(as per list attached)**

**Copy to: All State Secretaries (RD)/ Resident Commissioners**

**Copy also to: Director (NIC) - for putting it to Ministry's  
Website and Diksha's website.**

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المنظمة الأفريقية الآسيوية للتنمية الريفية  
AFRO-ASIAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION  
ORGANISATION AFRO-ASIATIQUE POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT RURAL



(An autonomous inter-governmental organization established in 1962, formerly known as Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organization)

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY GENERAL

Ref. : No. CB/WS/India-IIML-Noida/2011  
Date : 15 November 2011

الرقم :  
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H.E. the Minister for Rural Development  
Government of India, and  
Hon'ble President of AARDO  
Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi

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Sub.: International Workshop on "Indigenous Knowledge/ Practices for Food Security and Livelihood", Indian Institute of Management, Noida, India, 10-16 February 2012

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) in collaboration with the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India is organising the International Workshop on "Indigenous Knowledge/ Practices for Food Security and Livelihood" at the Indian Institute of Management, Noida, India during 10-16 February 2012 under the additional contribution by the esteemed Government of India for the capacity building programme for the AARDO member countries.

This workshop is designed to develop understanding, skills and attitudes for sustainable development in the agriculture and rural sector. It will focus on discovering new practices in various regions and capacity building of the senior government officials from AARDO member countries, who are entrusted with the responsibility to plan and execute agricultural and rural development programmes. The major objectives of the workshop are:

- to provide a forum for sharing indigenous knowledge and experiences available in the Afro-Asian region;
- to investigate the creative methods/practices for food security and livelihood confined to a specific region;
- to explore the possibilities of dissemination and replication of knowledge and practices in various areas of Afro-Asian region; and
- to demonstrate the prudence of indigenous knowledge in solving food insecurity and livelihood problems.

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I have the pleasure to request Your Excellency to kindly nominate **two (02) suitable officers/experts** in order of preference for the workshop. The prospective nominee (s) must satisfy the following:

**Essential Qualifications:**

- Bachelor Degree or its equivalent with a considerable working experience of planning and executing the programmes related to subject of the workshop.
- Must be subject specialist or related to the subject of the workshop.
- Proficiency in spoken and written English language as the medium of conducting the programme is English only.
- Must be in good health both physically and mentally to undergo to the programme.

The esteemed Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India will meet the expenses on airfare (economy class/excursion fare on the shortest possible route), board and lodging, internal transport in India of the nominee(s) from the member countries. The air tickets will be issued by the AARDO Secretariat.

**AARDO does not provide pocket allowance and expenses incurred during transit, on telephone calls, laundry, passport/visa fee, airport tax, etc.** Therefore, Excellency's esteemed Government may wish to provide some out-of-pocket allowances to the nominee(s) to meet those expenses which are not covered under AARDO's programme.

It is requested that the particulars along with the scanned copy of the relevant pages of passport of the prospective nominee(s) may kindly be arranged to be forwarded to AARDO Secretariat as per the attached proforma latest by **31 December 2011**. The proforma is also available on AARDO's **website: [www.aardo.org](http://www.aardo.org)**. A **'background note'** containing information on the workshop is enclosed herewith.

Kindly accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,



Eng. Wassfi Hassan El Sreihin  
Secretary General

Encl.: As Above

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The Joint Secretary (IC)  
Ministry of Rural Development  
Government of India  
Hon'ble Chairman of the Liaison Committee of AARDO  
Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi

Mr. B.S. Negi  
Director (IC)  
Ministry of Rural Development  
Government of the Republic of India  
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

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**International Workshop on "Indigenous Knowledge/Practices for Food Security and Livelihood", Indian Institute of Management, Noida, India, 10-16 February 2012**

**Background Note**

Global food security is one of the major challenges today and its scale is immense. According to an FAO estimate, over 1 billion people suffer from hunger and one sixth of the global population remains hungry every day. This challenge has reached its unprecedented level in the recent years. Several studies have shown that the most repugnant aspect of food security is neither scarcity of food grains nor less production but the inequitable distribution and the rich/poor divide. The industrialization, technological advancement and modernization have undoubtedly led to better living conditions and lifestyle on the one hand and wide gap between the advanced countries and the developing countries on the other. The developing countries which primarily depend upon their agriculture are still battling for the sustenance while the industrialised countries are growing leaps and bounds though their growth is unsustainable too. Nevertheless, the developing countries have developed their own ways of sustaining through indigenous knowledge (IK) which entails profound knowledge, skills and experiences in agricultural and biodiversity innovations. With this reality, it is an imperative to further explore the possibilities of effective utilization of Indigenous knowledge and practices and incorporation of locally feasible improved technologies to promote sustainable agriculture and livelihood.

Indigenous knowledge is vital to maintain indigenous agriculture and provide household level food security that leads to national level food security which in turn does not guarantee household food security. In this predicament, indigenous knowledge plays a fundamental and pivotal role in ensuring household food security better livelihood. Therefore, there is a need to work on such locally available indigenous knowledge for food security and livelihood at the large scale. Several international and regional organizations are working to safeguard the indigenous knowledge and its application in order to ensure food security for the resource-poor farmers. Against this background, Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) in collaboration with the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India is organising the International Workshop on "Indigenous Knowledge/Practices for Food Security and Livelihood" at the Indian Institute of Management, Noida, India during 10-16 February 2012 under the additional contribution by the esteemed Government of India for the capacity building programme for the AARDO member countries.

**Objectives of the Workshop**

- to provide a forum for sharing indigenous knowledge and experiences available in the Afro-Asian region;
- to investigate the creative methods/practices for food security and livelihood confined to a specific region;
- to explore the possibilities of dissemination and replication of knowledge and practices in various areas of Afro-Asian region; and
- to demonstrate the prudence of indigenous knowledge in solving food insecurity and livelihood problems.

## Approach and Course Contents

This workshop is designed to develop understanding, skills and attitudes for sustainable development in the agriculture and rural sector. It will focus on discovering new practices in various regions and capacity building of the senior government officials from AARDO member countries, who are entrusted with the responsibility to plan and execute agricultural and rural development programmes. The workshop will be conducted through an appropriate mix of case studies, presentations, experiential sharing, exercises, field visits and class-room interactions. The whole workshop will comprise of the following modules:

- Module 1: Introduction to indigenous knowledge for food security and livelihood;
- Module 2: Objectives and relevance of indigenous knowledge for solving food insecurity problem;
- Module 3: Experiential sharing on indigenous knowledge and practices for food security and livelihood. The participants are strongly advised to come prepared with a detailed document on the indigenous knowledge and practices (at least one) on food security and livelihood which they will submit and further present the same to ensure knowledge sharing; and
- Module 4: Field Visits and Projects – A number of field visit programmes will be organised to provide practical insights of indigenous knowledge at the village level.

## Working Language

Programme will be conducted in English language only. Translation facilities into any other language will not be available.

## Participation

Participants are required to attend all the sessions of the workshop, and will not be allowed to leave before 16 February 2012. Spouses will not be allowed to accompany the participants.

## Entitlements

- a) *Travel (Air Tickets)*
  - i) Return journey air ticket (economy/excursion class), by the shortest possible route, from the participating country to Delhi/Noida, India and back. *Local cost, if any, in the home country of the candidate (s) and any other costs during travel to India and back would be met by the participants or their nominating governments. The organizers will not entertain claims for reimbursement of such expenses.*
  - ii) AARDO will issue e-ticket/air tickets to the participants. The air tickets would be cancelled in case a participant fails to reach Delhi/Noida on the scheduled date.

**b) Board and Lodging Arrangements**

- i) Board and lodging would be provided to the participants during the period of the programme. No such facilities except for the period of the programme will be provided.
- ii) The programme is fully residential and the participants will stay in air-conditioned rooms at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) campus, on a single occupancy basis. **Staying outside the campus is not permitted.** The organizers will not make any arrangement or incur any financial obligation for a participant wishing to stay out of the Institute.
- iii) Participants will be required to follow and adhere to the House Rules of the campus. Information on these rules will be made available to the participants on their arrival at the IIM.

**Preparation of Country Report**

Participants are required to prepare a country report on the subject in line with the objectives and contents of the workshop. The report should include country's physical, social and economic profile, status of programmes for agriculture, rural development and poverty alleviation in relation with the subject of the programme. The audio-visual aide for the presentation of the report in the power point will be available.

**Visa Formalities**

Participants must obtain visa from the Indian Embassy in their respective countries to enter into Noida, India.

**Immunization Requirements**

The immunization requirements necessary for travel to and within India include an international vaccination certificate for yellow fever, cholera, etc. Participants are advised to consult Indian Visa Office in their respective countries for any other requirement.

**Venue & Accommodation**

Indian Institute of Management, (IIM-Noida Campus),  
B-1, Sector-62  
Noida-201307, UP, India  
Tel.: 0091-120-6681003

**Arrangements at the Airport**

- i) Arrangements for receiving the participants at Delhi Airport will be looked after by IIM staff.
- ii) Any change in arrival schedule at the Delhi airport should be notified by fax/email to IIM or AARDO. In case of any difficulty, participants may like to contact the following:

### Contact Persons:

- i) Prof. Jabir Ali  
Centre for Food and Agribusiness Management  
Indian Institute of Management (IIM),  
Prabandh Nagar, Off Sitapur Road,  
Lucknow - 226013, Uttar Pradesh (India)  
Phone: 0091-522-2736978 (O) 2736508 (R)  
Fax: 0091-522-2734027/25, Mobile: 0091-9415644574/ 00-91-7388011122  
Email: [jabirali@iiml.ac.in](mailto:jabirali@iiml.ac.in)
- ii) Dr. S. M. Ovais  
Head, Capacity Building and Development Project Division  
Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO)  
No. 2, State Guest Houses Complex, Chanakyapuri  
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### About the IIM

- Indian Institute of Management Lucknow (IIML) is one of the premier business schools in India. Institute offers world class education in major areas of management and provides an ambience for genuine intellectual pursuit, excitement and professional growth. The Institute's carefully designed and high impact Management Development Programme train business leaders, senior executives, and practicing managers from various sectors of the economy in all disciplines of management education and thought. The Institute provides cooperation and support to Industry and the Government through its large number of prestigious Consulting Assignments and Research Projects.
- The Institute has an internationally acclaimed Postgraduate Programme in Management, Agribusiness Management & Fellow Programme in Management known for its quality, rigor and global orientation. Many of its illustrious alumni hold leading positions in both industry and academics in top organizations across the world.
- The Noida campus, as an extension of IIM Lucknow (IIML-NC), has been established to provide globally competitive management education to the professional. The campus aims to cater with growing need of facilitating upgrading of knowledge, skill and attitude of large number of executives in both public and private sectors. The Institute has well equipped air-conditioned lecture rooms and comfortable on-campus air conditioned board and lodging arrangements on single occupancy basis for the Management Development Programme participants at both the campus. Institute has collaborations with a number of Business Schools in Europe, Australia and Canada for Faculty and Students exchange. The Institute enjoys enormous respect and patronage from the corporate world, International Agencies and Government.

# AFRO-ASIAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (AARDO)

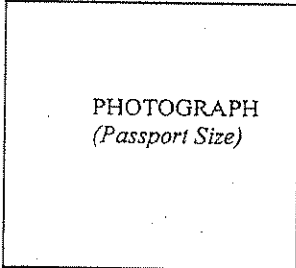
## NOMINATION PROFORMA FOR TRAINING FELLOWSHIP/ WORKSHOP/ SEMINAR/ CONFERENCE

Name of the Programme \_\_\_\_\_

Venue \_\_\_\_\_ Duration \_\_\_\_\_

### IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

- i) Please answer each question clearly and completely.
- ii) Please ensure that the attached physical examination report is complete and duly certified by Government Doctor.
- iii) Please send the form to the nominating authority for onward transmission to Secretary General, AARDO.



(Use CAPITAL Letters)

1. Name (Dr/Mr/Ms) (As indicated in Passport)		
Family Name	First Name	Middle Name
2. Father's Name :		
Mother's Name :		
Spouse's Name : (if married)		
3. Present Mailing Address (Please Specify City, Province & Country)		
i) Residence Address		
ii) Office Address		
<i>(Please specify country and city code)</i>		
i) Tel. (Office)		ii) Fax :
iii) Tel (Residence)		iv) Email :
4. Sex	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Marital Status		<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
6. Passport Particulars		
i) Number		v) Place of Issue
ii) Date of Issue		vi) Date of Birth
iii) Date of Expiry		vii) Place of Birth
iv) Issuing Authority		viii) Nationality

Note : Please attach photo copy of the passport.

7. Language(s) Known (Mother Tongue First) Please tick (✓)

Languages	Excellent		Good		Fair	
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O= Oral; W=Written.

8. Educational Qualifications

i) University degree or equivalent

Name and Address of University	Duration	Degree and Academic From To	Major Subjects of Study Distinctions obtained

ii) Other formal trainings including professional training, if any

Name and Address of Institute	Type of Training Received	Duration From To	Certificate/Diploma Obtained

9. Employment Record

i) Present Position

Exact title of your post	Date of joining
Name and address of employer (Please include Telephone, Fax, E-mail, if any)	Duty station
	Number and kind of employees supervised
Description of your present duties	

ii) Previous Positions (during the last five years)

	Exact title of your post	Name of the institution served	Duration		Nature of duties performed
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I certify that the statements made by me in the forgoing paras are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Physical Examination Report**  
(To be filled in by Government Doctor)

Ref No: \_\_\_\_\_

I have examined Mr/Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name & Designation of the candidate)*

and certify that (i) he/she is physically fit; (ii) suffers from no communicable disease; and (iii) he/she is HIV negative.

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*Specimen signature of candidate*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Examining Physician*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)      Name  
Designation  
Address

**For Use by Nominating Authority**

1. Mr/Ms \_\_\_\_\_ s/o d/o/ w/o Mr \_\_\_\_\_  
whose particulars are given in the foregoing paras of this proforma is hereby duly sponsored to participate in \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please mention name of the programme)*

2. In the event of selection of the candidate, all costs (other than those attached to the programme and borne by AARDO) would be borne by us.

3. It has been ensured that the candidate participates in the programme for its entire duration and with all due attention and responsibilities.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Official Seal

Name  
Designation  
Mailing Address  
E-mail

**Please forward to:**  
The Secretary General  
Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization  
2, State Guest Houses Complex, Chanakyapuri  
New Delhi - 110021, India