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Government of India  
Ministry of Rural Development

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated the 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2011

Subject: International Workshop on "Impact of Globalization on Rural Development in Afro- Asian Countries", Islamabad, Pakistan, 28 November – 03 December, 2011.

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The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith a copy of AARDO's letter no. CB/WS/Pakistan/2009 dated 26<sup>th</sup> September, 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 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2011

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*S. S. Dhavale*  
(Sunita Dhavale)

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

**Subject: International Workshop on "Impact of Globalization on Rural Development in Afro-Asian Countries", Islamabad, Pakistan, 28 November- 03 December 2011**

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) in collaboration with the Ministry of Professional & Technical Training, Government of Pakistan represented by Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural Development & Municipal Administration (AHK NCRD & MA), Islamabad, Pakistan is organising the International Workshop on "Impact of Globalization on Rural Development in Afro-Asian Countries" during 28 November- 03 December 2011 in Islamabad, Pakistan. The objectives of the workshop are:

- to provide a forum to share knowledge, ideas and experience on the impact of globalization on rural development in Afro-Asian countries;
- to review the programmes, strategies and practices being carried out in the Afro-Asian countries in view of the impact of globalization; and
- to deliberate upon the opportunities and challenges offered by the globalization and formulate policies and an action plan for sustainable rural development in Afro-Asian countries.

This workshop would provide an opportunity for policy makers, planners and implementers of the AARDO member countries to deliberate and formulate an action plan for ensuring sustainable rural development in the member countries. The workshop will be attended by the experts, senior officials and individuals working in the relevant field in their respective countries. Resource Persons having rich experiences on the subject will also be invited to share their experiences with the participants.

I have the pleasure to request Your Excellency to kindly nominate **two (02) suitable officers/experts** in order of preference for the above 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.
- Proficiency in spoken and written English language as the medium of conducting the seminar is English only.
- Must be in good health both physically and mentally to undergo to the programme.

**AARDO will meet the expenses on both ways airfare (economy class/excursion fare on the shortest possible route), board and lodging, internal transport in Pakistan of the nominee (s) from the member countries.**

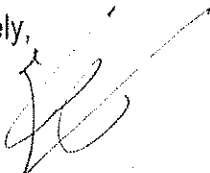
**AARDO does not provide pocket allowance and expenses incurred during transit, on telephone calls, laundry, passport/visa fee, airport tax, etc.** Therefore, Excellency's esteemed Government may wish to provide some out-of-pocket allowances to the nominee(s) to meet those expenses which are not covered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

It is requested that the particulars along with complete passport details of the prospective nominee(s) may kindly be arranged to be forwarded to AARDO Secretariat as per the attached proforma latest by **25 October 2011**. The proforma is also available on AARDO's **website: [www.aardo.org](http://www.aardo.org)**.

**The participant (s) will be required to prepare a country paper in line with the background note and objectives of the workshop to be presented and documented in its report.**

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

Sincerely,



Eng. Wassfi Hassan El Sreihin  
Secretary General

*Encl.: As Above*

Copy to

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

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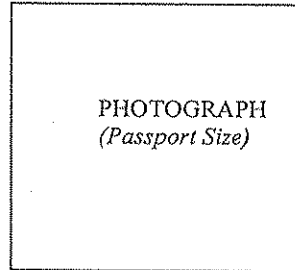
## NOMINATION PROFORMA FOR TRAINING FELLOWSHIP/ WORKSHOP/ SEMINAR/ CONFERENCE

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
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2. Father's Name :		
Mother's Name :		
Spouse's Name : (if married)		
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3. Present Mailing Address (Please Specify City, Province & Country)		
i) Residence Address		
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ii) Office Address		
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<i>(Please specify country and city code)</i>		
i) Tel. (Office)		ii) Fax :
iii) Tel (Residence)		iv) Email :
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4. Sex    Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>		5. Marital Status <input style="width: 100px;" 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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iii)						

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 (City)
	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
			From	To	
1.					
2.					
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10 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**

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International Workshop on "Impact of Globalization on Rural Development in Afro-Asian Countries",  
Islamabad, Pakistan, 28 November- 03 December 2011

(Background Note)

The concept of globalization dates back to the voyage of discovery in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. However the roots of newly emerging globalization have been traced in the specific economic and political developments in late 1980s and 90s. It is a fundamental transformation in societies because of the recent technological revolution which has led to a recombining of the economic and social forces on a new territorial dimension". Globalization may be defined as a process by which international interactions have increasingly greater importance on decision-making at all levels: local, national, regional and international. It is also a powerful driving force in today's processes of economic, social and environmental change in the world. These processes are highly interrelated and may articulate existing inequities in the global economy mainly affecting the poor living in developing countries particularly in the Afro-Asian region.

Broadly speaking, the term 'globalization' means integration of economies and societies through cross country flows of information, ideas, technologies, goods, services, capital, finance and people. Cross border integration can have several dimensions – cultural, social, political and economic. In fact, some people fear cultural and social integration even more than economic integration. The fear of "cultural hegemony" haunts many. Limiting to the economic integration, globalization happens mainly through the channels of trade in goods and services; movement of capital and flow of finance and; of course, the movement of people. The process of globalisation not only includes opening up of world trade, development of advanced means of communication, internationalisation of financial markets, growing importance of Multi National Companies (MNCs), migration of people and more generally increased mobility of persons, goods, capital, data and ideas but also infections, diseases and pollution.

Historically, globalization has been a process with ebbs and flows of integration of economies of the world in terms of movement of capital and trade and migration of people. During the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, there were a very few non-tariff barriers and restrictions on movement of capital. But the two World Wars decelerated the pace of globalization. The inter-war period witnessed restrictions on free movement of goods and services imposed by many countries to thrive better under high protective walls. However, the post World War II era brought about increasing integration among the nations and a vigorous process of globalization. Most of the developing countries since then have been following an import substitution industrialization regime, outward oriented policy of growth and getting integrated with the global economy. Nevertheless, there are more concerns about globalization now than before because of the nature and pace of transformation. The most startling thing is not only the rapid pace of globalization but also its enormous impact through new information technologies on market integration, efficiency and industrial organizations etc. In this process of globalization, integration of financial markets has far outpaced that of the product markets.

Globalization has brought in many new opportunities but it also put forth new challenges which mainly include the growing inequality across and within nations, volatility in financial market and environmental deteriorations. With regard to the impact of globalization, there are two major concerns of the developing countries. First major concern is of a more iniquitous distribution of income among countries and within them. Second concern is that globalization leads to the loss of national sovereignty in terms of independent domestic policies as they are inescapably linked to the external forces in a globalised world. These issues need to be addressed both theoretically and empirically. However, the two major changes brought about by globalization with respect to international trade may turn out to be advantageous or the developing countries. The first change is the relinquishment of certain areas of production by the industrially advanced countries for a variety of reasons, which can be occupied by the developing countries. The second change relates to international trade which is no longer determined by the distribution of natural resources. Further, with the advent of information technology, the productive activities are becoming "knowledge-intensive"



rather than "resource intensive". Hence, the role of human resources has emerged as more important and the specialized human skills will become the determining factor in the coming decades. Further, capital and technology are fluid and they will move where the benefits are greater. In the emerging scenario, it would depend as to how the developing countries turn these changes in their favour by overcoming the challenges and taking advantage of the opportunities brought in by the globalization.

The majority of the Afro-Asian countries are agrarian and a considerable chunk of their population is concentrated in rural areas that depend on agriculture and allied activities for their livelihood. The rural areas in these countries are characterized with widespread poverty which is mainly attributed to illiteracy; lack/or limited access to productive resources like land, credit and technology; high population growth; inadequate physical and institutional infrastructure; traditional knowledge and practices; natural disasters, conflicts and civil strife, etc. According to UNDP (2005), each one out of every six inhabitants on this planet, still struggles daily to meet some or all of basic needs such as food, shelter, safe drinking water and sanitation as well as access to basic health care and education. These people earn merely US \$1 or less per day and more than 20,000 people die due to dire poverty for want of food, safe drinking water and medicines every day. In view of this scenario, the rural masses of the Afro-Asian countries make no exception.

The agricultural and allied activities create both tangible and intangible values which are non-tradable in nature and include food security, preservation of rural areas, socio-cultural heritage, land and water conservation, and other natural resources, agro-biodiversity, agro-tourism, etc. The benefits of these multiple roles of agriculture or multi-functionality cover the following broad functions - food production including fibre production; economic functions (employment generation, promotion of trade, backward and forward linkages); socio-cultural functions (preservation of socio-culture, customs and traditions); environmental functions (maintenance of ecological balance); and aesthetic values (maintaining landscape. Keeping in view that in the 21st century, agriculture will remain a fundamental instrument for rural development and poverty reduction, the significance and the role of agriculture in rural development in achieving the developmental goals and inclusive growth have been widely recognized by the Afro-Asian countries. Moreover, the sustainability of rural development in these countries would largely depend on generation of innovative solutions with a successful mix of technological, social, organizational and institutional elements.

Globalisation has led to the emergence of World Trade Organisation (WTO) whose main objectives are to ensure freer, more transparent and more predictable trade regime. However, this objective need to be analysed in view of the problems encountered by the Afro-Asian countries with regard to the issued relating to agriculture – which include subsidies, non-tariff barriers, most favoured nations status, multi-functionality of agriculture, food security and self sufficiency, non-trade concerns, etc. Globalisation has also brought in many propitious changes but with their far reaching implications on the Afro-Asian economies. It has intensified interdependence and competition between economies in the world market which is reflected in trading in goods and services and movement of capital. As a result, domestic economic developments in the Afro-Asian countries are not determined entirely by their domestic policies and market conditions. Rather, they are influenced by both domestic as well as international policies and economic conditions.

With the emergence of liberalization, privatization and shift in development priorities, under the auspices of globalization, the resources available that can be utilized for the poverty alleviation programmes in rural areas, are shrinking at a rapid pace. The presence of multiple agencies and duplication of work have resulted in improper utilization of human, financial and natural resources. Further, lack of adequate political commitment and an effective implementation mechanism have made overall rural development efforts rather fragmented and uncoordinated and much short of the dynamism required to achieve desired results. As a result, the problems of rural poverty, unemployment, insufficient basic amenities, and rural-urban migration still persist because of high population growth,

decline in productivity, deterioration in natural resources, limited employment opportunities, limited access to productive resources and credit with easy terms and conditions and recently emerging issue of digital divide.

There is an increasing realization among the key rural development stakeholders in the Afro-Asian countries that the achievements being made are not up to the expectations. Thus, rural development and poverty alleviation despite being a priority agenda in the national development strategies and the recipients of donors' support in the past decades continues to remain major challenges in most of the developing countries in the Afro-Asian region. A clear rethinking and refocusing of the rural development process is thus required to bring rural development at the centre stage of the national development strategies and turn it into an effective mechanism for ensuring sustained growth of the rural economy and alleviation of endemic poverty in the Afro-Asian developing countries in view of challenges and opportunities provided by the globalization. These objectives are ascertained to be pursued through adopting multi-disciplinary and pluralist approaches to rural development and poverty alleviation, building an enabling environment, ensuring better access to technology, markets and institutions, facilitating empowerment and participation and strengthening the process of rural governance. The policy may focus on the involvement and active participation especially of the disadvantaged rural people so that they can have the access to the productive assets and necessary skills. The programme should take into consideration family empowerment, entrepreneurship development and development of physical and social infrastructure, capacity building, viable land tenure systems, and provision of credit on easy terms and conditions. Special attention is required to keep the transparency and accountability in the implementation of rural development programmes. To acclimatize their economies in consonance with the global changes, rural development programmes in its varied forms and dimensions need to be implemented in the Afro-Asian countries.

Therefore, the basic idea of organizing this workshop is to review the rural development policies, programmes, strategies and practices being carried out in the Afro-Asian countries in view of the globalization and its impact. This international workshop would provide a forum for experts to deliberate on the subject and coming out with appropriate strategies and policies for sustainable rural development in the Afro-Asian region keeping in view the Millennium Development Goals and the challenges and opportunities emerged from the new economic order – "Globalization"

Against this backdrop, Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) in collaboration with the Ministry of Professional and Technical Training, Government of Pakistan represented by Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural Development and Municipal Administration (AHK NCRD & MA), Islamabad, Pakistan is organizing an International Workshop on "*Impact of Globalization on Rural Development in Afro-Asian Countries*" during 28 November- 03 December 2011 at AHK NCRD, Islamabad, Pakistan with the following objectives:

**Objectives of the Workshop**

This workshop will provide a forum to the policy planners/experts/implementers/senior government officials entrusted with the responsibility of Agriculture and Rural Development in the AARDO member countries to discuss and deliberate on the issues of the workshop. The objectives of the workshop are mentioned below:

- to provide a forum to share knowledge, ideas and experience on the impact of globalization on rural development in Afro-Asian countries;
- to review the programmes, strategies and practices being carried out in the Afro-Asian countries in view of the impact of globalization; and
- to deliberate upon the opportunities and challenges offered by the globalization and formulate policies and an action plan for sustainable rural development in Afro-Asian countries.

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## Approach of the Workshop

The programme will be conducted through an appropriate mix of presentations of expert and country papers, field visits to agricultural and rural development projects and programmes, group discussion and recommendations. The detailed programme schedule of the workshop will follow.

## Organizers

This workshop is being organized by Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) in collaboration with the Ministry of Professional and Technical Training, Government of Pakistan represented by Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural Development & Municipal Administration (AHK NCRD & MA), Islamabad, Pakistan during 28 November- 03 December 2011 in Islamabad, Pakistan.

## Venue

Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural Development & Municipal Administration (AHK NCRD & MA), Ministry of Professional and Technical Training, Government of Pakistan Park Road, Chak Shahzad, Islamabad, Pakistan

## Working Language

The workshop 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 03 December 2011. 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 Islamabad, Pakistan and back. Local cost, if any, in the home country of the candidate (s) and any other costs during travel to Pakistan 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 air tickets to the participants. The air tickets would be cancelled in case a participant fails to reach Islamabad on the scheduled date.

### b) *Board and Lodging Arrangements*

i) Board and lodging would be provided to the participants during the period of the workshop. No such facilities except for the period of the workshop will be provided.

ii) The participants will stay in air-conditioned rooms at the Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural Development & Municipal Administration (AHK NCRD & MA) campus, on a single occupancy basis. *Staying outside*

*the campus will not be permitted.* The organizers will not make any arrangement or incur any financial obligation for a participant wishing to stay out of the Centre.

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 AHK NCRD & MA.

### Country Papers

Participants are required to prepare a country paper on the subject in line with the objectives of the workshop. Participants will be required to bring five (5) hard copies of their papers for circulation. Additional copies will be prepared by the organizers. The papers should be written in the format of scientific papers with Microsoft Word. They should include **Abstract (150 words)**, references, etc. At least, a total of **5,000 words** are required for a full paper of the country. The paper for the presentation in the workshop should be loaded in a pen drive or CD so that they can be printed on the Proceedings of the workshop. The audio-visual aide for the presentation of the paper in the power point will be available. The participants are requested to send their papers to the AARDO Secretariat **latest by 10 November 2011** through e-mail: [cbdp\\_aardo@yahoo.com](mailto:cbdp_aardo@yahoo.com)

### Expert Papers

The resource persons would be required to prepare expert papers in view of the above mentioned issues and objectives highlighting the experiences of their respective regions. The expert papers would be submitted to AARDO along with **Abstract latest by 31 October 2011** through e-mail [cbdp\\_aardo@yahoo.com](mailto:cbdp_aardo@yahoo.com)

### Visa Formalities

Participants must obtain visa from the Pakistan Embassy/High Commission in their respective countries to enter into Islamabad, Pakistan.

### Immunization Requirements

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

### Weather during the Workshop

Since the weather during the period of the workshop (28 November- 03 December) gets cold in Islamabad, Pakistan, therefore, warm clothing will be required by the delegates. NCRD has heating arrangements at workshop venue and hostel accommodation with provision of running hot water.

### Arrangements at the Airport

- i) Arrangements for receiving the participants at Islamabad Airport will be looked after by AHK NCRD & MA.
- ii) Any change in arrival schedule at the Islamabad airport should be notified by fax/email to AHK NCRD & MA or AARDO. In case of any difficulty regarding visa, etc, participants may like to contact the following:

**Contact Persons:**

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