

Government of Pakistan
FINANCE DIVISION
HRM Wing
(Quality Assurance – I Section)

CIRCULAR

Subject: ONLINE INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME ON “DESIGN THINKING FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE”, AT INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KANPUR (IIT-K), INDIA, MAY 06-09, 2024

Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural Development, (AHKNCRD), an Executive Department of Establishment Division, Islamabad vide letter No. 1(4)/2015-16/IL.Trg, dated 5th April, 2024 his informed that the African Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO), New Delhi, India is organizing an **ONLINE** subject international training programme in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT-K), India, during May 06-09,2024. AARDO has invited nominations from Pakistan to attend the subject training programme that will be conducted via Zoom application for four working days (total 08 hours, two hours' session on each day). The session timings will be 1400-1600 hrs. IST (1330-1530 hrs. PST).

Objectives:-

- Development sensitivity towards user behavior and attitudes to gain deeper insights into their needs, facilitating empathic design solutions for sustainable agriculture;
- Identify design specifications for new agricultural products and create low-fidelity prototypes, encourage critical evaluation of these prototypes against industrial practices to benchmark design readiness;
- Enable to indentify trade-offs necessary for the sustainable development of agricultural products, considering technical, environmental, and social perspectives; and ;
- Provide key tools and techniques of the design thinking process to effectively identify, define, specify and create agricultural products that fulfill customer needs while promoting sustainability.

Eligibility Criteria:-

- Be a Government officer (BPS-17 or above) or middle or senior level officers from Ministries / Divisions/ Attached Departments, Provincial Governments and Public Sector Universities;
- Having bachelor's degree in Sciences/or its equivalent with a considerable working experience in planning and executing programmes related to the subject of this training;
- Have proficiency in spoken and written English language as the medium of conducting the programmes will be English only;
- Be conversant with ICT and willing to undertake online training programme; and
- Have Zoom account; headset with microphone & web camera, and sufficient computer space to run Zoom smoothly.

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2. All interested Officers (BPS-17 & above) of Finance Division are requested to furnish their nominations duly recommended by the AFS/head of the Wing concerned, to **QA-I Section by 22.4.2024**. After approval of the (Competent Authority) the applicant will submit online application at AARDO's website (<https://aardo.org/aardot.php>). Advance scanned copies of the approved nomination(s) with submitted application forms may preferably be emailed at ro2@nrd.gov.pk and dg@ncrd.gov.pk

Note:- "In addition to the eligibility criteria specified for a training, all officers who are working on contract basis/fixed pay package or having less than two years continuous government service or less than three months of service in Finance Division or against whom disciplinary proceedings/inquiry is in progress or on probation period, may need not apply"


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Finance Division's U.O No.F.3 (9) QA-I/2023-24 dated 19.4.2024

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