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# WELCOME TO THE IYRP BOOTH

The Global Effort to Proclaim an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) in 2026.



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# TILT THE BALANCE: YOUR ACTIONS MATTER

Exert your influence, get involved, be part of a proclamation of the IYRP for 2026 ! **NOW!**

- URGENTLY Contact your governmental officials (ministries of agriculture, environment, foreign affairs, etc.) and request support for the IYRP at the United Nations General Assembly.
- Governments should send a Support Letter to the Government of Mongolia  
Guidelines for letter of support.
- Promote the IYRP initiative on social media & other communication outlets and forward these hashtags to your government representatives #IYRP2026 #IYRPfornature #IYRPforclimate #IYRPforsustainability #IYRPforculture #IYRPforsociety.
- Convince your organization to Convince your organization to join the IYRP International Support Group by sending an email to [iyrp@iyrp.info](mailto:iyrp@iyrp.info).
- Learn more: <https://www.iyrp.info>.

**Each country has one vote, your country could be  
the deciding vote!**



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# GETTING TO SUSTAINABILITY

- **#IYRPFORSUSTAINABILITY** Rangelands directly support livelihoods of 500 million people and indirectly another 2 billion people along the entire value chain link to UNEP/IUCN Green Economy.
- **#IYRPFORHEALTH** Pastoral livestock products have high-value protein and are rich in nutrients due to a diverse forage intake link to Exec Summ IYRP UNFSS Parallel Session.
- **#IYRPFORHEALTH** Carbon sequestration can be significant in rangeland/pastoral system; pastoralism is not necessarily a net contributor to emissions [www.pastres.org/livestock-report/](http://www.pastres.org/livestock-report/).
- **#IYRPFORLIFE** Pastoralists adapt to and manage rangeland variability. Are livestock always bad for the Planet?
- **#IYRPFORNATURE** Rangelands are global biodiversity hotspots and habitat for numerous endangered species and offer valuable grazing land for both livestock & wildlife.
- **#IYRPFFORECONOMY** Rangelands cover at least 54% of earth's land surface – according to the most recent analysis [www.rangelandsdata.org/atlas](http://www.rangelandsdata.org/atlas)

## PASTORALISM IS THE FUTURE!

SEE HERE





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# WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW ?

58 governments and 300 producer organizations and NGOs worldwide support IYRP – and its growing!.

The Mongolian Government proposal for an IYRP was endorsed by the FAO Conference in June 2021 and now moves to the General Assembly of the United Nations for a vote.

## IYRP spotlights at the IGC/IRC 2021:

- ▶ Two Concurrent Sessions
- ▶ Pastoralism Film Festival
- ▶ Annual Pastoralist Awards for Central Asia and Mongolia and South Asia
- ▶ Plenary session 29th Oct

**SEE:** Annual transhumance through Madrid (Oct 2021)  
Italia (Jul 2021)

**SEE:** Sheep Parade and Festival in Wood River, Idaho, USA, Oct 2021  
<https://trailingofthesheep.org/>

