

# GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR RANGELANDS & PASTORALISTS



## *International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026*

### ***Vision Statement***

The economic, environmental and social importance of rangelands, and of pastoralists as their custodians, are fully recognized, rewarded, safeguarded and protected worldwide.

IYRP 2026 aims to raise awareness of the vital importance of rangelands and pastoralists as their frontline custodians. We recognize the indispensable benefits rangelands provide for supporting the livelihoods and socio-ecological resilience of hundreds of millions of people, conserving bio-cultural diversity, restoring degraded lands, fostering sustainable food systems, and advancing climate action.

The IYRP Global Alliance calls for (1) recognizing and supporting pastoralists' livelihoods, rights and cultural values; (2) fostering greater knowledge and innovation towards sustainability; (3) advancing policies supporting sustainable rangelands and pastoralism; and (4) ensuring ethical and sustainable investment in rangelands and pastoralist development.

### ***Goals***

1. Increase public awareness of the societal value derived from rangelands and pastoralists.
2. Promote pastoralist knowledge, innovation and coalition building to meet contemporary needs.
3. Advocate for evidence-based policy and legislation that supports sustainable rangeland stewardship and pastoralist livelihoods.
4. Foster ethical investment to address challenges confronting rangelands and pastoralists in the 21st century



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