



Asia Pastoralist Women Gathering

10-11-12 December, 2025



Tentative Agenda



8-10 December, 2025
Gujarat India



Day-1

Voices of Policy and Partnerships

Venue: Ahmedabad

Theme: Bridging Policy and Practice for Sustainable Rangelands

Time Session Details

08:30 – 09:30 AM Registration & Welcome Tea

- Participant registration, informal introductions, and networking.

09:30 – 10:15 AM Inaugural Ritual & Opening Ceremony

- Traditional welcome by local pastoralist women, lighting of the lamp, and opening remarks by host organisations and community leaders.

10:15 – 10:45 AM Keynote Address

- Setting the context for Asia's Pastoralist Women Gathering & Launch of IYRP (Asia Chapter) – Global pastoralist/UN representative.

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM Panel I: Policies for Rangeland, Livelihoods, and Climate

- Government perspectives from India, Mongolia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Gujarat ministries on rangeland policies and community contributions.

12:15 – 12:30 PM Q&A and Reflections

12:30 – 01:30 PM Lunch Break

01:30 – 03:00 PM Panel II: Women's Voices from the Grassroots

- Pastoralist women from India, Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka share challenges, solutions, and best practices.

03:00 – 03:15 PM Tea Break

03:15 – 05:00 PM Panel III: Stakeholders in Action

- Dialogue among academicians, researchers, policymakers and donors on sustainable pastoralism.

05:00 – 05:45 PM Press Conference I – Launch of IYRP Asia Level

- Highlighting opportunities, policy asks, and the importance of mainstream attention to pastoralism.

06:00 PM onwards Cultural Evening & Dinner

- Celebrating pastoralist traditions through music, storytelling, and local cuisine.
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Day - 2

Women's Experiences and Regional Declarations

Venue: Ahmedabad

Theme: Reclaiming Voices, Strengthening Declarations

Time Session Details

09:00 – 09:15 AM

- Recap of Day 1

09:15 – 10:45 AM

- Plenary IV: Indian Pastoralist Women Speak
- Sharing lived experiences—access to land, water, cooperatives, and traditional knowledge.

10:45 – 11:15 AM

- Presentation of MERA Declaration, Overview of the existing Mobility, Equality, Rights, and Access (MERA) framework.

11:30 AM – 01:30 PM

- Regional Breakout Groups – Review & Update MERA Declaration
 - Group 1: Central Asia (Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and others)
 - Group 2: South Asia (Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bhutan, Tibet, Bangladesh)
 - Group 3: India
- Objective: Update declaration with regional inputs and policy priorities.

01:30 – 02:30 PM Lunch Break

02:30 – 04:00 PM

- Group Work Continuation & Synthesis
- Finalise recommendations and prepare group presentations.

04:00 – 04:30 PM Tea Break

04:30 – 06:00 PM

- Evening Reflection & Sharing Circle
- Open space for cultural exchange, storytelling, and reflections from participants.





Day - 3

Pastoralist Women Parliament & Asia MERA Declaration 2.0

Venue: Gopnaad, Bechraji

Theme: Women Leading the Future of Pastoralism

TimeSession Details

09:00 – 09:30 AM

- Mobilisation & Assembly
- Gathering of 350–400 pastoralist women and delegates.

09:30 AM – 12:30 PM

- Pastoralist Women Parliament
- Session I – Regional group presentations.
- Session II – Reading of the revised MERA Declaration.

12:30 – 01:15 PM

- Parliamentary Discussions
- Collective deliberation and endorsement of the updated declaration.

01:15 – 02:15 PM Lunch Break

- 02:15 – 03:30 PM
- Closing Reflections & Way Forward
- Voices from youth, elders, and partners; commitments toward IYRP 2026.

03:30 – 04:15 PM

- Press Conference II – Asia Pastoralist Women's Call to Action
- Presentation of outcomes, policy reflections, and key messages from the gathering.

04:15 – 04:45 PM

- Closing Ritual & Vote of Thanks
- Led by pastoralist women – symbolic circle of solidarity.

05:00 PM onwards

- Departure of Delegates

