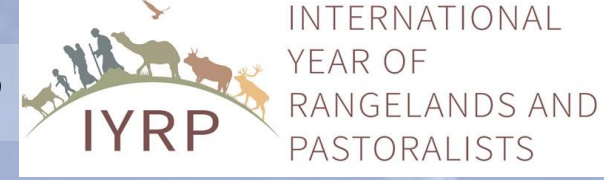


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Debate on:

- Critical Priorities for Action about Social & Economic Services of Pastoralism & Rangelands
- Build a Stronger Coalition for IYRP Approval and Support

Mobile Pastoralists of MENA Region

- **Settlement patterns vary, depending on historical forces and political changes**
- **Origin of domesticating livestock, and significant number of pastoralists**
- **31 million are pastoralists**
- **Yet, Pastoralists are not visible in official statistics, censuses in different aspects**

Socio-economic issues of rangelands & pastoralists



Socio-Cultural

- Fragmentation of pastoralists territories and blocked migratory routes, and conflict
- Forced and induced sedentarization and insufficient attention to pastoralists in official statistics and censuses
- Lack of appropriate recognition and research on pastoralists governance systems and indigenous knowledge
- Insufficient research on socio-economic & ecological values of pastoralists and their economic viability

Economic & Financial

- Lack of financial support to enhance pastoralists' contribution to local and national economy & food security and sovereignty
- Threatening the profit of pastoralists by the intervention of commercial intermediaries
- Inappropriate support and insufficient subsidized supplementation by state authorities to promote the resilience and adaptation systems of pastoralists
- Transboundary diseases

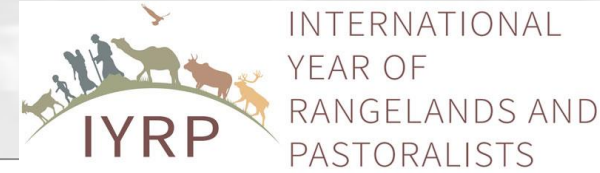
Mobile Services

- Inadequate well being mobile services such as health, veterinary, water points, insurance, energy sources, education, technology, etc.

Pastoral Youth

- Increased jobless youth and migration
- Separation of family members to educate their children
- Less attention to capacity building and training of pastoralists youth
- Insufficient financial resources and incentives for entrepreneurship to promote the pastoral production and livelihoods systems and innovations for wealth generation activities focusing on sustainable pastoralism;

Actions proposed to resolve Socio-economic issues



Socio-Cultural

- Recognize customary governance systems and seasonal migration as part of pastoralists identity
- Stop fragmentation of pastoralists territories and lands in favour of large scale careless development projects
- Make pastoralists visible in official statistics, censuses and highlight their socio-cultural and economic values
- Sharing experiences with neighbouring countries for mutual learning and action

Economic & Financial

- Incorporate pastoralists production systems as one of the foundations of the local and national economy, food security and sovereignty
- Establish self-organized funds and institutions to strengthen the mobility of pastoralists life through various innovations in sustainable pastoralism and land management initiatives;
- Support pastoralist's contribution to saving the livestock genetic diversity and locally adapted breeds;

Mobile Services

- Provision of mobile well-being services, social insurance, health, veterinary, energy sources, and education to sustain pastoralists way of life within their territories
- Include and harmonize their educational curriculum with their socio-cultural identities

Pastoral Youth

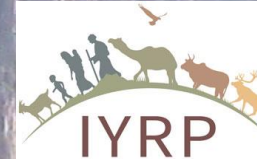
- Invest in capacity building and training of pastoralists youth for wealth generation activities and allocation of financial resources and incentives for entrepreneurship to promote their production and livelihoods systems focusing on sustainable pastoralism
- Re-empowerment of pastoralists youth to advocacy on their socio-economic & ecological values.

Key Messages- proposed actions



Through approval of IYRP, A paradigm shift is needed:

- To develop a strategy and action plan to alleviate rangelands degradation and stop any discrimination about pastoralists' society in different dimensions;
- Build synergy among the existing international policy instruments to enhance legal recognition of pastoralists governance systems over their territories and its resources;
- Document, expand and apply the evidence-based experiences and indigenous knowledge of pastoralists in preventing rangeland degradation;
- Make pastoralists visible in official statistics, censuses and highlight their socio-cultural, economic and ecological values;
- Promote the pastoralists' governance institutions in policy and decision making processes and restoration and conservation of fragile rangelands ecosystems;



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