



## **Pastoralist Youth Conference and Gathering**

**Youth Conference:** Advancing pastoralist youth voices on climate justice and resilience

Location: Moroto, Uganda

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025

### **Background**

In Uganda rangelands comprise the largest proportion of grazing resources for livestock cover a significant portion of the country, supporting the livelihoods of agro-pastoralists and a wide range value chain actor, while also contributing to ecosystem services. Pastoralists youth are the powerhouse of mobility and pastoralism in Uganda. Youth in pastoralism play a vital role of ensuring a secure household food system, income and nutrition. But most are engaged in pastoralism, small-scale agriculture, or informal businesses all of which are highly sensitive to climate variability. Reduced agricultural yields and livestock losses limit job opportunities, heightening youth frustration and dependency. A 2023 FAO report indicated that over 50% of youth in Karamoja cluster face food insecurity due to climate shocks and unpredictable seasons.<sup>1</sup>

KAYESE and RCP are jointly planning to organize a pastoralist youth conference and gathering in Moroto District in Uganda. The gathering will bring together at least 150 pastoralist youth from the greater Uganda cattle corridor to create awareness on IYRP2026, share knowledge, learn, cocreate and advocate for climate justice and resilience.

### **About pastoralist youth conference**

The youth conference aims to empower pastoralist youth to become champions of climate justice, budget monitoring and build resilient livelihoods through knowledge sharing, advocacy, and increased awareness of the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) 2026. Conference also seeks to ignite a national movement that recognizes the vital role of pastoralist youth in sustaining ecosystems, livelihoods, and cultural heritage. The conference will bring together diverse actors including pastoralists youth leaders, policymakers, civil society, and development partners to co-create a shared vision and strategic actions for the sustainable rangelands in Uganda.

### **Expected outcomes of the IYRP2026 roadmap**

- Increased commitment and connection of youth leaders on IYRP 2026
- Pastoralist youth resolution on climate justice and resilience

### **Host organization**

**KAYESE** is an indigenous community-based organization dedicated to fostering dignified, healthy lives for communities and their environments. KAYESE aims to champion an integrated Community development approach, livelihood promotion and natural resource management.

**Rangelands Community Partnership (RCP)** is an indigenous rangelands partnership organization dedicated to connecting rangeland communities to co-create knowledge and address shared challenges. Its main focus is to promote one health and community action development on rangeland ecosystems.

**Budget:** USD 10,000

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<sup>1</sup> FAO, IGAD & Interpeace. 2023. Conflict, climate change, food security, and mobility in the Karamoja Cluster – A study to analyse interactions among conflict, food security, climate change, migration and displacement factors. Rome. <https://doi.org/10.4060/cc7672en>