



MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SERVICE, ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL REFORMS

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From: Secretary for Public Service

To: Supervising Officers in charge of Ministries/Departments

AARDO – Master’s Degree Programme at Park Chung Hee School of Policy and Saemaul, Yeungnam University, Gyeongsan, Republic of Korea – Spring Admissions 2025

The African-Asian Rural Development Organisation (AARDO), in collaboration with the Park Chung Hee School of Policy and Saemaul (Community), University of Yeungman, Gyeongsan, Government of the Republic of Korea, is inviting nominations for the enrolment of Master’s Degree Programme, as follows –

Department	Major	Degrees offered
Saemaul and International Development	Saemaul and International Development	Master of Saemaul Development Studies
		Master of Arts in Saemaul International Development (MA/SID)
		Master of Public Policy and Saemaul (MPPS)
Public Policy and Leadership	Public Policy and Leadership	Master of Arts in Development Economics (MA/DE)
		Master of Public Policy (MPP)
Sustainable Development	Forest and Environmental Policy	Master of Public Policy (MPP)
		Master of Public Administration (MPA)
		Master of Science (MS)

2. The admission, tuition fee for the four semesters and monthly living allowance for a period of twelve months will be covered under the fellowship of the University while AARDO and Partner Institution will meet the cost of the two-way air tickets for the selected candidates.

3. The duration of the Masters is one and a half year or four semesters. The nominees will be required to complete the first three semesters on campus in the Republic of Korea and may choose to prepare for their thesis either in Korea or in Mauritius. In case the candidate needs to travel to the Republic of Korea again, the travel cost will have to be borne by the applicant.

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4. Interested candidates should meet the criteria laid down by AARDO, that is, they –
 - (a) should have a bachelor's degree from a recognized institution or University equivalent to a 4 – year Korean bachelor's degree;
 - (b) should have high level of English proficiency;
 - (c) must be in good health and suitable for completing the degree programme;
 - (d) must obtain travel and health insurance; and
 - (e) must be below 50 (fifty) years of age.

5. Prospective applicants may apply for admission directly to the University, through the website: <http://psps.yu.ac.kr>. The last date of submission of online admission forms through the website is **Friday 18 October 2024**. A copy of the duly filled in application must be forwarded to AARDO Secretariat at cbdp@aarido.org and copied to this Ministry on trainingmcsar@govmu.org

6. Applicants should submit, through their respective Supervising Officers, the duly filled in documents listed below, to the Human Resource Development Division of this Ministry, to the attention of Mrs J. Narayanasami Reddi, by **Wednesday 30 October 2024** –
 - (a) Application form (3 copies);
 - (b) Survey and Undertaking forms (original and 2 copies) available on: <https://civilservice.govmu.org/Documents/TAPS/Survey%20forms.pdf>;
 - (c) Copies of educational and professional certificates, including transcripts, to be apostilled by Government authorities (2 copies);
 - (d) Copy of Birth Certificate and Passport (2 sets);
 - (e) Recommendation letter indicating how the training programme will be beneficial to the applicant and the organisation he/she is working for (2 copies); and
 - (f) Personal statement (2 copies).

7. This Circular Letter and the General Guide from AARDO may be downloaded from this Ministry's website: <https://civilservice.govmu.org/Pages/Circulars%202024/Circulars2024.aspx>

8. All necessary clearances, as appropriate, should be sought by the nominating Ministry/Department and the procedures set out in this Ministry's Circular Letter No. 41 of 27 September 2016 should be strictly complied with.

9. In view of the fact that nominations for any programme are **subject to exigencies of the service**, applicants should imperatively **seek and obtain approval from their respective Responsible Officers that they would be released in the event they are awarded the scholarship, before submitting their applications**. The conditions for the release of an officer are as follows: -
 - (a) an officer shall be eligible for study leave with pay in accordance with paragraph 16.4.81 of the PRB Report 2021, where he is nominated for an open scholarship which is considered as in-service training and the course is a priority field of study;

 - (b) where an officer is granted study leave with pay, he will be required to enter into a bond with the Government of Mauritius in accordance with the provisions laid down in this Ministry's Circular Letter No. 1 of 2022; and

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(c) where the officer does not satisfy the conditions for the grant of study leave with pay, he may take advantage of leave without pay for study purposes in accordance with paragraph 16.4.94 of the PRB Report 2021.

10. For all overseas (face-to-face) training, the conditions imposed by the Ministry of Health and Wellness and issued in this Ministry's Circular Letter No. 50 of 2021, should be strictly observed.

11. You are requested to ensure that the contents of this Circular Letter be brought to the attention of all eligible public officers serving in your Ministry/Department, including those in Local Authorities, Statutory Bodies and State-owned enterprises falling under the purview of your Ministry/Department.



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Secretary for Public Service

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