



"Empowering Pastoralist Women in Mountain Areas"

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IYRP International Year of Rangeland and Pastoralism Global Integrative Pastoralism Project

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**15 MARCH 2022: United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)
Declared**

2026 as International Year of Rangelands & Pastoralists



- Movement grew since 2008 into global coalition of over 300 pastoralist & supporting national and international organisations, several UN agencies
- Building on these efforts, Government of **Mongolia** proposed resolution to UNGA in **2019**, supported by over 100 countries
- Approved unanimously by UNGA in 2022

FAO facilitates implementation of IYRP 2026

<https://iyrp.info/>



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Why an IYRP?

Activities **up to & during**
IYRP 2026 on various themes

- Joint research & publishing
- Policy briefs / statements
- Pastoralist gatherings
- Social media campaigns
- Films / Photo exhibits
- Pastoralist innovation fairs
- Side events
- Conferences / Webinars ... etc





Structure of IYRP 2026 coalition

General IYRP e-list

~800 addresses mostly for info only

International Support Group (ISG)

~450 active partners, Friends of IYRP, including GCG members & 3 co-chairs

Global Coordinating Group (GCG)

~50 members (ISG co-chairs, Communications + WG coordinators, RISG chairs & reps from key supporting partners: FAO, Govt of Mongolia, ILRI, IUCN, UNEP, WAMIP)

**Global
Communications
Team**

10 Working Groups:

1. Afforestation
2. Biodiversity
3. Climate Change
4. Commons
5. Gender
6. Land Degradation Neutrality
7. Mountains
8. Pastoral economy
9. Water
10. Youth

**11 Regional IYRP
Support Groups
(RISGs)**

Africa

- South Eats Africa
- North Africa & Middle East
- West & Central Africa

Asia

- Central Asia & Mongolia
- East Asia
- South Asia

America

- North America
- South America

Australia

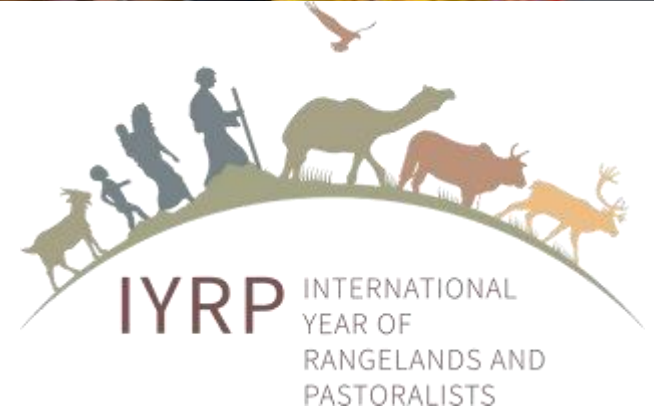
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Europe



The Gender & Pastoralism Working Group

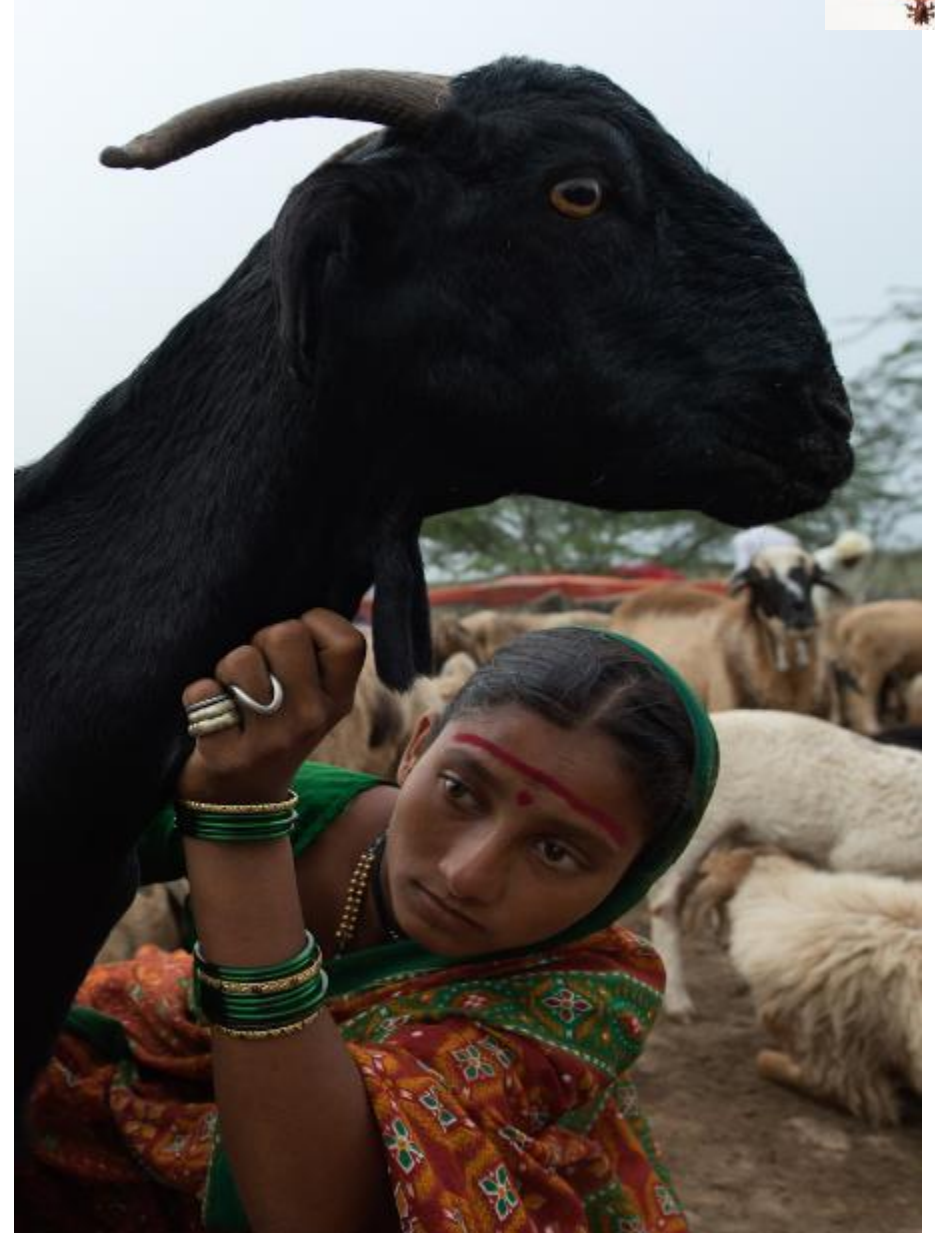
- Is one of the 10 Working groups of the IYRP
- Is a group of women and men from different countries, continents, disciplines and backgrounds who regularly meet online to plan how we can bring in a gender lens into the IYRP process



Some expected outputs from our Gender & Pastoralism WG

<https://iyrp.info/pastoralism-gender>

- Perspectives of **Pastoralism Film Festival** devoted to women & youth
- Pastoralist **women's gatherings**
- **Photo stories**
- An open source **recipe collection** using products from pastoralist systems
- **Research and policy** initiatives focussing on women pastoralists
- **Key messages**



Key messages

The IYRP WG Pastoralism & Gender believes that the future of pastoralism depends on:

1. A deeper understanding of gender in pastoralism

- Call **attention on critical issues** as gender identity, gender roles, caregiving and other responsibilities such as family, productive and reproductive duties and asks that they be viewed within an equitable framework.
- Support **pastoralists women social movements** and advocates its incorporation into IYRP, along with initiatives supporting sustainable pastoralism and rangeland management



Key messages



2. **Equitable and inalienable rights to access and use land, natural resources, biodiversity, knowledge and information**
- Enjoy the **same rights** (ownership, inheritance...)
 - WG seeks recognition of and respect for the **specific knowledge** that women pastoralists have and **their contribution** maintain healthy rangelands and sustainable pastoralists livelihood
 - Promote **equitable voice and representations** in all fora
 - WG supports **collaborative actions** and works toward a **global gathering** to exchange experiences (update Mera Declaration)



Key messages



3. Enhanced and equitable participation of women in research, policymaking and governance related to pastoralism and rangelands

- WG aims **gender-sensitive** dialogue between **traditional and scientific knowledge-holders**, promoting equitable/participatory solutions based on pastoralists capacity to identify their own problems and devise sound approaches to solving them
- WG advocates for **recognition and promotion** of women in various areas related to **co-production of knowledge**
- Non discriminatory **safe & violence-free** workplaces
- Support for **parenting & family care** promotion



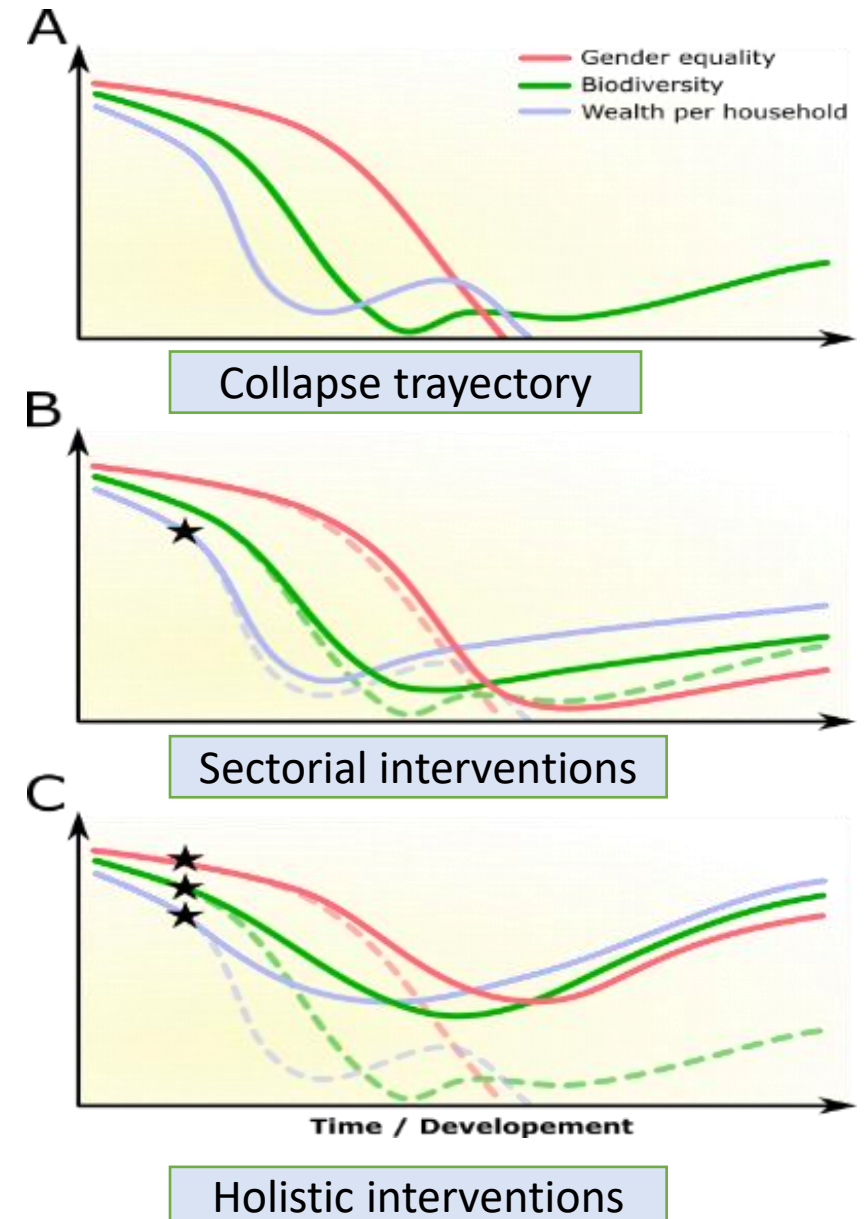


Scientific consortium led by the University of Helsinki:

Pablo Manzano et alii...

Global Integrative Pastoralism Project (GIPP)

- Establish **links between gender equality, environmental and economic** outcomes of pastoralism
- Identify **drivers of biodiversity loss** across disciplines
- Analyse **causes of collapse in pastoralist systems**
- **Develop policies** including the three aspects: Gender equality, Biodiversity and Economy





Empowering women changes societies:
where women thrive, communities prosper,
highlighting gender equity's broad impact.

Ευχαριστώ

Hvala

Thank you

Tales of women's resilience and strength
inspire action towards creating a just world.

Gracias

Merci

Grazie

Ruth Häckh, German writer and **4th** (and maybe last?) **generation of transhumant shepherds**: in summer she walks with her herds to the mountains of Swabia and in winter near Lake Constance - Germany

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