**IYRP 2026 Global Young Pastoralists Gathering Agenda**

**Date:** April 9, 2026  
**Venue:** Main Auditorium, Madrid (Capacity: 200)  
**Theme:** *"Young Pastoralists and New Technologies"*  
**Focus:** Youth leadership, Indigenous knowledge, innovation, and the future of pastoralism.

**09:00 – 09:30 | Opening Session**

* **Welcome Remarks** – Host organizations: Community of Madrid-IMIDRA- Fundación Trashumancia y Naturaleza,
* **Opening Message from the IYRP Youth Working Group** – Jacob Lekaitogo
* **Keynote:** *“Why Youth Matter in the Future of Pastoralism”* – A youth representative

**09:30 – 11:00 | Session 1: The State of Pastoralist Youth Today**

**Moderated Panel + Interactive Dialogue**  
**Topics:**

* Challenges and opportunities for young pastoralists globally
* Barriers to entry: Land access, recognition, and mobility
* Highlight stories from Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean
* Cultural, territorial, and environmental importance of mobile pastoralism
* **Outputs:** Key messages for the global IYRP process

**11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee / Tea Break**

**11:30 – 13:00 | Session 2: Youth-Driven Innovations Rooted in Indigenous Wisdom**

**Youth Panels + Visual Presentations (max 10 minutes each)**  
**Topics:**

* Tech tools: GPS, mobile vet apps, virtual fencing, solar-powered systems
* Reviving Indigenous knowledge: Grazing calendars, water harvesting, drought coping
* Female-led innovations in livestock and dairy
* Youth as cultural connectors: Blending tradition and science
* **Outputs:** Visual storytelling, tech showcases, case studies

**13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:30 | Session 3: Pastoralist Value Chains & Youth-Led Entrepreneurship**

**Marketplace Talks & Roundtables**  
**Topics:**

* Dairy, meat, wool, and hides: How youth are branding local products
* Youth-led cooperatives and business models
* Eco-tourism and cultural heritage as new income streams
* Climate-smart income generation
* **Outputs:** Value chain map, policy asks

**15:30 – 16:00 | Coffee / Networking Break**

**16:00 – 17:30 | Session 4: Youth as the Future of Pastoralism – Intergenerational Dialogue**

**Fireside Chat + Live Q&A**  
**Participants:** Pastoral elders, youth champions, researchers  
**Topics:**

* What elders want passed on
* What youth want to innovate
* Intergenerational climate leadership
* Youth visions for 2050 pastoralism
* **Outputs:** Youth-Elder Accord (draft)

**17:30 – 18:00 | Session 5: Youth Commitments & Declaration Drafting**

Facilitated by the IYRP Youth WG  
**Topics:**

* Presenting outcomes from the sessions
* Youth Charter: Key asks, solutions, and pledges for IYRP 2026 and beyond
* Launch of youth working groups for follow-up

**Evening (Optional) | Side Events & Cultural Performances**

Organized by local youth and international delegations