



Brief progress report of the Regional IYRP Support Group (RISG) in Central Asia & Mongolia (CAM)

April 2024

- On 15 December 2023, Hijaba Ykhanbai, co-chair of the CAM RISG, and Abdumalik Egenberdiev, the Central Asia Pastoral Alliance (CAPA) focal point for the International Land Coalition (ILC), held an online conference about the activities of CAPA members in support of the IYRP 2026.
- In the past months, CAM RISG co-chairs Hasrat Arjjumend and Hijaba Ykhanbai had several online conferences/ discussions about CAM activities and plans.
- In an online meeting on 17 January 2024, the Environment and Development Association JASIL, a member of the CAM RISG, reported on activities to support the IYRP 2026 in Mongolia and Central Asia to the Regional Coordination Unit (RCU) of the ILC. During this meeting, support for the IYRP 2026 was agreed to be included in the strategy and work plan of the National Land Coalition (NLC) in Mongolia and among the priority areas for 2024. In accordance with this decision, national-level support for the IYRP was indeed included as one of three sub-objectives of the NLC Mongolia Strategy for 2024–2027 and in the 2024 work plan.
- On 27 March 2024, Hijaba Ykhanbai, as co-chair of the CAM RISG, informed the Mongolian National Working Group about support for the IYRP 2026 and proposed that some of the RISG activities be included as collaboration in the national-level action plan, which is currently being drawn up.
- On 28 March 2024, an online meeting of CAM RISG members was held. Activities of the members were discussed, including implementation of the 2023 plans and the members' objectives for 2024. The notes on the meeting were shared with all members, the IYRP Global Coordination Group and Global Secretariat and were posted on the CAM webpage of the IYRP website (<https://iyrp.info/resources/342>).
- Hijaba Ykhanbai, as co-chair of the CAM RISG, facilitated the Ulaanbaatar Erdem University of Mongolia to become a supporting organisation of the IYRP 2026. The University's support letter was sent to Mongolia's Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry and to the Global Secretariat of the IYRP alliance on 9 April 2024.