

basic text

**of the
AFRO-ASIAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (AARDO)**

CONSTITUTION



NEW DELHI

FOREWORD

An Afro-Asian Conference on Rural Reconstruction was held in New Delhi, India in January 1961. This Conference proposed the formation of Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organization and constituted a committee to prepare a suitable draft Constitution for the proposed body. The Committee met in Teheran, Iran in May 1961 and finalized the draft Constitution.

The Second Afro-Asian Conference on Rural Reconstruction held in Cairo, Egypt in March 1962, considered and passed the Constitution of the Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organization (now Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO)). The Constitution of AARDO came into force on 31 March 1962 when it was accepted by five countries, namely, Egypt, India, Japan, Libya and Malaysia (Annexure II).

Although the first Constitution continued to provide the legal framework for the Organization till 1975, the need for amendment had begun to be felt much earlier. The Seventh Session of the Executive Committee held at New Delhi, India in March 1967 had finally come to the conclusion that in view of the new status of the Organization, and the role it was expected to play, its legal framework should be changed.

The subject of the constitutional amendment received attention of six sessions of the Executive Committee, that is, from 8th to 13th, and two general sessions of AARDO Conference, namely, the Third Session (Seoul, 1968) and the Fourth Session (Accra, 1971). However, the matter remained pending as two-thirds majority of the total members, required to amend the Constitution, was not available, either at the Seoul or at the Accra General Session of AARDO Conference.

Thereafter, the Fourteenth Session of the Executive Committee held at Manila, the Philippines on 21 - 23 February 1975 deliberated and finalized the amendments and recommended to the Fifth General Session of AARDO Conference (AC-5) held at Manila, the Philippines on 24 February - 3 March 1975 to adopt them. The AC-5, having the required majority, finally approved and adopted the new Constitution at its plenary session held on 3 March 1975. The Conference also decided that the new Constitution should come into force within three months from 5th March 1975. The new Constitution, binding on all the existing and future members of the Organization, thus came into force on 21 May 1975.

The Executive Committee in its 37th Session held at Cairo, Egypt on 4 - 7 August 1992 felt that in view of the changed global and economic circumstances, there was a need to take a second look at the Constitution of the Organization to facilitate the implementation of AARDO's objectives. A review was also considered necessary to remove certain constitutional lacunae with regard to the method of election that were noticed during the elections to the post of Secretary General in 1991 and to the post of Assistant Secretary General

in 1992. The proposals for making amendments to the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure of AARDO were placed before the 38th Session of the Executive Committee (EC-38) held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 4-6 February 1993. The EC-38 decided to recommend to the Eleventh General Session of AARDO Conference (AC-11) held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 8-11 February 1993 to constitute a Working Group to examine the proposed amendments. The AC-11, in its first business sitting on 8 February 1993 constituted a Working Group consisting of Egypt, Malaysia, Jordan, India and Zambia. The report of the Working Group was considered by the Conference on 11 February 1993 and it approved the amendments to the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure as recommended by the Working Group. The amendments approved by AC-11 were accordingly incorporated at the relevant places.

In pursuance of the decision of the Thirteenth General Session of AARDO Conference (AC-13) held at New Delhi, India on 23-24 January 2000, the name of the Organization was changed from Afro-Asia Rural Reconstruction Organization (AARRO) to Afro-Asia Rural Development Organization (AARDO). Yet another amendment in the Constitution was carried out when the Fourteenth General Session of AARDO Conference (AC-14) held at Cairo, Egypt on 16-17 September 2002 changed the upper age limit to the post of the Secretary General. The last amendment to the Constitution was carried out in January 2009 when the Sixteenth General Session of AARDO Conference (AC-16) held at New Delhi, India on 6-9 January 2009 approved, among others, the inclusion of Goal, Vision, Mission and Areas of Concern of AARDO in the Constitution. The list of countries, which were invited to the First as well as the Second Afro-Asian Conferences on Rural Reconstruction held at New Delhi and Cairo in 1961 and 1962, respectively; those countries which passed the First Constitution; those which passed the new Constitution at Manila; and those countries which approved the amendments in the Constitution at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Cairo, Egypt and New Delhi, India are given as separate annexures from I to VIII. Besides, included in the Constitution are specimen of membership application forms (Annexures IX and X) and the list of current members of AARDO (Annexure XI).

*New Delhi, India
10 February 2010*

*Dr Abdalla Yahia Adam
Secretary General*

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PREAMBLE

Whereas the Governments in various countries of the continents of Africa and Asia and their national farmers' organization, accepting this Constitution;

Being determined to launch concerted and, wherever possible, cooperative action to restructure their rural societies, to reconstruct the economy of their rural people, and revitalise their social and cultural life;

Being convinced that, in the developing countries, where very similar problems confront the task of rural reconstruction, such a concerted action could be possible through joint, planned and coordinated efforts of the governments and the rural communities;

Agree hereby to establish the Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Organization (Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization), hereinafter referred to as the Organization, which may afford an opportunity to the representatives of the Governments and the rural people;

To jointly discuss their problems and exchange views, ideas, information and experiences; and

To formulate plans, devise means and take necessary action for the achievement of the above objectives.

GOAL

Keeping in view the socio-economic scenario of the developing countries of Afro-Asian region, AARDO is mandated to address both agriculture and rural development. AARDO should make "Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development" of its member countries as its main goal. In line with this goal, the Organization should have its own Vision and Mission that would provide proper direction to the activities of the Organization and the results it can achieve. As a result, the Vision and Mission of AARDO should be as follows:

VISION

The vision of the Organization shall be to improve the quality of life of the rural people in the Afro-Asian member countries.

MISSION

The mission of the Organization shall be to catalyse efforts of the Afro-Asian countries, to help them restructure their rural societies and to reconstruct the economy of their rural people, by launching concerted, and wherever possible, cooperative action with determination, by the member countries of the Afro-Asian region.

AREAS OF CONCERN

AARDO, in order to catalyze sustainable agriculture and rural development in its member countries, would be well advised to pursue following areas of concern:

- 1 Poverty Alleviation
- 2 Sustainable Agricultural Development
- 3 Integrated Rural Development
- 4 Women's Empowerment
- 5 Decentralization and Community Empowerment
- 6 Environment and Climatic Changes in the context of Rural Development

ARTICLE 1

FUNCTIONS

The functions of the Organization shall be :

- 1 To develop understanding among members for better appreciation of each other's problems and to explore opportunities for collaboration of efforts for sustainable agricultural and rural development;
- 2 To collaborate with the appropriate international and regional organizations, including UN agencies, the national bodies, governmental or non-governmental, both in the developed and developing countries, for purposes of taking action to accelerate agriculture and rural development in the member countries;
- 3 To hold international and regional conferences, seminars, workshops and meetings to facilitate exchange of ideas and experiences among the member countries and to identify new areas of collaboration;
- 4 To organize and facilitate the conduct of international, regional and in-country training programmes to strengthen the institutional capacity of Afro-Asian member countries in sustainable agriculture and rural development and promote networking among these countries through exchange of views, experiences and good practices;
- 5 To initiate research and action research studies of specific or common interest and disseminate disaggregated data/statistics and information to member countries;
- 6 To provide technical and financial support to its member countries to undertake pilot projects for experimentation and replication;

- 7 To serve as a clearinghouse and data bank for communication and information on agriculture and rural development and promote dissemination of such information through multi-media approach; and
- 8 To pursue environment and climatic changes in the context of rural development.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

- 1 The membership of the Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization shall be open to :
 - a) all countries invited to the First or Second Sessions of the AARRO Conference held in New Delhi and Cairo during 1961 and 1962, respectively (List of these countries is at Annexure 1 and Annexure 1A);
 - b) any other country in the Afro-Asian Region not represented at the above two Conferences, provided that it is a full or associate member of the UN or any of its Specialised Agencies;
 - c) any other country outside the Afro-Asian Region provided it is a full or associate member of the UN or any of its Specialised Agencies. Such countries could join as Associate Members of the Organization; and
 - d) any Organization or Foundation concerned with the development of rural communities :
 - 1(A) The Associate Members shall not enjoy the right to vote;
 - 1(B) Any country or organization already holding the membership of AARDO need not apply for membership again.
- 2 The membership of AARDO, full or associate, can be held by the Government of a country, or with the approval of the Government concerned, by a governmental or non-governmental apex-level organization of farmers and rural people interested in rural development.
- 3 Application for membership under the above clauses shall be made by the Government, or by the interested body through the Government, and shall be presented to the Secretariat of AARDO.
- 4(a) The countries covered under clause 1(a) will automatically become members of the Organization as soon as the formal Notice of Acceptance is received in the Secretariat.

4(b) The applications received from the countries or the organizations covered under clauses 1(b), 1(c) and 1(d) above, will be circulated by the Secretariat among the full members of the Organization for admission as a full or associate member of AARDO. In case a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority of total membership of AARDO agrees, within the stipulated period of time, the country, the organization or foundation concerned will be admitted as a Full or Associate member of the Organization by the Secretary General.

4(c) In case of any objection, the matter shall be referred by the Secretary General to the Executive Committee of AARDO for its final decision.

5 All the new members admitted under the above clauses shall be reported to the General Session of the AARDO Conference for formal confirmation.

ARTICLE III

ORGANS OF THE ORGANIZATION

The organs of the Organization shall be: (1) the Conference, (2) the Executive Committee, (3) the Liaison Committee, (4) the Secretariat and Regional Offices, and (5) the Technical Programme Committee.

However, the Technical Programme Committee shall not be a permanent body.

ARTICLE IV

AARDO CONFERENCE

1 There shall be a Conference of the Organization in which each member, full or associate, will be represented by a delegation. The delegation of AARDO member countries may be led by a Minister. The Conference shall be known as the Conference of the Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization or the AARDO Conference.

2 No delegation shall represent more than one full member.

3 Each full member shall be entitled, through its delegation, to vote at any session of the Conference, provided that no member shall have more than one vote.

4 The Conference may extend invitation to any international or regional organization, governmental or non-governmental, to be represented at its Session on conditions laid down by the

Conference, but no delegation representing such Organizations and Associate Members shall have the right to vote.

5 The Conference shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

6 The supreme authority regarding all matters relating to the Organization shall vest in the AARDO Conference whose decision shall be final.

7 The Conference shall determine the policies and approve the budget of the Organization.

8 The Conference shall exercise full control over the finances of the Organization including the holding of movable and immovable assets, if any, and make rules for the administration of the same by the Executive Committee.

9(a) The Conference shall formally ratify the admission of new members admitted into the Organization during the interval between its two General Sessions; and

9(b) The Conference shall also take decision by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote of the members present and voting on pending cases, if any, for the membership of the Organization.

10 The Conference may constitute, whenever necessary, commissions, committees, panels and working parties for tendering advice or consultation or for study for consideration of any specific matters or subjects.

ARTICLE V

SESSIONS OF THE AARDO CONFERENCE

1 The Conference shall, at each general session, decide the venue of the next General Session of the Conference, and the date thereof, if possible.

2 The Conference shall meet, in a general session, at least once within the period of thirty-six (36) months from the date of conclusion of the last Conference.

3 A special session of the Conference shall be convened by the Secretary General on the receipt of requisition from two-thirds (2/3rds) of the members of the Organization.

4 A special session of the Conference shall also be convened by the Secretary General on receipt of requisition to that effect from one or more members of the Organization, provided that a

two-thirds (2/3rds) majority of the total membership agrees to the proposal which would be arranged to be circulated among all the members of the Organization for their acceptance.

5 A special session of the Conference could also be proposed to be convened by the Secretary General. The Secretary General shall convene such a Special Session provided a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority of the total membership agrees to the proposal which would be arranged to be circulated among all members of the Organization for their acceptance.

ARTICLE VI

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

1 The AARDO Conference shall elect one President at each of its regular General Session. It shall also elect, at the same time, two (2) Vice-Presidents.

2 The President shall be the Head of the Organization. He/she will preside over the General Session of the AARDO Conference and any other meetings of the AARDO Conference; and in his/her absence, one of the two Vice-Presidents shall preside.

3 The President shall enjoy a casting vote in case of a tie.

4 The President shall exercise all the powers of the AARDO Conference, during the interval between its two sessions. All decisions of the President shall, however, be placed before the next meeting of the AARDO Conference for ratification.

5 The President may delegate to one of the two (2) Vice-Presidents, the authority to exercise his/her powers and functions.

ARTICLE VII

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1 The Conference shall, at each Session, elect nine (9) members, who, with the President and the two (2) Vice-Presidents of the Executive Committee, shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Organization. This Executive Committee shall hold office until the new election is held. All office bearers and members of the Executive Committee may be eligible for re-election.

2 The out-going President of the Organization shall be an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

3 All the thirteen members of the Executive Committee including the President and the two Vice-Presidents shall be Permanent Secretaries/Secretaries/senior officials nominated by their governments.

4 Seven (7) members of the Executive Committee shall form the quorum.

5 Any vacancy occurring on the Executive Committee, on any account whatsoever, shall be filled by the Executive Committee by appointing another member. The Secretary General shall make suitable proposals to the Executive Committee in this behalf. Any member so appointed will hold office till the current term of the Executive Committee.

6 The Executive Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

7 The Executive Committee shall meet at least three (3) times in between the two (2) General Sessions of the AARDO-Conference. Of these, at least one (1) session shall be during the non-Conference year.

8 The meeting of the Executive Committee shall also be convened by the Secretary General, if two-thirds (2/3rds) of the members of the Executive Committee agree to do so.

9 The Executive Committee shall deal with all matters which are entrusted to it by the Conference, and shall take all steps to implement the decisions and policies of the Conference.

10 The Executive Committee shall enjoy, during the interval between the two (2) General Sessions of the AARDO Conference, all the powers of the Conference provided that its decisions shall be placed before the General Conference for ratification.

11 The Executive Committee may establish any committee which may be required in the interest of the Organization.

ARTICLE VIII

SECRETARY GENERAL AND STAFF

1 The Secretary General shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, on such terms and conditions as it may lay down from time to time, by inviting nominations from the members. The appointment of the Secretary General shall be ratified by the next General Session of the AARDO Conference.

2 The Deputy/Assistant(s) Secretary General shall be appointed by the Executive Committee on such terms and conditions as it may lay down from time to time. The post(s) would be filled by inviting nominations from the members of the Organization.

3 The staff of the Organization shall be appointed by the Secretary General. However, in the case of Director(s) and other officers to be recruited on international basis, the prior approval of the Executive Committee would be necessary.

4 The Secretary General shall carry out the policies and programmes of the Organization.

5 The Secretary General shall participate in the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Conference without the right to vote.

6 The Secretary General shall prepare all documents and papers for the consideration of the Executive Committee and the Conference. He/she shall supervise and direct the work of the Secretariat and the Organization.

7 The Secretary General shall be competent to receive contributions from members and other sources.

8 In case the office of the Secretary General falls vacant, the seniormost Deputy/Assistant Secretary General shall arrange that the vacancy thus caused is filled within a period of six (6) months.

9 (a) The duration of the post of Secretary General shall be four (4) years, subject to a maximum of two terms. On completion of the first tenure, the incumbent Secretary General may contest for a second term of four (4) years in open competition provided that his/her tenure shall not be more than eight (8) years.

9 (b) The duration of the post of Deputy/Assistant Secretary General shall be four (4) years, subject to a maximum of two terms or till the age of 65 years whichever event occurs earlier. On completion of the first tenure, the incumbent Deputy/Assistant Secretary General may contest for a second term of four (4) years in open competition provided that his/her tenure shall not be more than eight (8) years.

9 (c) The Secretary General and the Deputy/Assistant Secretary General should not be from the same continent.

ARTICLE IX

MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION

- 1 The membership contribution to be paid by each Full or Associate member may be such as determined by the AARDO Conference from time to time. In determining such contribution, the Conference shall be guided by the scale of membership contribution adopted by the United Nations and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- 2 In case a member, full or associate, is not a member of the United Nations and/or FAO, the amount of membership contribution payable would be determined through mutual agreement between the Secretary General and the concerned authorities. The decision thus arrived at would be put up to the Executive Committee for ratification.
- 3 The membership contribution for the current year shall be paid by each member within sixty (60) days of the previous financial year.
- 4 The financial year of the Organization shall be the Gregorian Calendar Year i.e., from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

ARTICLE X

FUNDS AND ASSETS

The Executive Committee shall determine the procedure to raise, hold, invest and administer the funds and assets, movable and immovable, of the Organization.

ARTICLE XI

HEADQUARTERS AND REGIONAL OFFICES

- 1 The Headquarters of the Organization shall be at New Delhi, India as has been decided by the Conference.
- 2 The Conference may establish Regional and other offices of the Organization and assign to them such functions as may be required.

ARTICLE XII

LANGUAGES

The working languages of the Organization shall be Arabic, English and French.

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

1 Amendments of the Constitution may be proposed by a member country, the President, the Vice-Presidents, or the Secretary General, and shall be governed by the procedure laid down below.

2 The Constitution of the Organization may be amended by the Conference by a three-fourth (3/4th) majority vote of the members present and voting provided that :

- (a) at such a Session of the Conference a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority of the total membership of the Organization is present;
- (b) at least one hundred and twenty (120) days notice of such amendment(s) has been received by the Secretariat before the date of the commencement of the Conference; and
- (c) it has been communicated to all the members by the Secretariat at least sixty (60) days before the date of the commencement of the Conference.

ARTICLE XIV

WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP

1 Any member may withdraw from the Organization by submitting a written notification to the Secretariat.

2 Such written notification under paragraph 1 shall take effect after the expiry of period of one year from the date of receipt of such notification by the Secretariat . However, it shall be liable to discharge all obligations of membership until the period of one year is over.

ARTICLE XV

DISSOLUTION

1 The Organization may be dissolved, at any time, by a decision of the Conference arrived at by a three-fourth (3/4th) majority of the members present and voting, provided that the total membership present is not less than two-thirds (2/3rds) of the total membership of the Organization.

ARTICLE XVI

The Constitution of AARDO, as adopted by the Second Afro-Asian Rural Reconstruction Conference held at Cairo from March 19 to 31, 1962 and as amended thereafter by the Fifth General Session of AARDO Conference held at Manila, the Philippines from February 24 to March 3, 1975; by the Eleventh General Session of AARDO Conference held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 8 to 11 February 1993; by the Thirteenth General Session of AARDO Conference held at New Delhi, India from 23 to 24 January 2000; by the Fourteenth General Session of AARDO Conference held at Cairo, Egypt from 16 to 17 September 2002; and by the Sixteenth General Session of AARDO Conference held at New Delhi, India from 6 to 9 January 2009, shall be binding on all members of the Organization.

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COUNTRIES INVITED TO THE FIRST AFRO-ASIAN RURAL RECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE, NEW DELHI, INDIA, 1961

Asia

- 1 Afghanistan
- 2 Burma (now Myanmar)
- 3 Ceylon (now Sri Lanka)
- 4 Republic of Khmer (now Cambodia)
- 5 Malaysia
- 6 Indonesia
- 7 Iraq
- 8 Iran
- 9 Japan
- 10 Jordan
- 11 Lebanon
- 12 Laos
- 13 Nepal
- 14 Pakistan
- 15 Philippines
- 16 Saudi Arabia
- 17 Thailand
- 18 Turkey
- 19 Yemen
- 20 South Vietnam
(now merged with North Vietnam)
- 21 India
- 22 South Korea (now Republic of Korea)
- 23 Syria

Africa

- 1 Cameroun
- 2 Ethiopia
- 3 Ghana
- 4 Liberia
- 5 Morocco
- 6 Sudan
- 7 Tunisia
- 8 United Arab Republic
(Now Arab Republic of Egypt)
- 9 Libya, Kingdom of (Now the Great
Socialist People's Libyan Arab
Jamahiriya)
- 10 Togo
- 11 Guinea
- 12 Somalia
- 13 Nigeria
- 14 Federation of Rhodesia &
Nyasaland (now Republic of
Zambia, Republic of Zimbabwe and
Republic of Malawi)
- 15 Republic of Chad
- 16 Madagascar
- 17 Republic of Gabon
- 18 Republic of Senegal
- 19 Republic of Ivory Coast
(Now Cote d' Ivoire)
- 20 Tanganyika (now United
Republic of Tanzania)
- 21 Central African Republic
- 22 Upper Volta (now Burkina Faso)
- 23 Mauritania
- 24 Mali
- 25 Niger
- 26 Zanzibar (merged with United
Republic of Tanzania)

Annexure IA

PARTICIPANT COUNTRIES : THE SECOND AFRO-ASIAN CONFERENCE ON RURAL RECONSTRUCTION, CAIRO, 1962

- 1 Ceylon (now Sri Lanka)
- 2 Ethiopia
- 3 Ghana
- 4 India
- 5 Indonesia
- 6 Japan
- 7 Republic of Korea
- 8 Lebanon
- 9 Libya
- 10 Federation of Malaya (now Malaysia)
- 11 Kingdom of Morocco
- 12 The Philippines
- 13 Sudan
- 14 Tanganyika (now United Republic of Tanzania)
- 15 Thailand
- 16 Tunisia
- 17 United Arab Republic (now Arab Republic of Egypt)
- 18 Republic of Vietnam

Annexure II

FOUNDER MEMBERS

- 1 India, Republic of
- 2 Japan
- 3 Libya, Kingdom of (Now the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)
- 4 Federation of Malaya (Now Malaysia)
- 5 United Arab Republic (Now Arab Republic of Egypt)

**MEMBERS PASSING THE CONSTITUTION
AT CAIRO, ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT, MARCH 1962**

Africa

- 1 Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt
- 2 Government of Democratic People's Republic of Algeria
- 3 Government of Ethiopia
- 4 Government of the Republic of Ghana
- 5 Government of the Republic of Kenya
- 6 Government of Arab Republic of Libya
- 7 Government of the Republic of Liberia
- 8 Royal Government of Morocco
- 9 Government of the Republic of Tunisia
- 10 Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone
- 11 Government of the Democratic Republic of Sudan

Asia

- 12 Government of the Republic of India
- 13 Government of the Arab Republic of Iraq
- 14 Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- 15 Government of the Khmer Republic
- 16 Government of the Republic of Korea
- 17 Government of the Republic of Lebanon
- 18 Government of Malaysia
- 19 Government of the Republic of the Philippines
- 20 Government of the Arab Republic of Syria
- 21 Government of the Republic of Taiwan
- 22 Government of the Republic of Vietnam

National Level Organization

- 23 Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives of Japan (Now JA-Zenchu)

**MEMBERS AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION AT
MANILA, THE PHILIPPINES, 25 FEBRUARY - 3 MARCH 1975**

- 1 China, Republic of
- 2 Egypt, Arab Republic of
- 3 Ghana, Republic of
- 4 India, Republic of
- 5 Iraq, Republic of
- 6 Japan
- 7 Kenya, Republic of
- 8 Khmer, Republic of
- 9 Korea, Republic of
- 10 Liberia, Republic of
- 11 Malaysia
- 12 Mauritius
- 13 Philippines, Republic of the
- 14 Sudan, Democratic Republic of
- 15 Vietnam, Republic of
- 16 Yemen, People's Democratic Republic of
(now Republic of Yemen)
- 17 United Arab Emirates
- 18 Thailand (Observer)

**MEMBERS AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION AT
KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA, 8-11 FEBRUARY 1993**

- 1 Republic of China
- 2 Arab Republic of Egypt
- 3 Republic of Ghana
- 4 Republic of India
- 5 JA-Zenchu (Japan)
- 6 Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- 7 Republic of Korea
- 8 The Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
- 9 Malaysia
- 10 Republic of Mauritius
- 11 Royal Kingdom of Morocco
- 12 Sultanate of Oman
- 13 Republic of the Philippines
- 14 Republic of the Sudan
- 15 Republic of Zambia

**MEMBERS AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION AT
NEW DELHI, INDIA, 23-24 JANUARY 2000**

- 1 China (Taiwan), Republic of
- 2 Egypt, Arab Republic of
- 3 Ghana, Republic of
- 4 India, Republic of
- 5 Jordan, Hashemite Kingdom of
- 6 Kenya, Republic of
- 7 Korea, Republic of
- 8 Lebanon, Republic of
- 9 Libya, Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
- 10 Malaysia
- 11 Mauritius, Republic of
- 12 Morocco, Kingdom of
- 13 Oman, Sultanate of
- 14 Philippines, Republic of the
- 15 Sudan, Republic of the
- 16 Yemen, Republic of
- 17 Zambia, Republic of

**MEMBERS AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION AT
CAIRO, EGYPT, 16-17 SEPTEMBER 2002**

- 1 Bangladesh, People's Republic of
- 2 China (Taiwan), Republic of
- 3 Egypt, Arab Republic of
- 4 Ghana, Republic of
- 5 India, Republic of
- 6 Iraq, Republic of
- 7 Japan
- 8 Jordan, Hashemite Kingdom of
- 9 Korea, Republic of
- 10 Lebanon, Republic of
- 11 Libya, Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
- 12 Malaysia
- 13 Mauritius, Republic of
- 14 Morocco, Kingdom of
- 15 Nigeria, Federal Republic of
- 16 Oman, Sultanate of
- 17 Pakistan, Islamic Republic of
- 18 Philippines, Republic of the
- 19 Sierra Leone, Republic of
- 20 Sudan, Republic of the
- 21 Syria, Arab Republic of
- 22 Yemen, Republic of
- 23 Zambia, Republic of

**MEMBERS AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION AT
NEW DELHI, INDIA, 6 - 9 JANUARY 2009**

- 1 Bangladesh, People's Republic of
- 2 Burkina Faso
- 3 China (Taiwan), Republic of
- 4 Egypt, Arab Republic of
- 5 Gambia, Republic of the
- 6 Ghana, Republic of
- 7 India, Republic of
- 8 Jordan, Hashemite Kingdom of
- 9 Korea, Republic of
- 10 Lebanon, Republic of
- 11 Liberia, Republic of
- 12 Libya, the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
- 13 Malawi, Republic of
- 14 Malaysia
- 15 Mauritius, Republic of
- 16 Morocco, Kingdom of
- 17 Nigeria, Federal Republic of
- 18 Oman, Sultanate of
- 19 Pakistan, Islamic Republic of
- 20 Sudan, Republic of the
- 21 Syria, Arab Republic of
- 22 Yemen, Republic of
- 23 Zambia, Republic of

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (FULL MEMBER)
(SPECIMEN)**

Dear Mr Secretary General,

1 On behalf of the Government of *..... I hereby notify the acceptance of the Constitution of the Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO), first approved by the Second Afro-Asian Conference of Rural Reconstruction held in March, 1962 at Cairo, Egypt and subsequently amended by the Fifth General Session of the AARDO Conference held at Manila, the Philippines from 24 February to 3 March 1975; by the Eleventh General Session of the AARDO Conference held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 8 to 11 February 1993; by the Thirteenth General Session of AARDO Conference held at New Delhi, India from 23 to 24 January 2000; by the Fourteenth General Session of AARDO Conference, held at Cairo, Egypt from 16 to 17 September 2002; and by the Sixteenth General Session of AARDO Conference held at New Delhi, India from 6 to 9 January 2009.

2 According to the provisions contained in Article II Membership Clause(s),
▲ my country being eligible, might be admitted to the Organization as its Full Member.

3 The membership of my country would be effective from the first day of ●
for purposes of payment of membership contribution.

4 It is hereby agreed that, on being accepted as a Full Member of the Organization, the Government of my country would become fully committed to the provisions of the Constitution, including the payment of the annual Membership Contribution due as per the Constitution and the Rules framed thereunder. You might arrange to inform us the amount of the contribution that would be due from us.

5 Please arrange to acknowledge receipt and also convey the acceptance of membership of my country at your earliest.

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary General
Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization
2, State Guest Houses Complex, Chanakyapuri
New Delhi 11 0021, India

Signature.....
Name.....
Designation.....
(Seal)

- * Please indicate the Full Name of the Government and Country
- ▲ Please indicate the relevant Clause (s) of the Article II Membership
- Please indicate the year (membership contribution would ordinarily be payable for whole year)

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (ASSOCIATE MEMBER)
(SPECIMEN)**

Dear Mr Secretary General,

1 On behalf of the *..... I hereby notify the acceptance of the Constitution of the Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO), first approved by the Second Afro-Asian Conference of Rural Reconstruction held in March, 1962 at Cairo, Egypt and subsequently amended by the Fifth General Session of AARDO Conference held at Manila, the Philippines from 24 February to 3 March 1975; by the Eleventh General Session of AARDO Conference held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 8 to 11 February 1993; by the Thirteenth General Session of AARDO Conference held at New Delhi, India from 23 to 24 January 2000; by the Fourteenth General Session of AARDO Conference held at Cairo, Egypt from 16 to 17 September 2002 and by the Sixteenth General Session of AARDO Conference held at New Delhi, India from 6 to 9 January 2009.

2 According to the provisions contained in Article II Membership Clause (s) ▲ my organization being eligible, might be admitted to the Organization as an Associate Member of AARDO.

3 The membership of my/our Organization would be effective from the first day of ▢ for purposes of payment of membership contribution. As required, the consent of the government ❖ to joining AARDO has been obtained and a copy of the relevant decision is attached.

4 I do hereby agree that on being accepted as an Associate Member of the Organization, my/our Organization would become fully committed to the provisions of the Constitution, including the payment of the Membership Contribution ● due as per the Constitution and the Rules framed thereunder.

5 Please arrange to acknowledge receipt and also convey the acceptance of membership of my/our Organization at your earliest.

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary General
Afro-Asian Rural Development Organization
2, State Guest Houses Complex, Chanakyapuri
New Delhi 11 0021, India

Signature.....
Name.....
Designation.....
(Seal)

- * Please indicate the full name of the Organization, location, etc.
- ▲ Please indicate the relevant Clause(s) of the Article II Membership
- ▢ Please indicate the year (Membership Contribution would, ordinarily, be payable for the whole year)
- ❖ Full Name of the country and the government
- Amount to be mutually settled

MEMBERS OF AARDO AS ON FEBRUARY 2010

Africa

- 1 Burkina Faso
- 2 Egypt, Arab Republic of
- 3 Ethiopia, Federal Democratic Republic of
- 4 Gambia, Republic of
- 5 Ghana, Republic of
- 6 Kenya, Republic of
- 7 Liberia, Republic of
- 8 Libya, the Great Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
- 9 Malawi, Republic of
- 10 Mauritius, Republic of
- 11 Morocco, Kingdom of
- 12 Nigeria, Federal Republic of
- 13 Sierra Leone, Republic of
- 14 Sudan, Republic of the
- 15 Zambia, Republic of

Asia

- 16 Bangladesh, People's Republic of
- 17 China (Taiwan), Republic of
- 18 India, Republic of
- 19 Iraq, Republic of
- 20 JA Zenchu, Japan
- 21 Jordan, Hashemite Kingdom of
- 22 Korea, Republic of
- 23 Lebanon, Republic of
- 24 Malaysia
- 25 Oman, Sultanate of
- 26 Pakistan, Islamic Republic of
- 27 Philippines, Republic of the
- 28 Syria, Arab Republic of
- 29 Yemen, Republic of

Associate Member

- 30 Institute for Rural Development, Kenya