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DANA MEETING (2002) IN WADI DANA AND DANA DELEGATES AT UNPFII IN 2006

Dana Declaration + 20 Years

Nearly 20 years ago in Wadi Dana, Jordan, the authors of the Dana Declaration made the following statement:

"Mobile peoples are discriminated against. Their rights, including rights of access to natural resources, are often denied and conventional conservation practices insufficiently address their concerns. These factors, together with the pace of global change, undermine their lifestyles, reduce their ability to live in balance with nature and threaten their very existence as distinct peoples."

Despite what seemed like slow progress in the recognition of rights of mobile peoples globally, the last several years have witnessed a retreat of national policy makers to actualize these rights. The recent violent evictions of Maasai from their lands in Tanzania in the name of conservation are a case in point.

The Dana+20 meeting occurs as an important juncture to evaluate and update the Dana Declaration and renew advocacy collaborations for the next generation.

For further information on the Dana Declaration and Dana + 10, please refer to the website danadeclaration.org.

Delegates

A wide range of nominations were submitted to the Dana Standing Committee from March - May 2022. Geographical breadth, current involvement with mobile livelihoods, number of nominations received (i.e. some delegates received high numbers of nominations), and at least some English language ability were important criteria for inclusion.

Confirmed delegates include (listed by country):

Musa Usman Ndamba (Cameroon)
Alejandro Argumendo (Peru)
Sheikh Ahmed Abu Rashid (Egypt)
Dayalibai Raika (India)
Hanwant Singh Rathore (India)
Nahid Naghizadeh (Iran)
Janali Ghasemi (Iran)
Khalid Khawaldeh (Jordan)
Salem Zalabia (Jordan)
Tumal Orto Galdibe (Kenya)
Kimaren Ole Riamit (Kenya)
May Pui Wong (Malaysia)
Batin Mohammad (Malaysia)
Munkhnasan Tsevegmed (Mongolia)
Bayarsaikhan Namsrai (Mongolia)
Usiel Seuakouje Kandjii (Namibia)
Attahiru Jaoji Alhassan (Nigeria)
Yannick Ndoinya (Tanzania)
Anders Oskal (Norway)

The delegates will be joined by the Dana Standing Committee (Dawn Chatty, Marcus Colchester, Terrence McCabe and Helen Newing) along with facilitators Ariell Ahearn, Jérémie Gilbert, Olivia Mason, Cory Rodgers, and Indrani Sigamany. Support staff include Sina Maghami Nick and Manann Donoghoe. Observers to the event will be Carol Palmer, Alain Fréchette and Saverio Kratli.

1st Pre-Dana+20 Meeting

The Dana+20 Event is designed as a small event to maximize interaction and discussion between participants. The meeting room in Wadi Dana holds a maximum of 37 people for plenary sessions.

Prior to the event in September 2022, the delegates are holding meetings with their communities in order to gather additional views and feedback to shape the final agenda and to include their voices during the event.

On 27 June 2022, an online meeting was held with Musa Usman Ndamba (Cameroon), Ariell Ahearn (UK), Yannick Ndoinya (Tanzania), Greta Semplici (Italy), Attahiru Jaoji Alhassan (Nigeria) and Usiel Senakouje Kandjii (Namibia) for preliminary discussions and introductions.

The common issues voiced by all delegates were critical challenges related to land evictions and state violence against pastoralists and livestock; land tenure insecurity and displacement; environmental hazards (droughts and floods); and criminalization of pastoralists and livestock in discussions of climate change.

