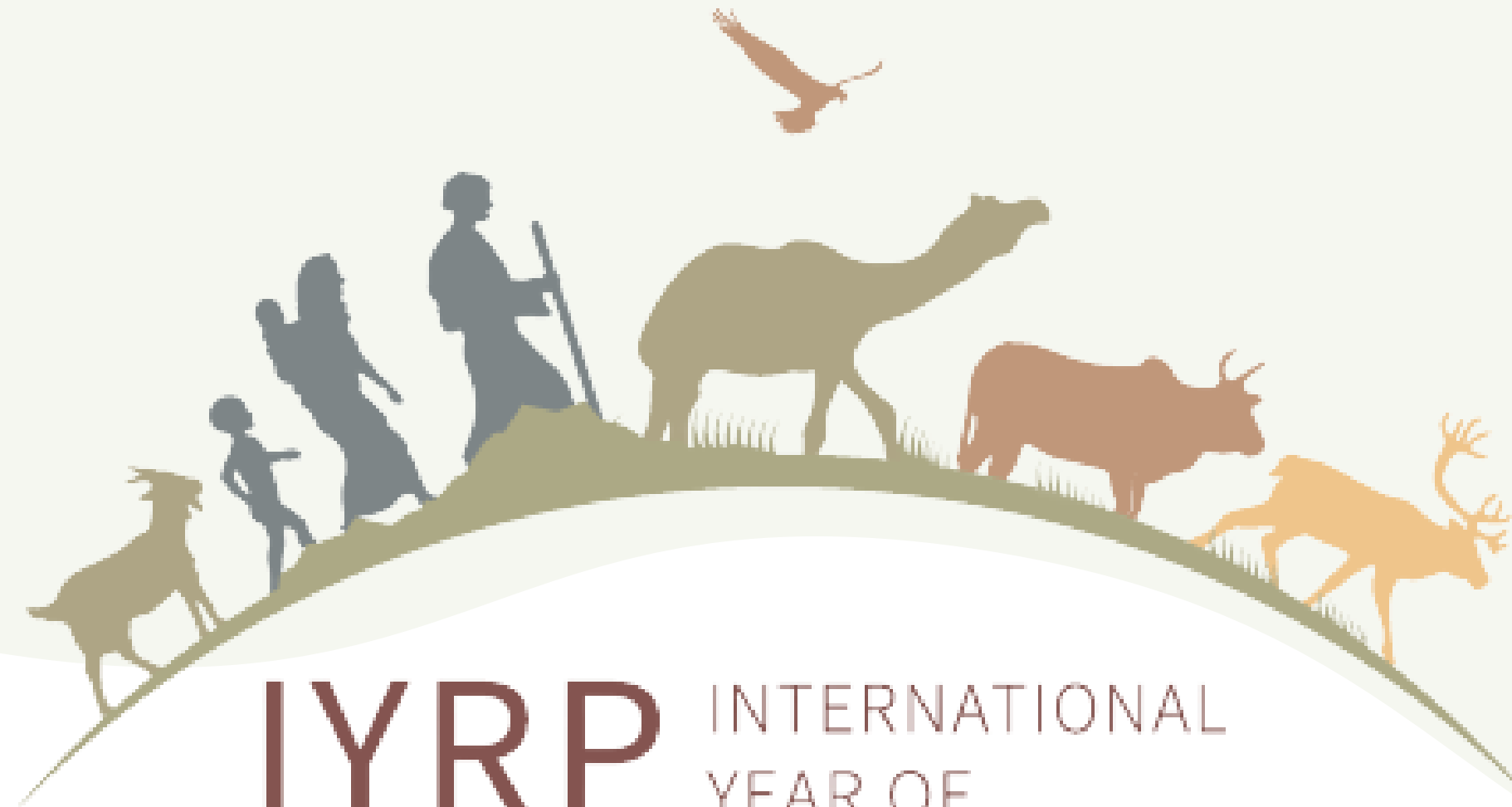


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The Committee on Forestry (COFO) Working Group (WG) on Dryland Forests and Agrosilvopastoral Systems works to protect and restore drylands to enhance local livelihoods and boost resilience, recognising the need for integrated development of forests, trees and livestock.

THE WORKING GROUP'S MANDATE



- Review and report to COFO on the status, trends, issues and developments in dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral systems



- Enhance and contribute to environmental and socio-economic resilience and sustainable livelihoods.

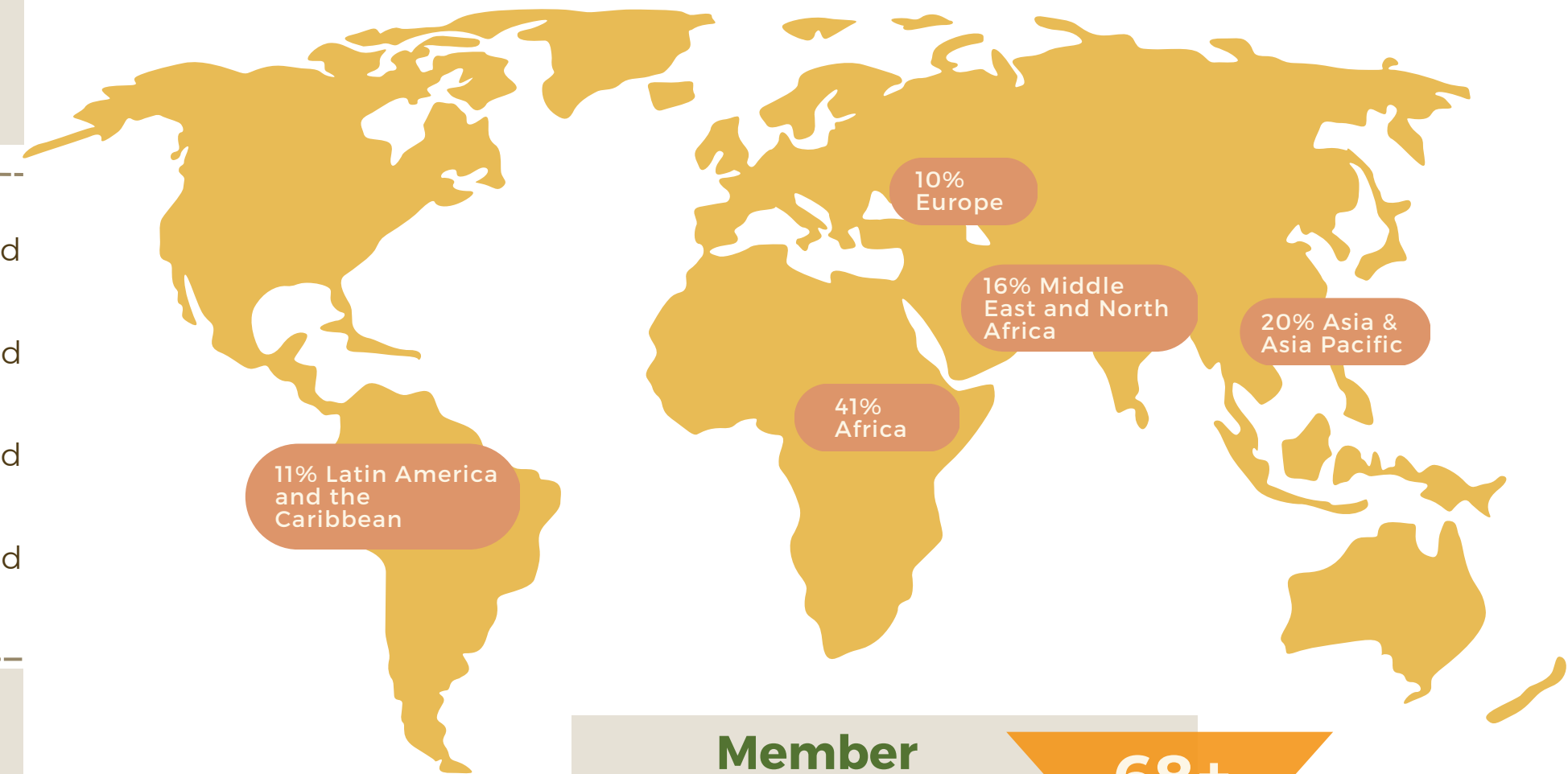


- Contribute to develop a comprehensive understanding of dryland forest and agrosilvopastoral systems and the people who depend on them

- Promote scaling-up of good practices for the protection, sustainable management and restoration of dryland forests and agrosilvopastoral systems.

ONGOING AND UPCOMING PROJECTS

- [Dryland Restoration Initiative Platform \(DRIP\)](#)
- Elearning course & 2023 Summer School on Transformative Approach to Dryland Resilience
- Supporting policy uptake and regional knowledge sharing under the Global Environment Facility-7 through the [Sustainable Forest Management Impact Programme on Dryland Sustainable Landscapes \(DSL-IP\)](#)
- Produced the first global [Drylands Assessment report](#) and [many other publications](#)
- [Making Every Voice Count for Adaptive Management Initiative \(MEV-CAM\)](#)
- [Women Community of Practice \(WeCan\)](#)



Member countries

68+

Membership of the Working Group is open to all Members of the Committee on Forestry whose territories are situated wholly or partly in drylands or that are interested in contributing to the objectives of the Working Group

DRYLAND RESTORATION INITIATIVE PLATFORM (DRIP)



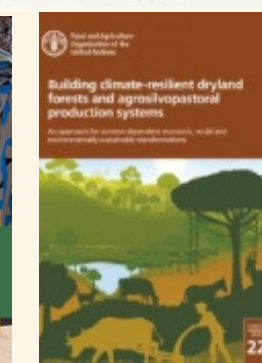
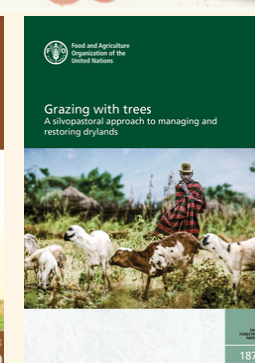
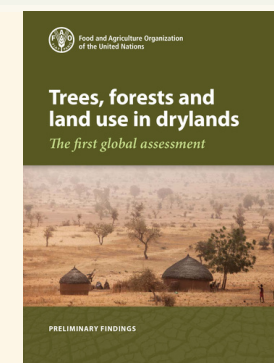
ELEARNING COURSE & 2023 SUMMER SCHOOL ON TRANSFORMATIVE APPROACH TO DRYLAND RESILIENCE

SUPPORTING POLICY UPTAKE AND REGIONAL KNOWLEDGE SHARING UNDER THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY-7 THROUGH THE SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT IMPACT PROGRAMME ON DRYLAND SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPES (DSL-IP)



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Sustainable Forest Management Impact Program on DRYLAND SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPES

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MAKING EVERY VOICE COUNT FOR ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE (MEV-CAM)



MEV-CAM
MAKING EVERY VOICE COUNT FOR ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT



WECAN NURTURING COMMUNITY OF KNOWLEDGE PRACTICE FOR WOMEN IN DRYLAND FORESTS AND AGROSILVOPASTORAL SYSTEMS (WECAN)

weCan

A nurturing community of practice for dryland women



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Ongoing and upcoming Projects

IYRP SUMMER SCHOOL INITIATIVE BY COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY WORKING GROUP ON DRYLAND FORESTS AND AGROSYLVOPASTORAL SYSTEMS

What is the



doing?

HIGHLIGHTING THE VALUE OF HEALTHY RANGELANDS AND SUSTAINABLE PASTORALISM, AND ADVOCATE FOR INCREASED INVESTMENT IN THE PASTORAL LIVESTOCK SECTOR, THE SCALING-UP OF SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION, AND EQUITABLE ACCESS TO MARKETS.

How can the



Support it?

FACILITATING CROSS-REGIONAL EXPERTISE EXCHANGE ON INNOVATIVE, SUSTAINABLE AGROSYLVOPASTORAL SYSTEMS.

Through the

IYRP Summer School Initiative



IYRP SUMMER SCHOOL INITIATIVE BY COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY WORKING GROUP ON DRYLAND FORESTS AND AGROSILVOPASTORAL SYSTEMS

Objective

TO TACKLE THE GAPS ON SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT EXPERTISE BETWEEN DRYLAND AREAS.

The Summer School will



RUN AN ANNUAL COURSE THAT WILL BRING TOGETHER 20–25 PLANNERS AND PRACTITIONERS TO ASSESS THEIR CURRENT AND PLANNED ACTIONS IN DRYLANDS AND RANGELANDS AND STEER THEM TOWARDS LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY.

BUILD A CADRE OF CHAMPIONS WHO ARE ABLE TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT SUSTAINABLE DRYLAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMMES AND AGROSILVOPASTORAL SYSTEMS AND DEFINE CROSS-CUTTING INDICATORS OF THEIR PROGRESS.



Program Structure

THE SUMMER SCHOOL WILL COMBINE THEORETICAL CONCEPTS WITH PRACTICAL INSIGHT FROM CASE STUDIES ALONGSIDE ONE DAY OF FIELDWORK. THE SUMMER SCHOOL WILL LAST THREE TO FIVE DAYS AND WILL BE DELIVERED IN ENGLISH, CONDUCTED AS BACK-TO-BACK LESSONS.

Target participants

DRYLAND FORESTERS AND AGROSILVOPASTORAL PRACTITIONERS, INCLUDING LOCAL PASTORALISTS AND PLANNERS



DRYLANDS SUMMER SCHOOL

September 12 - 15, 2023



The FAO Committee on Forestry Working Group on Dryland Forests and Agrosilvopastoral Systems (COFO WG)'s first summer school session will explore transformative approaches to building climate resilient dryland systems. Participants will graduate the course as experts on integrating better socio-economic and sustainable practices in dryland management!

FURTHER INFORMATION

- The summer school will take place in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan as part of the 3rd session of the COFO WG
- There is no cost for the summer school itself, but participants will be expected to cover their flights and lodging in Jordan for the duration of the course
- We ask that participants have prior experience in dryland management and have completed FAO's e-Learning course on Dryland Forests and agrosilvopastoral systems before the Summer School begins

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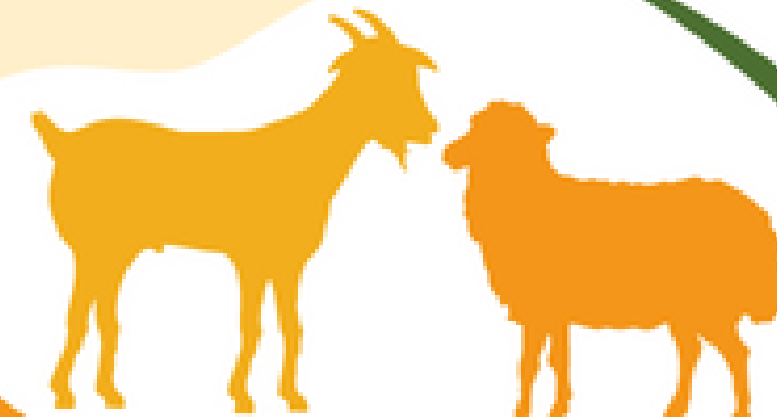
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Thank you!

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