



AFRICAN-ASIAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (AARDO)

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

2026 (Tentative)

S. No	Title	Duration											
		Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
A) International Training Programmes													
EGYPT													
Egyptian International Centre for Agriculture (EICA), Cairo, Egypt													
1	Empowering Rural Women				1 April- 30 May								
2	Integrated Pest Management				1 April- 30 May								
3	Poultry Production and Health							01 Aug - 30 Sep					
4	Fish Culture Development							01 Aug - 30 Sep					
5	Sustainable Rural Development									15 Oct - 15 Dec			
6	Animal Production and Health									15 Oct - 15 Dec			
7	Soil and Water Management									15 Oct - 15 Dec			
8	Workshop on Role of Women in Agrifood Systems (Arabic Language) (Online)												
9	Workshop on Role of Small projects in Rural Women empowerment (Arabic Language) (Online)												
10	Workshop on Dairy Processing and Cheese Making (Arabic Language) (Online)												
Desert Research Centre (DRC), Egypt													
11	Workshop on Combating Desertification: Experiences of AARDO's Arab member countries (Arabic Language) (Online/Offline)												
Agriculture Research Centre (ARC), Cairo, Egypt													
12	Workshop on Soilless Farming: Innovative Solutions for Food Security and Water Sustainability (Arabic Language) (Online)												
R. O. CHINA (TAIWAN)													
International Centre for Land Policy Studies and Training (ICLPST), Taoyuan, R. O. China (Taiwan)													
13	Land Policy for Sustainable Rural Development: Net Zero and Sustainable Development												
14	Agricultural Development and Policy: Net Zero and Sustainable Development												
Taiwan International Cooperation Development Fund (TaiwanICDF), R.O.China (Taiwan)													
15	Workshop on Value-added Agriculture and Aquaculture												
16	Workshop on AI in Agrotechnology												
17	Workshop on Low Carbon Agriculture												
18	Workshop on Ecotourism												

INDIA												
Rajiv Gandhi National Ground Water Training & Research Institute (RGNGWTRI), Raipur, India												
19	Water Resources Management – Best Practices across Asia & Africa (Online)		09-13 Feb									
20	TBA (Online)											
Indian Institute of Technology (IIT-K) Kanpur												
21	Mid-Life Career Reinvention through Social Innovation and Target-Oriented Business Models in Developing Countries (Online)							06-09 July				
National Water Academy, Pune, India												
22	TBA (Online)											
Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur (IIT KGP), WB, India												
23	4th International Training Programme on Advancement in Agricultural and Food Engineering in India (Online)											
National Cooperative Union of India (NCUI), New Delhi												
24	Cooperative Enterprises Models to MSME Growth and Market Access (Online)											
Advanced Study Institute of Asia (ASIA), India												
25	To be finalized (Online)											
ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE), Mumbai, India												
26	Transforming Rural Livelihoods through Aquaculture Initiatives (Online)											
Vaikunth Lal Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management (VAMNICOM), Pune, India												
27	Exposure Visit Programme on Cooperative Business Model (Under CICTAB Programme)		03-06 Feb									
28	Agri Value Chain and Digitalization in Cooperatives (Online)											
HarvestPlus, India												
29	TBA (Online)											
Jamia Hamdard (University), New Delhi, India,												
30	Sustainable Development Goals with Special Emphasis on Goals (3, 5, 10 & 13)											
Sharda University, Noida, India												
31	Role of Artificial Intelligence in Achieving Sustainable Rural Development Goals (Online)											
National Co-operative Council (NCC), Colombo, Sri Lanka (under CICTAB Programme)												
32	Development of Managerial Skills for Cooperatives and Rural Financing Institutions		16-19 Feb									
Development Alternatives, New Delhi												
33	Taragram Yatra for AARDO Diplomats		first half Feb									

JORDAN												
National Agriculture Research Centre (NARC)/ Ministry of Local Administration (MoLA), Jordan												
34	Workshop on Converting Home Waste to Organic Fertilizer/ Compost (Arabic Language)(Online)											
35	Workshop on Basics of Beekeeping and Honey production (Arabic Language)(Online)											
KENYA												
The Co-operative University of Kenya, Nairobi												
36	Strengthening Cooperative Enterprises for MSME Growth, Market Access, and Digital Transformation (Online)											
R. O. KOREA												
Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), R. O. Korea												
37	Sustainable Rural Development (SRD)										To be finalized	
Ministry of Food Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MAFRA)/EPIS, R. O. Korea												
38	Strengthening International Agricultural Cooperation											
Far East Regional Office of AARDO (FERO), R. O. Korea												
39	AARDO FERO International Academic Seminar											
MALAYSIA												
Institute for Rural Advancement (INFRA), Selangor, Malaysia												
40	Inclusive Rural and Regional Development in Malaysia											
Malaysian Agriculture Research and Development Institute (MARDI), Serdang, Malaysia												
41	From Field to Consumer: Building Food Safety, Quality, and Sovereignty in Grain Corn Production (Online)											
42	Agrobiodiversity (Online)											
Institut Koperasi Malaysia (IKMA), Selangor												
43	Cooperatives in Rural Development (Online)											
MOROCCO												
Ecole Nationale d'Agriculture de Meknès (National School of Agriculture in Meknès/ENA-Meknes), Meknes, Morocco												
44	TBA (Online)											
SUDAN/TUNISIA												
To be finalized												
45	Workshop on Role of Rangelands and Pastoralists in Sustainable Development and Food Security (Arabic Language) (Online)											
THAILAND												
World Vegetable Centre (WorldVeg), East and Southeast Asia, Bangkok, Thailand												
46	43rd International Vegetable Training Course on "Vegetable Breeding"											26 Oct - 06 Nov
UNITED KINGDOM												
Harper Adams University, UK												
47	Advances and Challenges in Global Sustainable Agriculture (Online)											

B) International Training/Workshops												
BANGLADESH												
Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Comilla, Bangladesh												
1	Achieving Sustainable Development Goals: Financial Inclusion and Rural Transformation											
Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogra, Bangladesh												
2	Green Innovation in Agriculture and Rural Development											
3	Workshop on Sustainable Rural Development Initiatives of AARDO Members Countries (Online)											
PAKISTAN												
Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural Development (AHK-NCRD), Islamabad, Pakistan												
4	International Workshop on Disaster Management and Climate Change Adaptation											
5	Social Safety Net and Sustainable Economic Development (Online)											
6	International Workshop on Innovations for Efficient Irrigation System: Prospects and Challenges		03-12 Feb									
MALAYSIA												
Malaysian Agriculture Research and Development Institute (MARDI), Serdang, Malaysia												
7	International Workshop on Agriculture Technologies: Tools for Climate Change Mitigation											
ZAMBIA												
Ministry of Youth Sports and Arts, Lusaka, Zambia												
8	Climate Change and Resilient Rural Development											
Mulungushi University, Kabwe, Zambia												
9	Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation											
C) Capacity Building Programmes under Additional Contribution by Government of India												
INDIA												
National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRD & PR), Hyderabad, India												
1	Natural Resource Management and Climate Change Adaptation or Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Food Systems and Micro Enterprises											
Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering (CIAE), Bhopal, India												
2	Agricultural Engineering Technologies for Enhancing Productivity and Profitability in Agriculture Sector		05-14 Jan									
ICAR-Central Soil Salinity Research Institute (CSSRI), Karnal, India												
3	Sustainable Agriculture in Saline Ecologies or Use of Poor-Quality Waters in Agriculture											
Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI)												
4	Seed Production and Quality Evaluation											
Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI),												
5	Recent Advances in Agricultural Surveys: Remote Sensing and GIS Applications											

ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Kochi, India												
6	Fisheries and Aquaculture											
Indian Institute of Technology- Kharagpur (IIT-KGP), West Bengal, India												
7	4th International Training Programme on Emerging Trends in Agricultural Technologies											
Indian Institute of Technology-Delhi (IIT-D), Delhi, India												
8	Energy planning and renewable energy systems for rural areas											
ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE), Mumbai, India												
9	Aqua Business Models for Promoting Rural Aquapreneurship			16-25 March								
Indian Institute of Technology (IIT-K) Kanpur, India												
10	Developing Sustainability Indicators using Sensor Fusion and Analytics									16-25 Sep		
Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M), Chennai, India												
11	Capacity Building in Modern Agriculture, Rural Development, Agribusiness, Nutrition Enhancement, entrepreneurship and Sustainable Development			23-31 March								
Vaikunth Lal Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management, Pune, India												
12	Governance and Management of Cooperatives											
National Water Academy, Pune												
13	TBA											
D) Long Term Programmes (PG Diploma/Master Degree/PhD/Programmes)												
National Chung Hsing University, Taichung, R.O.China (Taiwan)												
1	MSc. (Agriculture)											2026-2028
Park Chung Hee School of Policy and Saemaul (PSPS), Yeungnam University, R O Korea												
2	Master's Degree Programme in Leadership, Policy and International Development											March 2026 to Aug 2027
Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT-D), New Delhi, India												
3	PhD Programme											2026-2029
Indian Institute of Technology- Bombay (IIT-B), Mumbai, India												
4	Master's Degree/PhD											2026-2028
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT-K), Uttar Pradesh, India												
5	M.Tech											2026-2028
Indian Institute of Technology- Madras (IIT-M), Chennai, India												
6	MS by Research											2026-2028
Indian Institute of Technology- Kharagpur (IIT-KGP), West Bengal, India												
7	MS by Research											2026-2028
National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRD & PR), Hyderabad, India												
8	PG Diploma in Rural Development (Under Additional Contribution of Govt of India)											2026-2027
Shobhit Institute of Engineering and Technology (SIET), Meerut , India												
9	B.Sc./B.Tech/M.Tech/ MBA (Partially Funded Scholarships)											2026-2028/2030

E) Deputation of Experts											
1	Deputation of experts from one member country to another in the field of agricultural and rural development on specific request from member countries.	On Request									
F) Study Visits											
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R. O. CHINA (TAIWAN)											
2	Study Visit Programme to Republic of China (Taiwan) on "Agriculture and Rural Development Related Issues"										
3	Ministerial Level Visit to Republic of China (Taiwan)	On Request									
G) Field Trainings/National Level Programmes		On Request									
H) Research Studies in AARDO Members		On Request									
I) Financing of Development Pilot Projects		On Request									

Exact dates to be announced in due course