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Summary of Panel 1: Land use/tenure & governance

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The first panel was focused on **land tenure and governance** to achieve sustainable pastoral production and livelihood systems. Three panellists spoke:

- **Michael Odhiambo** about priority areas for research and action in Eastern Africa;
- **Tungaa Ulambayar** about challenges related to land tenure & governance in Mongolia & Central Asia; and
- **Mohammed Bello** about the evolution of land law and pastoralism in West & Central Africa.

The speakers identified some **priorities for research and action** related to land tenure and governance to be pursued in the years leading up to the IYRP in 2026.

Research is needed on:

- Logic/rationale of pastoralists’ land use, tenure and governance
- Impact of land-tenure policies on pastoralists’ production & livelihoods
- Cross-country comparison to learn from innovation in land legislation, e.g. *Code rurale* in Niger
- Value of rangelands & pastoralism for local, national, regional & global economies
- Contribution of rangelands & pastoralism to livelihoods and to food & nutrition security
- Value of pastoralism & transhumance for productivity & health of rangeland ecosystems
- Role of pastoralists’ IK & innovation in climate-change adaptation

Priorities for action that were identified included:

- Capacity building for pastoralist civil society to engage effectively with policy processes
- Capacity building for government & development actors to understand pastoralists’ land tenure & management practices & their value
- Legal recognition of pastoralists’ land use
- Cooperation between researchers, pastoralists and government actors in reviewing and improving land-related policies
- Empowering local institutions for rangeland management and governance
- Strengthening capacity of governments & civil society in collecting, analysing & disseminating data about land use
- Investment in developing infrastructure & social services appropriate for mobile systems of land use in the rangelands