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From: Senior Chief Executive, Ministry of Public Service and Administrative Reforms

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 2026

The African-Asian Rural Development Organisation (AARDO), in collaboration with the Park Chung Hee School of Policy and Saemaul, University of Yeungnam, 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 (MSDS)
		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)
		Master of Public Policy in Economic Development (MPP/ED)
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 following criteria laid down by AARDO, namely :-
- (a) they should have a bachelor's degree from a recognised institution or University equivalent to a 4 - year Korean bachelor's degree;
 - (b) they should have high level of English proficiency;
 - (c) they must be in good health, suitable for completing the degree programme;
 - (d) they must obtain travel and health insurance; and
 - (e) they 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 for submission of online admission forms through the website is **Friday 17 October 2025**. A copy of the duly filled in application must be forwarded to AARDO Secretariat at cbdp@aardo.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, at latest by, **Friday 17 October 2025**-
- (a) Application form (3 copies)
 - (b) Survey and Undertaking forms (original and 2 copies) available on:
https://civilservice.govmu.org/Documents/TAPS/survey%20form%20and%20undertaking_A.pdf
 - (c) Copies of educational and professional certificate, including transcript, 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);
 - (f) Personal statement (2 copies); and
 - (g) Any other relevant documents (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%202025/Circular2025.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;



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(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

(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 (G) of the PRB Report 2021.

10. For all overseas (face-to-face) training, the conditions imposed by the Ministry of Health and Wellness and laid down 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 are 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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