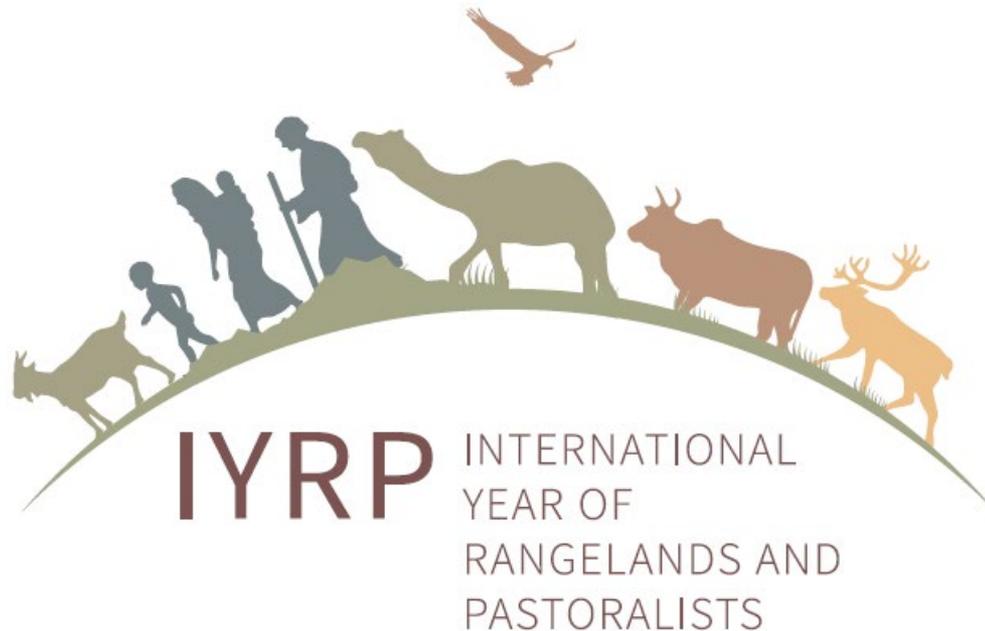


# Update on IYRP initiative

for Global Grassland Dialogue Platform

10 November 2020



Presented by Ann Waters-Bayer

Agrecol Association (Germany)

Coalition of European Lobbies for Eastern Africa Pastoralism (CELEP)

Member of International IYRP Support Group



# Why an IYRP?

- To showcase important contributions of rangelands & pastoralists for food security and environment
- To increase worldwide understanding of complexities and values of rangelands & pastoral systems
- To inform policymaking at all levels





Photo: Marc Foggin

## Process for approval as International Year

- Oct 2020: FAO Committee on Agriculture (COAG) endorsed Mongolian Government's proposal for IYRP in 2026
- Proposal supported by over 150 organisations and over 50 national governments
- Next hurdles in UN process:
  - FAO Council Dec 2020
  - FAO Conference June 2021
  - United Nations General Assembly Sept 2021



# Regional IYRP Support Groups (RISGs)

East Asia

Central Asia &  
Mongolia

South Asia

Australasia

North Africa &  
Middle East

Eastern &  
Southern Africa

West & Central  
Africa

Europe & Arctic

North America

Latin America  
& Caribbean

IYRP International Support Group (ISG) is creating multi-stakeholder RISGs to:

- expand network of supporting organisations and governments in their regions
- work with Government of Mongolia and us to plan and implement IYRP activities in their regions.

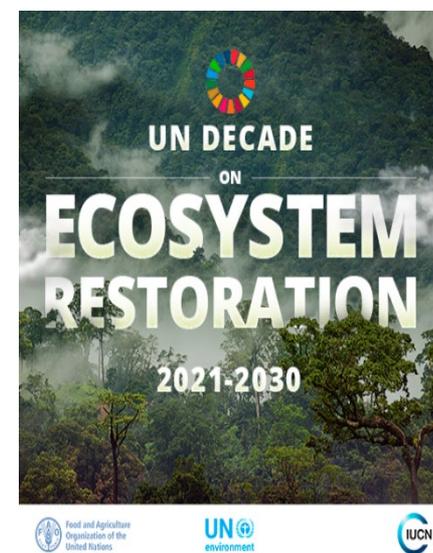
Central role for  
pastoralist organisations  
in these activities



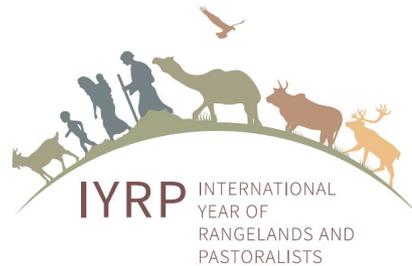
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# ISG seeks more partners with common aims

- COAG acknowledged importance of IYRP initiative for **SDGs** and **UN Decades of Family Farming** (2019–28) and **Ecosystem Restoration** (2021–30)
- Thus: big potential for many partners with common aims
- *To help us promote and plan the IYRP, we invite like-minded partners to join us*



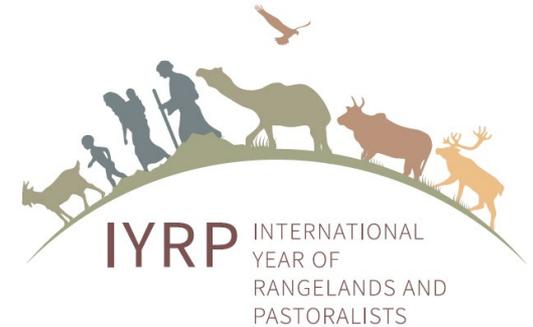
# Would you like to contribute to this initiative?



- Promote IYRP in conferences & meetings and on social media
- ***Contact government officials in your country to request their support for Mongolia's proposal for an IYRP in 2026***
- Join an RISG to help plan & implement activities leading up to and during the IYRP in your countries / regions



# For further information



- **Promotional website:** [www.iyrp.info](http://www.iyrp.info) (highly visual)
- **Archival website** (with all related documents): <https://globalrangelands.org/international-year-rangelands-and-pastoralists-initiative>
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