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The Secretariat of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) presents its compliments to the Ministries of Foreign/External Affairs of the Member States of SAARC and has the honour to state that the SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), according to its approved Calendar of Activities-2021, has called for applications for the **SAARC Agriculture PhD Scholarship-2021**. As decided by the Governing Board of the SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), regular employees of National Agricultural Research System (NARS)/Departments/Ministries of the esteemed Royal Government of Bhutan and the Republic of Maldives only may avail this year's PhD Programme. A copy of letter No. SAC/778/PhD programme/application/2021/56 dated 05 May 2021 of the SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), along with Call for Applications and Application Form for SAARC Agriculture PhD Scholarship-2021, is attached.

The esteemed Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Royal Government of Bhutan and the Government of the Republic of Maldives are requested to take necessary measures to upload the announcement for the **"SAARC Agriculture PhD Scholarship-2021"** in the websites of the following offices:

- i. Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- ii. Relevant Ministry(ies) and offices;
- iii. National Agricultural Research System (NARS);
- iv. Relevant professional organizations/bodies/institutions; and
- v. Relevant publicly accessible sites.

It may be noted that the eligibility criteria, prescribed Application Form and other details can be downloaded from the website of the SAARC Agriculture Centre (www.sac.org.bd). The **deadline for submission of application is 30 June 2021.**

For any further information on the matter, Director, SAARC Agriculture Centre (director@sac.org.bd) and Dr. Ashis Kumar Samanta, Senior Programme Specialist (Livestock), SAARC Agriculture Centre, (Cell: +880-1316195379, Email: drashiskumarsamanta@gmail.com, draksamanta@sac.org.bd) may kindly be contacted.

The Secretariat of SAARC avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministries of Foreign/External Affairs of the Member States of SAARC, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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The Ministries of Foreign/External Affairs,
(SAARC Division),
Member States of SAARC.

Copy to:

- (i) Governing Board Members of the SAARC Agriculture Centre;
- (ii) Heads of SAARC Regional Centres/Specialized bodies, **for posting the same in their respective webpages;** and
- (iii) Director, SAARC Agriculture Centre (SAC), Dhaka.



Kathmandu, 11 May 2021