

FELLOWSHIP & SCHOLARSHIP

Participants will receive support from the Government of Malaysia includes:

ACCOMMODATION

Participants will be accommodated in the hostel or at the nearby hotels. Participants are strictly not allowed to bring any family members during the course.

PER DIEM ALLOWANCE

Participants will be provided with a daily allowance.

MEALS

Meals will be provided during the training programme.

AIR FARES

A return flight ticket from the capital city of the recipient country to Langkawi, Kedah in economy class is provided by AARDO.

COURSE FEES

All course fees are borne by the Government of Malaysia and AARDO except Visa Expenses.

ATTIRE

Participants are to dress in formal or office attire throughout training sessions and during official visits to Government Ministries/ Agencies.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

Travel Group Insurance is provided by the organizer for the duration of the course in Malaysia. However, participants are encouraged to obtain travel insurance coverage from their respective countries at their own expense.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 17 JULY 2026

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AARDO

AARDO, established in 1962, is an intergovernmental rural-centric organisation, consisting of 34 members from 32 countries and 2 associate members from Africa and Asia working in 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.

INFRA

INFRA is a training institution under the Ministry of Rural and Regional Development, Malaysia. INFRA was established in 1996 and plays an effective role in building up the nation through the process of stratifying the rural human capital by providing training and non-formal education to the rural community and practitioners/ implementers alike regarding the management of rural development.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Understand rural development policies, strategies and programmes, especially based on the Malaysian experiences;

Sharing successes, best practices, and lessons learned from rural development programs implemented in Malaysia, particularly those aimed at empowering the poor through income generation programs and value-added projects such as cooperatives, agriculture, and others;

Enabling participants to exchange views on practical knowledge, technology transfer, income generation activities, and environmental improvement for better quality of life in rural areas; and

Promote collaboration and networking among key personnel in rural development and poverty alleviation from participating countries.

KEY TOPICS

- (1) Government of Malaysia: Policy Framework and Administrative Structure
- (2) Malaysia's Rural Development Policy 2030: Strategic Direction and Inclusive Growth
- (3) Rural Institutions and Community Development Mechanisms in Malaysia
- (4) Rural Entrepreneurship, Cooperatives and Digital Transformation
- (5) Regional Development and Balanced Territorial Growth in Malaysia
- (6) Strengthening Rural Economy Through Agriculture, Food Security and Agro-Based Industries
- (7) Role of the Commodity Sector in Rural Development: Malaysia's Palm Oil Industry
- (8) Empowering Indigenous Communities Through Inclusive Development: The Role of JAKOA
- (9) Land Development Models in Malaysia: Regional Agencies
- (10) Land Development Models in Malaysia: FELDA and FELCRA

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Step 1 : Log on to the link: <https://aardo.org/aardot.php>
- Step 2 : Fill up the details and submit. Take printout of the filled-in application form.
- Step 3 : Applicants are required to sign their applications and send them along with the recommendation letter of the Nodal Ministry of AARDO, email: cdbp@aardo.org

Participants will be selected by AARDO and INFRA through a selection process. Only successful applicants will receive an Official Invitation via email through their respective training institutes and AARDO.

All programme-related communications will be conducted via email, and a WhatsApp group will be established to facilitate coordination between participants and the organizers.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT

The course is ideally suited for: Middle and senior-level government officials; Policy and programme planner and implementers who are responsible for rural/ agricultural development programme. Those nominated or appointed by their government; Those between the age of 25 – 50 years old, with no participation in any AARDO's offline training programme over the preceding two years; Proficiency in spoken and written English; Valid passport (6 months before expiring date of travel); and In good health both physically and mentally with a certified medical acknowledgement that allows them to complete this course.

IMPORTANT

All applicants must provide a valid email address written/printed legibly in the application form. Confirmation of the course and other notifications will be made using email.

VISA & VACCINATION

All participants are compulsory to enter Malaysia with Visa With Reference (VWR). Participants selected for the programme will receive a copy of the approval from the Institute.

With the copy of the approval, the participants may obtain the VWR from the nearest Malaysian missions.

Wherever applicable, participants are advised to arrange on their own any necessary vaccination before travel to Malaysia.

Participants from some countries are required to take a mandatory vaccination for yellow fever at least 10 days before their departure to Malaysia.

A Yellow Fever certificate is required to be produced upon landing in Malaysia. All expenses to obtain the visa and or vaccination are under the responsibility of the respective participants.