"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/
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

IYRP 2026 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF RANGELANDS AND PASTORALISTS 2026
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

Ártic Region

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 focusing 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.
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.

Thank you

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

Merci

Grazie

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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

Foto Gerhard Freitag