

Dear all, 25th July2025

RE: **Request for partnership and support towards the African Pastoralist Women Gathering (APWG) in Kampala, Uganda an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP2026) campaign event.**

The **African Pastoralists Women Gathering (APWG) in Support of IYRP2026** is a Pastoralism and Gender working group in collaboration with IYRP Global working groups will bring together approximately **150+ participants** representing a wide spectrum of actors committed to advancing gender justice, climate resilience, and equitable land governance across Africa’s rangelands. The gathering will draw pastoralist women leaders and allies from across all five **African Union regions** (North, West, Central, East, and Southern Africa) with a focus on ensuring diversity in age, language, ethnic background, and geography.

The African Pastoralists Women Gathering (APWG) is to take place from 8th to 11th December 2025 in Kampala, Uganda. The Gathering aims to strengthen the voices of African pastoralist women and girls to ensure their perspectives are included in all decisions that affect them. The Gathering is being organized and hosted by the **Ateker Cultural Center (ACC in Uganda)** with support from National Land Coalition Uganda (NLC-UG) and Uganda Community Based Association for Women and Children Welfare (UCOBAC). Other Co-Convening Partners include [Organization for Pastoral Peace and Development Kenya (OPPD)](https://oppdkenya.org/)**,** Samburu Women Trust- Kenya, RECONCILE -Kenya, COPACSO- Uganda, RIAMRIAM network, IMPACT -Kenya, PWC Tanzania, PACEP and ESAPN-Uganda. The IYRP 2026 Gender and Pastoralism WG strongly endorses this regionally-led initiative in support of the IYRP 2026 aims.

The primary goal of the APWG is to **advance policy influence, and continental solidarity** for pastoralist women in the lead-up to the **2026 International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP)**

The APWG will achieve this **goal** through a 5-day program including policy dialogues, meetings with national decision-makers in Uganda, and learning exchange visits (see attached draft agenda). The **expected outcomes** of the APWG include development and ratification of an African Women’s Charter for Rangelands and Resilience, formation of a pan-African network of pastoralist women, Identification of delegates to attend the global gathering of women pastoralists in (May 2026 in Katmandu) and Development of a strategy to widely share the charter at regional and potentially global events.

If possible, we would like to schedule a meeting/call at your earliest convenience to answer any questions you may have and explore opportunities to collaborate in bringing this potentially transformative event to fruition.

 **Budget Estimate**

The total estimated cost of organizing the African Pastoralist Women Gathering (APWG) is **USD**, 265000 covering participation of 150+ women leaders, including travel to Kampala, programming, logistics, documentation, media campaigns, Evaluation and Reporting.

**NB: For more information and support find attached concept and IYRP global letter of support regarding the event.**

**Concept APWG Convening;**

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**APWG Budget Estimate;**

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**APWG Programme Line up;**

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**IYRP Global Letter of APWG;**

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**About the Host Organization (ACC);**

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Thank you,



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