

**GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
Ministry of Economic Affairs  
Economic Affairs Division**

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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT: 2023 MULTILATERAL SEMINAR ON IMPLEMENTATION OF UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION AND SANDSTORM PREVENTION FOR BELT AND ROAD COUNTRIES FROM 07<sup>TH</sup> – 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2023 IN CHINA (04 SLOTS)**

The undersigned is directed to state that Government of People's Republic of China has offered fully funded Seminar on Implementation of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and Sandstorm Prevention for Belt and Road Countries from 07<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2023. The Government of Pakistan will not be liable for any cost. The course contents along with other relevant information are enclosed. The requisite qualification and general requirements are as under:-

**1. Eligibility Criteria**

- Officers (**BS-17 & above**) of Ministries / Divisions / Attached Departments and Provincial Governments most relevant to the training programmes.
- Proficiency in English.
- **Under 45 for officials at or under director's level and under 50 for officials at director general's level.**
- Contract Employees are not eligible

**2. Documents Required**

The following documents (**02 sets of each**) are required to be sent alongwith the nomination:

- Application Form
- Information Form duly filled in by the nominee.
- FTC Proforma.
- Copy of CNIC
- Copy of Passport at least six months of remaining validity and blank visa pages
- Medical Certificate (Foreigner Physical Examination Form)
- Surety Bond
- Undertaking
- Copy of Covid-19 Full Vaccination Certificate
- No criminal record / Police character certificate attested by Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan

3. Nominations of suitable candidates fulfilling the eligibility criteria duly approved by the competent authority shall be forwarded to this Ministry by **1<sup>st</sup> August, 2023 positively.**

Following points must be considered while nominating the candidates:

- a. Most relevant candidates should be nominated for the subject training programmes.
  - b. Nomination of candidates should reach MoEA before the deadline. Late arrival of nomination after the EADs' deadline will not be entertained.
  - c. Nomination papers complete in all respect may be forwarded to MoEA through proper channel i.e. through their respective Administrative Ministry / Division/ P&D Department.
  - d. For further details / information / forms / FTC proforma EAD's website: [www.ead.gov.pk](http://www.ead.gov.pk) may be visited.
4. In order to avail all trainings, it must be ensured that suitable nominations along with complete documents shall be provided by the deadline.

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Nominations of suitable candidates fulfilling the eligibility criteria duly approved by the competent authority shall be forwarded to this Ministry by **1<sup>st</sup> August, 2023 positively.** Following points must be considered while nominating the candidates:

**Seminars on the Implementation of United Nations Convention to  
Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and Sandstorm Prevention for  
Senior Officials from BRI Countries**

**Program Description**

Title	Seminar on the Implementation of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and Sandstorm Prevention for Senior Officials from BRI Countries		
Organizer	National Academy of Forestry and Grassland Administration (NAFGA)		
Date	September 7 <sup>th</sup> – September 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	Language	English
Invited Countries	BRI countries		
Objectives	The Seminar is intended to (1) promote China's "Belt and Road" initiative, enhance desertification control and sandstorm prevention capabilities of countries along the "Belt and Road"; (2) provide a platform for experience exchange and knowledge sharing in sand control; (3) promote China's mature and effective technical model in desertification prevention and control, especially in sand and dust source control and sandstorm monitoring and early warning, to publicize the achievements in this area in accordance with the concept of a community of life for man and nature; (4) establish a communication platform for the implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, and build a "Belt and Road" sandstorm prevention and control dialogue mechanism, provide talent guarantee and intellectual support for the construction of the Green Silk Road.		
Qualifications for Participation	Professional Background	--Field or major: natural resource management, desertification and land degradation control, ecological governance, natural disaster research and management, forestry international cooperation and other background related to the seminar topic --Occupation: natural resource management, forest law enforcement and governance, timber trade, forestry international cooperation and other work related to the seminar topic --Level, education or other qualifications: officials of at or below the level of Director General and Division Director; Researchers	
	Age	Under 50 for officials at director general's level; Under 45 for officials at or under division director's level; Under 45 for technicians.	
	Language Proficiency	Fluent in English (speaking, writing, listening and reading)	

	<p>Health conditions</p>	<p>In good health with health certificate issued by the local public hospitals; without diseases with which entry to China is disallowed by China's laws and regulations; without severe chronic diseases such as serious high blood pressure, cardiovascular/cerebrovascular diseases and diabetes; without metal diseases or epidemic diseases that are likely to cause serious threat to public health; not in the process of recovering after a major operation or in the process of acute diseases; not seriously disabled or pregnant.</p>
	<p>Others</p>	<p>Family members or friends shall not follow</p>
<p>Training Content</p>	<p>The Seminar will be held in Beijing and adopt a combination of lectures, case studies, and group discussions. With a focus on The Belt and Road countries' implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the prevention and control of sandstorms, China's practice of implementing the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), China's desertification prevention and control measures and technologies, especially those of sand and dust sources control and the sandstorms emergency and early warning management etc. The tentative lectures include: Brief introduction to China's national condition and forestry condition, Interpretation of the Belt and Road Initiative and related policies, Desertification situation and overall prevention and control strategies in China, Interpretation of China's legal system for desertification prevention and control and the National Plan for Desertification Prevention and Control, China's sandstorm related technologies and complete sets of measures, Sand and dust weather forecasting, Early warning and emergency response, Monitoring and assessment of desertification in China, The development of China's sand control industry and its ways to promote poverty alleviation, Desertification land closure protection and comprehensive management of desertification land, The key supporting policies and measures for ecological construction from China's forestry and grassland and other industries, Practice and experience of the IEM concept in western China, Policies and practices for water resources management in arid regions, The construction of China's grassland protection and its sustainable use policies, Methodology for writing national reports of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, relevant data tools and its applications, and so on. In addition, the participants will visit Gansu Province, including ChiFeng City, Baiyannaer City, Baotou City and Eerduosi City, through which the participants may have more direct understanding on the desertification control in China.</p> <p>The seminar will arrange the sections of country reports and discussions and the participants are advised to prepare materials in advance. In the section of country reports, the tentative outline for sharing is as follows: general introduction to the participating country such as geography, culture, society, etc.; introduction to the forestry sector and desertification control in the</p>	

	<p>participating country.</p> <p>In the section of discussions, there are different topics. For the topic of exploring bilateral and multilateral cooperation, we will set up a discussion session between National Forestry and Grassland Administration of China (highest forestry authorities in China) and the participating countries. Participants are advised to know the current situation and challenges of forestry cooperation between the participating country and China and think about the possibility of expanding cooperation. The Seminar will also collect training needs to make the next training more targeted and effective. They include the training needed for forestry development as whole and for better competent for the job.</p>		
Host City	Daxing District, Beijing	Field Visit	ChiFeng City, Baiyannaer City, Eerduosi City and Baotou City of Inner Mongolia
Notes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Passport: make sure your passport is valid from the 5<sup>th</sup> day before the seminar to the 5<sup>th</sup> day after the end of the seminar.</li> <li>2. Preparation for Daily Life <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Make preparations for on-site study and life according to the seminar arrangement and the weather conditions of the host city and cities to visit.</li> <li>(2) You can carry a small amount of commonly used drugs according to your own situation, and it is strictly forbidden to bring drugs that are prohibited or exceed the customs' limit.</li> <li>(3) If you have any religious needs, please communicate with the organizer in advance.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Baggage <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Pay attention to the luggage standards for international and domestic flights in China. The expenses caused by oversized/overweight baggage and the responsibility for missed flights due to luggage disputes shall be borne by yourself.</li> <li>(2) Confirm whether you need to check in your luggage again if you transfer to a connecting flight.</li> <li>(3) In case of lost baggage to be registered with the airline, please first make a call to the organizer to confirm the baggage delivery address and then fill in the registration form.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Flight Delays and Pickup <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Inform the organizer in time if you are unable to depart on time or encounter flight delays during flight transfer.</li> <li>(2) Upon your arrival, please claim your baggage and wait for NAFGA staff at INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL EXIT (or DOMESTIC ARRIVAL EXIT) of the airport. NAFGA staff will pick you up with the pick-up card, which reads "NAFGA—Seminar on the Implementation of United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and Sandstorm Prevention for Senior Officials from BRI Countries". For any unexpected occasion, please contact the organizer immediately.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>		

	<p>5. Flight Changes or Cancellations: If you change or cancel your flight without consent from the organizer or change your flight due to personal reason, the costs and responsibilities therefore incurred shall be borne by yourself.</p> <p>6. Safety comes first during your stay in China. In case of emergencies, please contact the organizer immediately.</p>
About the Organizer	<p>National Academy of Forestry and Grassland Administration (NAFGA) (the former State Academy of Forestry Administration, STAFA), established in 1951, is a training institution under the National Forestry and Grassland Administration. It provides training opportunities for civil servants and other employees of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration, leaders from the counties where the key forestry programs are implemented, local forestry leaders and technicians, leaders of large and medium-sized forest enterprises, international trainees and key foresters. The Party School and Adult Education Research Center of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration as well as China Forestry Education &amp; Training Website are stationed in the Academy. NAFGA has achieved ISO9000 quality management system certificate issued by certification and accreditation administration of PRC. And the quality system is applied on all training courses or workshops hosted or sponsored by the academy. NAFGA enjoys the reputation of pioneer in training for civil servants and quality management for forestry industry.</p> <p>Sponsored by Chinese government, NAFGA has been organizing the foreign aid training projects since 2007. Up to now, NAFGA has successfully held 63 seminars on varied themes including Forest Law Enforcement and Governance(FLEG), Sustainable Forest Management, National Parks and Nature Reserves Management, UN Forest Instrument(UNFI), Wildlife Protection, Forestry Projects Development under "Belt and Road initiative", Biodiversity Protection, Forest and Climate Change, CITES implementation, Management and Protection of Endangered Species through which 3435 participants were trained and over 100 developing countries were included. Welcome to Beijing, welcome to our beautiful campus!</p>