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H.E. the Minister of Agriculture, Water Resources, Sanitation and food Security, Government of Burkina Faso Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Subject: Study Visit Programme of Experts on "Smart Agriculture Policies and Programmes of Republic of China (Taiwan)",
11-17 June 2023, Republic of China

Excellency,

I have great honour and pleasure to inform Your Excellency that, in pursuance to its study visit Programme of Experts, AARDO, in collaboration with the Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan, Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan), is organizing the above study visit programme in the Republic of China (Taiwan), during 11–17 June 2023 (including days of arrival and departure of the delegates) with the following objectives:

 to study the policies and application of smart agriculture for sustainable agricultural development;

• to observe, understand and learn the various technologies, digitization and best practices used in agriculture production system and value chain management; and

• to explore the possibilities to replicate similar policies and programmes in AARDO member countries, wherever possible.

This study visit programme will briefly introduce Smart Agricultural Policies and Programmes in Taiwan. Delegates will also get exposure to intelligent agriculture education and research center, agri-business aquaculture enterprises, and related organizations with successful experiences in the subject fields. They are expected to learn and share best practices and examples of smart agriculture in Taiwan and formulate an action plan to overcome challenges.

I have the pleasure to request Your Excellency to kindly nominate two (02) most relevant senior level (Deputy Director and above level) officers/experts, in order of preference (principal and alternate), for the study visit programme. As the programme is specialized and technical, AARDO will accept only nomination(s) of the candidates who are relevant to the subject of the study visit programme, based on their qualification, work & experience. Prospective nominee(s) must satisfy the following:

Essential Qualifications:

- Bachelor Degree in Agriculture Sciences or related disciplines.
- Policymakers involved in the development and implementation of agricultural policies at the national/ regional level.
- Agricultural professionals/researchers with a minimum of five years of experience in planning and executing the programmes related to the subject of the programme.
- 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.

The Organizers have indicated that Representative of Mission in New Delhi would equally be welcomed in this study programme. Excellency may thus consider requesting participation from Excellency's Government Mission in New Delhi. Such participation would provide valuable insights into the socio-economic environment of Excellency's country, as well as on perspective of main issues related to agricultural policies and programmes.

The technical participant would be required to prepare a country paper on the subject based on his/her experiences to be presented in the programme. A brief background note containing tentative programme schedule of the study visit is attached, herewith.

The expenses on both way airfare (economy class/excursion fare on the shortest possible route), board and lodging, internal transport in Taiwan of the nominee(s) from the member countries will be provided by AARDO and the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan). However, AARDO does not provide expenses incurred during transit, on telephone calls, laundry, passport/visa fee, airport tax, travel health insurance, etc. Therefore, Excellency's esteemed Government may wish to provide some allowances to the nominee(s) to meet those expenses which are not covered under AARDO's programme.

It is requested that the particulars, along with the scanned copy of the relevant pages of valid passport of the prospective nominee(s), may kindly be arranged to be forwarded to AARDO Secretariat, latest by **07 May 2023**. The online application form may be retrieved from AARDO website through the following link: http://aardo.org/aardot.php.

Excellency will appreciate that preference will be given to the member countries which are regularly paying their membership contribution to AARDO.

Kindly accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

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