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You are invited for

*VIIIth NATIONAL RANGELAND FORUM OF MONGOLIA*

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*EXPLORING RANGELAND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK SECTOR DEVELOPMENT*

Taragt soum of Uvurkhangai aimag

*Mongolia*

*23-25 September, 2025*

Link for online participation: .........................

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| **Timing** | **Activities** | **Responsible part** |
| 08:00-09:00 | Registration  | “Green Gold” Mongolian rangeland research center |
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| 09:00-9:40 | Opening speeches | MOFALI |  |
| - Governor of Uvurkhangai |  |
| - Dr, D.Burmaa GG-MRRC |  |
| 09:40-09:50 | Video presentation on 2026, International year of Rangelands and Pasteroulists  |  |
|  PLENARY SESSION |  |
| 09:50-10:50 | Policy Needs for Better Regulation and Coordination in Climate Resilience and the Sustainable Livestock Sector: *Dr. Ts. Munkhnasan, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry* |  |
| Supporting the Sustainability and Ecosystem Services of Rangelands: Dr *Brandon Bestelmeyer, USDA* |  |
| Strengthening the Capacity of Pastoralists to Adapt to Climate Change through Accessible and Sustainable Value Chains: *Dr. Katya Kaupish, Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union, Germany* |  |
| Market Access Based on “Responsible Nomads” as a Tool for Successful Rangeland and Herd Management: *Dr. Burmaa, GG-MRRC* |  |
| Assessment and Certification Results of the “Responsible Nomads” Good Pastoral Practice Standards: *L. Gantsogt, Director, “Nomadic Legacy of the Steppes” NGO* |  |
| 10:50-11:00 | GROUP PHOTO SESSION |  |
| 11:00-11:30 | TEA BREAK |  |
| 11:30-13:00 | **Session 1:** IMPORTANCE OF RANGELAND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES AND SERVICE FEE, Moderator Dr,Bulgamaa | **Session 2:** INNOVATIVE MEASURES AND EXPANDING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN HERD MANAGEMENTModerator D.Burmaa |  |
| “The importance of maintaining the ecosystem services of rangelands, their types, importance, and sustainability”Dr, d.Bulgamaa GGMRRC | Success stories in the stocking rate adjustment through -Lamb fattening, -feeding and -Breeding with Angus  Dr,T.Ariunbold MULS |  |
|  “Opportunities to increase herders' income through carbon sequestration and carbon markets through adjusting grazing loads” Ts.Oyun, Undur shireet soum APUG leader | Good practices from the implementation of the project “Strengthening the capacity of herders to adapt to climate change through the creation of accessible and sustainable value chains” in Arkhangai aimag,Arkhangai local project coordinator |  |
| Introducing an ecosystem payment system based on changes in the state of rangeland ecosystems, B,Munkhzul, Climate Finance Specialist, | Good practices from the implementation of the project “Strengthening the capacity of herders to adapt to climate change through the creation of accessible and sustainable value chains” in Uvurkhangai aimag,Jargalbaatar local project coordinator |  |
| The possibility of introducing Green Credit based on alternative states of rangeland ecosystem health and their shifts, HAAN bank  | Market issues for certified products, J.Ankhbayar, “Jargalant” Meat impex LLC  |  |
| Discussion | Discussion |  |
| 13:00-14:00 | LUNCH  |  |
| 14:00-15:30 | **Session 3: STRENGTHENING OF THE YOUNG GENERATION OF HERDERS**  | **SESSION 4:** STRENGTHENING OF THE FEMALE HERDERS  |  |
| **Moderator: E.Ankhbayar**  | **Moderators**: Dr U.Tungalag, J.Tserendolgor  |  |
| YOUNG HERDERS' ASSOCIATION - To become a structure to develop and empower young herders; E.Ankhbayar | The main activities of the Women's Association of Herders and their vision J.Tserendolgor GGMRRC |  |
| Issues facing young pastoralists and the need for policy and technical support; ECOFARM project team  | Results of the Gender survey, N.Zolzaya |  |
| 15:30-16:00-Tea break |  |
| Good practices implemented by young herders | Problems faced by women herders and good practices in solving them |  |
| Discussion | Discussion |  |
| 15:30-16:00 | “RESPONSIBLE NOMADS” STANDARDS OF GOOD PRACTICE POSTER SESSION/per SOUMS/ |  |
| 16:00-16:30 | TEA BREAK |  |
| 16:30-17:30 | Competition among herders on plant identification of rangeland communities  | MULS |  |
| 17:00-17:50 | Contract signing for the supply of certified meat |  |
| 17:50-18:00 | CLOSING | “Green Gold” MRRC |  |

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