AARDO-NCRD International Training Programme on “Disaster Management and Climate Change Adaption”, AHK National Centre for Rural Development (AHKNCRD), Islamabad, Pakistan

04-10 October 2023
Disasters have an enormous and significant negative impact on development of key sectors of economy like agriculture, infrastructure, housing, health, and education and above all the environment, they result in a serious social and economic setback to the sustainable development. Climate change induced disasters pose even greater threat to sustainable development in developing countries like Pakistan that is ranked quite high amongst the most vulnerable countries. Last Year’s disastrous flood in Pakistan is seen as an indication of more intense and frequent extreme events in the future. Recent powerful earthquake in Türkiye and Syria has impacted millions of people and thousands have lost their life.

There is a higher degree of vulnerability in developing countries due to their lack of resources and the capacity to anticipate, resist and recover from the disaster.

South Asia is particularly vulnerable to natural disasters. The global climate crisis poses a number of threats to the well-being and prosperity of the people in developing countries. Pakistan experiences recurring heatwaves and droughts, riverine and flash floods, landslides, and sea storms or cyclones. Climate change is expected to increase the frequency and intensity of these events as well as exacerbate people’s vulnerabilities. It is projected that there will be significant increases in temperature across the country and especially in the snow-covered mountainous north, which will lead to faster glacial melt resulting in changes to the Indus River flows downstream. The country relies heavily on its climate-sensitive land, water and forest resources for livelihoods and food security.

According to the United Nations Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) status report (2019), Pakistan is ranked as 8th most disaster-affected country on Climate Risk Index during 1998-2017. The Government of Pakistan is quite cognizant of the fact and has done a lot in the spheres of policies and practices regarding the Disaster Risk Reduction. Various interventions are being carried out in the country under the National DRR Policy and National Disaster Management Plan executed by different institutions/agencies at national, provincial and district levels. After the severe earthquake of 2005 in Pakistan, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) was setup to cater for all phases of disaster including: prevention, mitigation, preparedness, contingency planning, rescue, response, relief and early recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction. Considering the importance of the subject, AARDO, in collaboration with the Establishment Division (Prime Minister’s Office), Government of Pakistan and the Regional Office of AARDO for South and Central Asia, is organizing this regional workshop for AARDO member countries.

Programme Duration: Seven (07) Days from 04-10 October 2023
Deadline to Apply: 31 August 2023
Organizing Institute: AHK-NCRD, Islamabad, Pakistan (www.ncrd.gov.pk)
Sponsoring Organization: AARDO, New Delhi, India (www.aardo.org)
**Aims and Objectives of the Workshop**

The broad objective of the workshop is to share experiences and build capacity of the participants to address issues related to disaster management and climate change adaptation. Important objectives of workshop are to:

- discuss various types of disasters and their impacts on environment, economy and people;
- discuss mitigation techniques for disaster risk reduction and management;
- raise awareness and amplify discourse on factors contributing to climate change, its adverse impact and possible solutions; and
- provide a forum for sharing of experiences and strategies with regard to disaster management and climate change adaptation.

**Course Modules**

- Disaster Risk Situation and Management System
- Disaster Management Cycle;
- Evolution of DRR and Its Linkages with International Frameworks;
- Climate Change – Key Concepts and Global Perspective;
- Impact of Climate Change on Agriculture, Food Security and Rural Livelihood;
- Disaster Management, Rehabilitation, Reconstruction, Rescue & First Aid;
- Development and Dissemination of Effective Early Warning;
- Role of Community, Civil Society, Media in Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation; and
- Other Associated Themes.

**Programme Methodology**

To achieve the above-stated objectives, an interactive and participatory approach will be adopted to get the participants involved to share their country specific experiences among themselves and with the resource persons as well. Eminent Resource Persons/Experts from various Institutions in Pakistan will also be invited for delivering lectures on the above main issues. The methodology will include class room lecture, use of audio visuals aids, field visits, country paper presentation and group work exercises so that the participants will be able to play an effective role in Disaster Risk Management.

**Essential Qualification**

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

Middle and senior level executives from government departments, ministries, development organizations and institutions engaged in formulation and implementation of policies regarding disaster risk mitigation, reduction, rehabilitation, and reconstruction. Women candidates would be highly encouraged to participate in the workshop.

Selection of Participants

The participants of the Workshop will be selected by AARDO and AHKNCRD.

How to Apply

The nominees are required to apply online through the link: https://aardo.org/aardot.php. After duly filling the details and submission of the form, the nominee needs to download the duly filled in form, get it endorsed by the nodal Ministry of AARDO and forwarded to AARDO through the email: researchdivision_aardo2013@yahoo.com latest by 31 August 2023, along with the nomination/recommendation letter and scanned copy of the passport. The form must be completed in all aspects. Incomplete/incorrect information may lead to rejection of application.

Visa & Air Tickets

AARDO/AHKNCRD will assist in obtaining visa from Missions of Pakistan located in respective countries of the participants. Air Tickets will be issued by the AARDO Secretariat on confirmation of Visa to attend the programme in due course.

Certificates

A Certificate will be provided after the successful completion of the workshop.

Important Note

- Applications without recommendation of Nodal Ministry of AARDO will not to be considered.
- Application, duly completed, must reach the AARDO Secretariat before or on the closing date, 31 August 2023.
- Due to limitation for participants, only selected candidates would be intimated through the Nodal Ministry of AARDO.
AARDO, established in 1962, is an Inter-Governmental rural centric Organization, consisting of 34 Members, i.e.; 32 countries Governments and 02 Associate Members from Africa and Asia working in the area of agriculture and rural development. It subscribes to the spirit of South South and Triangular cooperation and African Asian Solidarity. With its nearly 60 years of experience, AARDO, as a policy advocacy institution, remains at the forefront of focused SDGs in rural areas through different and evolving forms, including technical cooperation, sharing of knowledge and experiences, training, capacity building and technology transfer on mutually agreed terms.

Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural Development (AHKNCRD), an Executive Department of Establishment Division (Prime Minister’s Office), Government of Pakistan is responsible for promoting the cause of rural development and poverty alleviation in Pakistan. It performs the functions of capacity building of mid-level officials/functionaries of Nation Building Departments and Local Government functionaries from all over the country. NCRD also provides assistance to provincial Local Government Training Institutions in curriculum planning and training programmes. The Centre organizes seminars, workshops and training courses in which eminent resource persons/experts are invited to share the knowledge and vast experience on the given subject. As the nodal agency and link institution, NCRD also fulfils the mandate of three International Organizations namely African Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO), Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) and Network of Local Government Training and Research Institutes in Asia and the Pacific (LOGOTRI), of which Pakistan is a member. With the association of these international organizations, AHKNCRD organized number of HRD programmes for the participants of member countries. For more information, its website (http://www.ncrd.gov.pk/) could be visited

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