

Climate Change Working Group
Social Media Messages – April 2026

Social Media Message #	Twitter / X / Facebook	LinkedIn
	Global Value – Week #1	
Wk1 – Msg1	<p>Rangelands Pastoralists & Climate Change In April IYRP discusses CC & Biodiversity. See IYRP policy brief - Powered by Variability: Rethinking Climate Policy for Pastoralism for more info on this critical topic #IYRP2026 #ClimateAction</p>	<p>Rangelands Are Climate Infrastructure For too long, rangelands have been framed as “marginal lands.” In reality, rangelands are critical climate infrastructure.</p> <p>Pastoralism transforms climate variability into productive livelihoods while sustaining biodiversity and ecosystem health. In many arid and semi-arid landscapes, it is the most sustainable and productive land use available.</p> <p>If we want scalable climate adaptation, we must stop treating pastoral systems as a problem—and start investing in them as solutions.</p> <p>In April the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) discusses Climate Change and Biodiversity. See the IYRP policy brief - Powered by Variability: Rethinking Climate Policy for Pastoralism for more information about this critical topic.</p> <p>#IYRP #ClimateAdaptation #Pastoralism #Rangelands #ClimatePolicy</p>
Wk1 – Msg 2	<p>Pastoralism Nature’s climate-smart system Pastoralism turns climate variability into productivity. It’s not marginal—it’s an <i>engine of adaptation, biodiversity, and carbon balance</i> Climate policy must invest in rangeland systems, not sideline them #IYRP2026 #Rangelands #Pastoralism</p>	<p>Rangelands Support Global Public Goods Healthy rangelands contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate adaptation • Biodiversity conservation • Carbon cycling • Livelihoods for millions <p>Yet these landscapes receive far less investment than other ecosystems.</p> <p>Recognizing rangelands as providers of global public goods should reshape how we finance and govern them. Time to rethink the narrative.</p> <p>#IYRP2026 #NatureBasedSolutions #Rangelands #Climate</p>
Wk1 – Msg3	<p>Rangelands = climate infrastructure They sustain livelihoods, biodiversity & resilience. In drylands, pastoralism is the most productive land use. Time for policy to catch up. #IYRP2026 #ClimateAdaptation</p>	<p>Rangelands = climate infrastructure We keep calling rangelands “marginal lands.” But they cover half the planet’s land surface and support hundreds of millions of people. In</p>

		<p>drylands, pastoralism is often the most productive and climate-adapted land use available.</p> <p>Rangelands aren't marginal. They are climate infrastructure. #IYRP2026 #Rangelands #ClimateAdaptation</p>
Wk1 – Msg4	<p>Women and youth sustain rangeland resilience Women manage key resources. Youth drive mobility and innovation. Exclusion from land and livestock weakens resilience Inclusive policies are smart climate policy.. Include all. #GenderEquality #YouthInClimate #IYRP2026</p>	<p>Women and Youth Are Central to Rangeland Resilience Climate impacts are not gender-neutral. In pastoral systems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women manage key household and resource systems • Youth sustain mobility, innovation, and herd management <p>When women and youth are excluded from land, livestock, and decision-making, adaptive capacity weakens.</p> <p>Inclusive policies are not just equitable—they are essential for climate resilience.</p> <p>#IYRP2026 #GenderEquality #YouthInAgriculture #ClimateAdaptation</p>
	<p>Indigenous knowledge / systems & GESI – Week #2</p>	
Wk2 – Msg1	<p>Indigenous knowledge = climate resource Pastoralists hold generations of expertise on managing variability Policy must co-design climate services with pastoralists-not <i>for</i> them See Weather and climate information services (WCIS) for pastoralists: A review #IYRP2026 #ClimateWisdom</p>	<p>Indigenous Climate Knowledge Is an Untapped Asset Pastoral communities have managed climate variability for centuries. Their knowledge is embedded in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Herd diversity • Seasonal mobility • Grazing governance • Early environmental indicators <p>This climate intelligence can strengthen scientific forecasting and early-warning systems.</p> <p>Climate services should be co-designed with pastoralists – not designed <i>for</i> them. See Weather and climate information services (WCIS) for pastoralists: A review for greater insights.</p> <p>#IYRP2026 #IndigenousKnowledge #ClimateServices #Pastoralism</p>
Wk2 – Msg2	<p>Indigenous Climate Knowledge Matters Pastoralists have managed climate variability for centuries. Climate services will work better when science and pastoral knowledge work together. #IYRP2026 #IndigenousKnowledge</p>	<p>Mobility Builds Both Resilience and Trust In pastoral regions, mobility is more than an economic strategy. It supports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared grazing arrangements • Cross-border cooperation • Local conflict resolution systems <p>Trust-building and mobility reinforce each other. Strengthening these systems contributes to both climate resilience and peace. The article Enabling pastoralist management of rangelands to achieve Land Degradation Neutrality goes into greater detail on why unconventional thinking is urgently</p>

		<p>needed to support pastoralist adaptations, such as herd mobility and communal tenure, and to secure rangeland governance for large-scale rangeland restoration and resilient pastoralist livelihoods.</p> <p>#IYRP2026 #ClimateSecurity #Pastoralism #Peacebuilding</p>
<p>Wk2 – Msg3</p>	<p>Degradation isn't from use—it's from exclusion Rangelands degrade when pastoralists lose access Secure tenure restores stewardship and landscapes #IYRP2026 #LandRights #NatureBasedSolutions</p>	<p>Climate Stress + Weak Governance = Conflict Climate change increases pressure on water and pasture. But conflict risk rises most where local governance systems are weakened. Adaptation strategies must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • local institutions • cross-border agreements • conflict resolution <p>Resilience requires governance.</p> <p>#IYRP2026 #ClimateSecurity</p>
<p>Wk2 – Msg4</p>	<p>Mobility builds peace. It's not just economic—it enables cooperation across landscapes and borders. Shared grazing agreements and local institutions reduce conflict. Strengthen mobility to boost peace and climate resilience. #IYRP2026 #Peacebuilding</p>	<p>Time to change the Narrative! Rangeland degradation is often blamed on pastoralists. But degradation frequently accelerates after pastoralists lose access to land.</p> <p>When mobility stops and governance systems collapse, ecosystems suffer. The uncomfortable truth: Exclusion—not pastoralism— drives degradation.</p> <p>#IYRP2026 #LandRights #NatureBasedSolutions #ClimateSecurity</p>
	<p>Climate Adaptation - Week #3</p>	
<p>Wk3 – Msg1</p>	<p>Mobility = Climate Adaptation in Action Pastoral mobility regenerates rangelands and sustains biodiversity. Restricting movement increases climate risk Let pastoralists move to adapt. Learn more through the Pastoralism MOOC #IYRP2026 #Rangelands #PastoralismMatters</p>	<p>Mobility Is Climate Adaptation in Action Mobility in pastoral systems is often misunderstood.</p> <p>But moving livestock across landscapes is not inefficiency—it is precision climate adaptation. Mobility allows herders to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Align grazing with shifting ecological conditions • Regenerate pasture • Maintain biodiversity • Reduce climate risk without fossil fuel dependence <p>Policies that restrict mobility—through fencing, borders, or sedentarisation—increase vulnerability to climate shocks. Climate policy should enable mobility, not restrict it. Learn more through the Pastoralism MOOC</p> <p>#ClimateResilience #Pastoralism #LandUse #Adaptation</p>

<p>Wk3 – Msg2</p>	<p>Pastoralism: A cost-effective climate solution Well-governed mobility, flexible tenure, and access to grazing are <i>low-cost, high-return</i> climate actions. Shift funds from emergency aid to proactive investment in resilience. #IYRP2026 #Rangelands4Climate #PastoralistResilience</p>	<p>Pastoralism Is Specialized Climate Adaptation Pastoralism is not a relic of the past. It is a highly specialized livelihood system designed for variable climates. Through mobility, herd diversity, and landscape knowledge, pastoralists transform unpredictability into productivity.</p> <p>As climate variability increases globally, there is much the world can learn from pastoral systems.</p> <p>#IYRP2026 #ClimateAdaptation #Rangelands4Climate #PastoralistResilience</p>
<p>Wk3 – Msg3</p>	<p>Peace, not conflict, grows from mobility Where governance is weak and access restricted, climate stress fuels conflict. Invest in local governance & cross-border cooperation for peace and adaptation. #IYRP2026 #ResilientPastoralism</p>	<p>Climate Adaptation Requires Peace Infrastructure Climate stress can intensify competition over water and grazing. But conflict risk rises most where local governance systems are weakened.</p> <p>Investing in pastoral adaptation therefore also means investing in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local institutions • Cross-border grazing agreements • Conflict resolution systems <p>Climate resilience and peacebuilding are deeply interconnected.</p> <p>#IYRP2026 #Peacebuilding #ClimateSecurity #Pastoralism</p>
<p>Wk3 – Msg4</p>	<p>Not all emissions are equal. Climate change is driven by fossil carbon—not natural carbon from living systems. Treating them the same undermines science & justice. Climate action must target fossil fuels and protect living systems. #IYRP2026 #ClimatePolicy #NotAllEmissionEqual</p>	<p>Climate policy must stop treating all carbon as equal Climate change is driven by fossil carbon—carbon pulled from geological storage and added to the atmosphere. It is not driven by the natural carbon cycles of living systems that have sustained life, livelihoods, and landscapes for millennia.</p> <p>When climate policies classify emissions from rangelands and pastoral systems alongside fossil-fuel emissions, they misapply science and risk real harm. This framing undermines climate justice, penalizes adaptation-aligned livelihoods, and distracts attention from the true driver of climate change. Effective climate action requires discrimination, not simplification.</p> <p>We must rapidly reduce fossil carbon, while protecting and rewarding living systems—like rangeland pastoralism—that support ecosystem function, food security, and climate resilience.</p> <p>Policy choices matter. If we want climate solutions that work and are just, we must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target fossil fuels decisively • Stop penalizing living systems • Align climate policy with ecological science and equity <p>Focus on fossil carbon. Protect living systems. Reward resilience.</p>

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	Policy Reform / Climate Justice – Week #4	
Wk4 – Msg1	Poor policy, not climate, hurts pastoralists most Climate change is real—but rigid borders, land grabs, and exclusion are the bigger threats. End policies that block adaptation. #ClimateJustice #IYRP2026 #ClimatePolicy #Pastoralism #Resilience	Climate Change Is Not the Only Threat Climate change is reshaping rangeland variability. But pastoralists are often failed more by policy than by climate itself. Restrictions on mobility, land fragmentation, and exclusion from governance reduce the flexibility that pastoral systems rely on to adapt. Effective climate adaptation in pastoral regions requires removing policy barriers—not just responding to climate shocks. Hear directly from pastoralists from across Africa. #ClimatePolicy #Pastoralism #Resilience #Governance
Wk4 – Msg2	Invest before crisis hits Each dollar invested in pastoral resilience saves millions of dollars in disaster aid. Preventing loss is cheaper than responding to catastrophe. #IYRP2026 #ClimateFinance #AdaptationNow	Prevention Is Cheaper Than Crisis Humanitarian responses to drought, conflict, and displacement are costly. Yet proactive investments in rangeland resilience are far more cost-effective. Early investments in pastoral systems reduce: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disaster response costs • Conflict risks • Forced migration Climate finance should prioritize prevention rather than crisis response. Learn more through the Pastoralism MOOC #IYRP2026 #ClimateFinance #Resilience #Development
Wk4 – Msg3	Rangelands cover 50% of Earth's land, supporting millions of pastoralists and vital biodiversity. Yet, they receive only a fraction of global climate investment. Climate policy has a rangeland blind spot. #IYRP2026 #ClimateFinance #Pastoralism #Rangelands	Climate Finance Needs a Shift Billions are spent reacting to climate crises. Relatively little is invested in strengthening the systems that already manage climate variability. Pastoral systems demonstrate how livelihoods, ecosystems, and climate resilience can work together. Redirecting climate finance toward pastoral institutions and mobility-supportive services could unlock high-impact adaptation. #IYRP2026 #ClimateFinance #Pastoralism #SustainableDevelopment
Wk4 – Msg4	Northern pastoralists aren't just impacted by climate change—they help mitigate it. Reindeer grazing maintains open tundra, supports biodiversity & can help keep carbon stored in soils. Indigenous pastoral knowledge matters for climate solutions. #IYRP2026 #ClimateAction #ReindeerHerding	Climate Policy Must Work With Variability Most climate policy frameworks aim to stabilize and control systems. Pastoralism shows a different model: working with variability rather than against it. Policies that lock landscapes and livelihoods into rigid structures can undermine resilience. Pastoralism is part of the climate solution.

		<p>For example, northern pastoralists aren't just impacted by climate change—they help mitigate it. Reindeer grazing maintains open tundra, supports biodiversity & can help keep carbon stored in soils.</p> <p>Pastoralists throughout the world have developed intricate social agreements to share water and pasture, proving that flexibility and cooperation can be more resilient than rigid boundaries.</p> <p>Climate-smart governance must support flexibility and adaptive management — learning from those who have thrived in variable environments for centuries. Learn more through the Pastoralism MOOC</p> <p>#IYRP2026 #ClimateGovernance #Adaptation #ClimateAction</p>