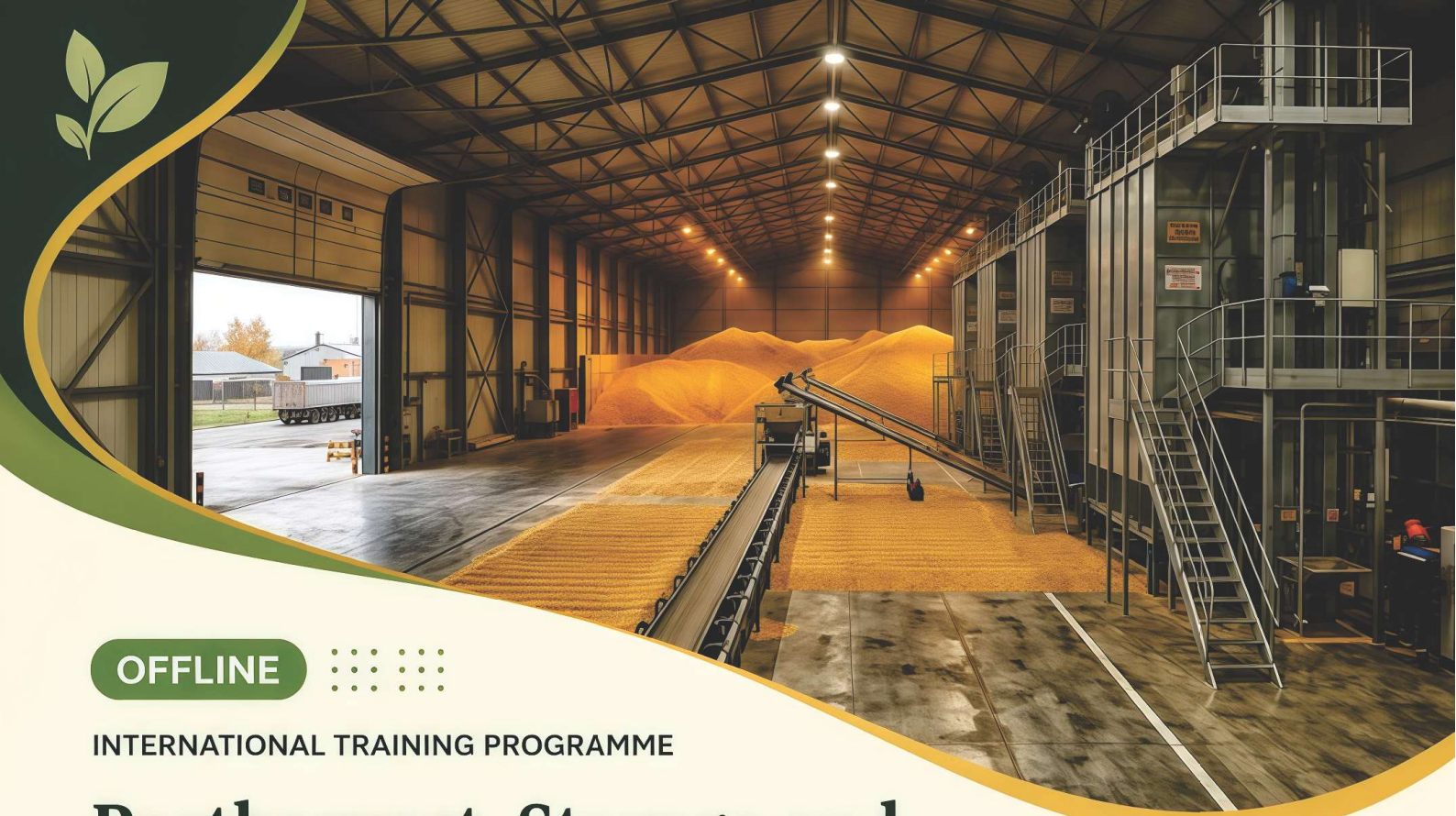




OFFLINE



INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME

Postharvest, Storage and Preservation in Agri-Food Sectors



16–26 November
2026



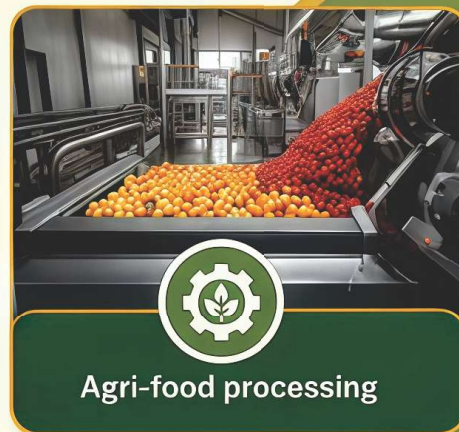
In Collaboration with
Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi), India



Scientific grain storage



Cold-chain storage



Agri-food processing



**AFRICAN-ASIAN RURAL
DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION
(AARDO)**

Cooperation for Sustainable Development



**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF
TECHNOLOGY DELHI
(IIT DELHI), INDIA**





Programme Overview

Strengthening technical and managerial capacities across agri-food value chains



Theme

Postharvest, Storage and Preservation in Agri-Food Sectors



Sponsoring Organization

African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO)



Training Institute (Host)

Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi)



Duration

16–26 November 2026



Mode

Physical / Offline



Participation

Mid and senior-level officials



Deadline for Application

16 October 2026



BACKGROUND

Postharvest management is essential for ensuring food security, improving farmers' income, and strengthening agri-food value chains. Significant losses occur due to improper harvesting and handling, inadequate storage infrastructure, limited access to suitable preservation technologies, and insufficient technical capacity, particularly in developing countries.

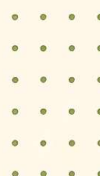
These challenges are further compounded by fragmented supply chains, limited cold storage facilities, climate variability, and changing market demands. The training programme aims to strengthen participants' technical and managerial capacities in postharvest handling, storage, and food preservation through scientifically sound, economically viable, and context-appropriate approaches.

The programme will cover low-cost and zero-energy storage technologies, modern thermal and non-thermal preservation methods, energy utilization, digital technologies, and relevant economic and policy considerations.



OBJECTIVE

Enhance participants' knowledge and practical understanding of postharvest handling, storage, and preservation of agricultural and food commodities, while strengthening their capacity to plan and implement effective interventions that reduce losses and improve food quality and safety.





Programme Contents



Key technical themes covered during the training



CORE CONTENT AREAS

-  1 Agriculture and Its Ecosystems
-  2 Harvesting of Agricultural Commodities: Principles, Equipment and Machinery
-  3 Postharvest Technologies of Agricultural Commodities
-  4 Storage of Agricultural Commodities
-  5 Low-Cost Storage Structures and Zero-Energy Storage Techniques
-  6 Food Preservation Technologies: Thermal and Non-Thermal Approaches
-  7 Energy Utilization in Postharvest Technologies
-  8 IoT Applications in Agri-Food Systems
-  9 Economic Feasibility, Financing and Policy Frameworks
-  10 Community Engagement, Project Management and Business Models



The programme integrates technology, management and policy perspectives to promote sustainable postharvest systems.



Participation & Application

Eligibility, communication, selection and travel arrangements



MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION

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Primarily English.
Participants should have
proficient working
knowledge of English.
Translation services are
not provided.



TARGET AUDIENCE

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Mid and senior-level
officials working in
relevant fields in their
respective countries.
Resource persons from IIT
Delhi and other institutes
will share expertise.



ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

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Bachelor's degree with a
minimum of five years of
relevant field experience.
Applicants should be
below 50 years and should
not have attended an
AARDO offline training
programme in the
preceding two years.



HOW TO APPLY

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- 1 Log on to <https://aardo.org/aardot.php>
- 2 Fill up the details and submit. Take a printout of the completed application form.
- 3 Sign the application and send it with the recommendation letter of the AARDO Nodal Ministry to the email id: iec@aardo.org



CERTIFICATE

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Successful participants will receive
a certificate bearing the signatures
of both AARDO and IIT Delhi.



VISA & AIR TICKETS

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AARDO will facilitate visa
obtention. Round-trip economy
class air tickets will be arranged
following visa confirmation and
nominee acceptance.





About AARDO & IIT Delhi



Institutional context and the host training environment



ABOUT AARDO



Established in 1962, AARDO is an autonomous intergovernmental organisation serving as a forum for countries of Africa and Asia to exchange knowledge, experiences and perspectives on agricultural and rural development. Through collaborative programmes and concerted action, AARDO promotes sustainable agriculture, rural transformation and improved livelihoods, contributing to poverty reduction and enhanced quality of life across its member countries.



ABOUT THE HOST TRAINING INSTITUTE: INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY DELHI



IIT Delhi, ranked 118th in the 2026 QS World University Rankings, is a premier institution known for excellence in science, engineering and technology education, research and innovation. Established as the College of Engineering in 1961, it was later declared an Institution of National Importance and renamed the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi.

With over 60,000 alumni across diverse disciplines, IIT Delhi has made significant contributions to academia, industry, entrepreneurship and nation-building. The Institute promotes cutting-edge research and innovation through its departments, centres and Research Park, fostering strong collaborations among academia, industry and government, both nationally and internationally.



The programme will draw on IIT Delhi's academic and research environment to connect scientific knowledge with practical postharvest challenges.





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IMPORTANT NOTE

Applications without the recommendation of the participant's country AARDO Nodal Ministry will not be considered.

Completed applications should reach the AARDO Secretariat by
16 October 2026. Selection is subject to participant limits.

