



Global action for Sustainable Rangelands and Pastoralism to achieve Land Degradation Neutrality

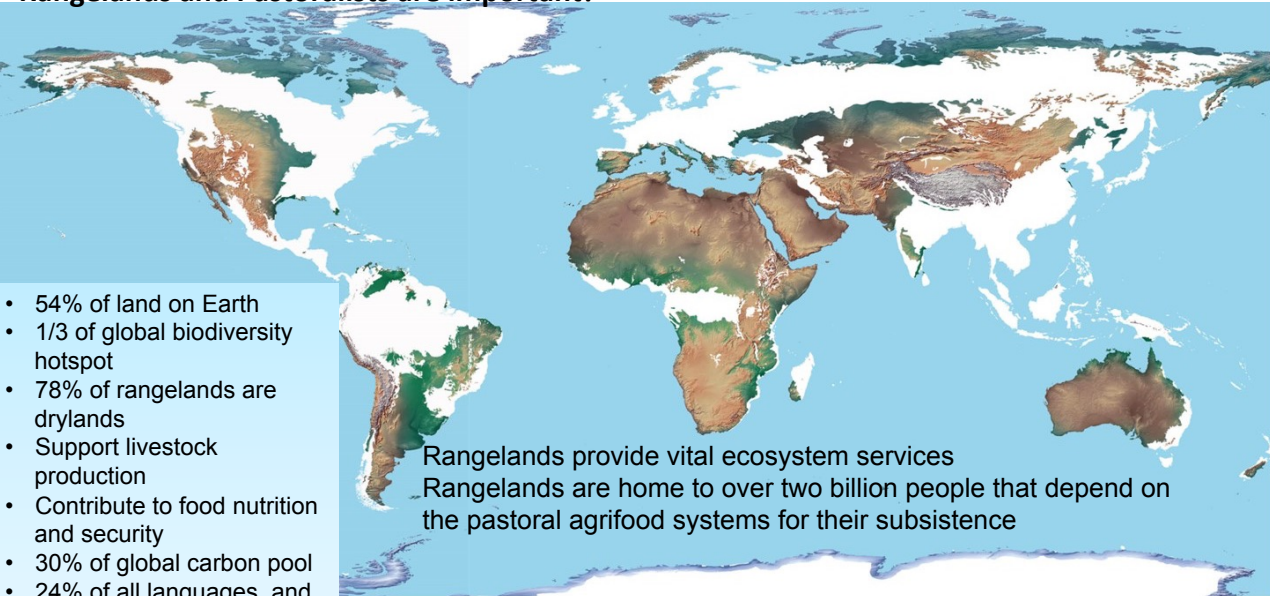
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The IYRP sub-working group on LDN


- Created in 2022 to:
 - support the IYRP Global Coordinating Group and the International Support Group
 - Support the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026
 - Respond to the invitation of the UNGA's to raise awareness about rangelands and pastoralists
- 1st virtual meeting in July 2022
 - policy brief to address the UNCCD process and raise awareness about rangelands and pastoralism
 - recommendations to UNCCD COP and to UNCCD Member States, Donors, Civil Society and other Parties

Rangelands and Pastoralists are important!




- 54% of land on Earth
- 1/3 of global biodiversity hotspot
- 78% of rangelands are drylands
- Support livestock production
- Contribute to food nutrition and security
- 30% of global carbon pool
- 24% of all languages, and numerous world heritage sites

Rangelands provide vital ecosystem services
Rangelands are home to over two billion people that depend on the pastoral agrifood systems for their subsistence



Challenges and Threats to Rangelands



- **Rangeland conversion**
 - 20% of the world's native rangelands converted to crops
 - Afforestation: misleading perception that it will combat CC
- **Land degradation**
 - unbalanced grazing of livestock
 - low appreciation of the values of rangelands
 - institutional and policy gaps
 - population growth
 - knowledge and technology gaps
 - neglect of rangelands in restoration actions
 - underinvestment

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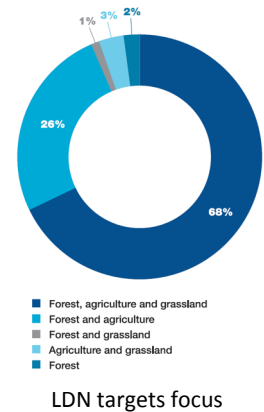
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Leads to biodiversity loss and climate change



Actions: The IYRP International Support Group is calling on

The UNCCD COP to decide:

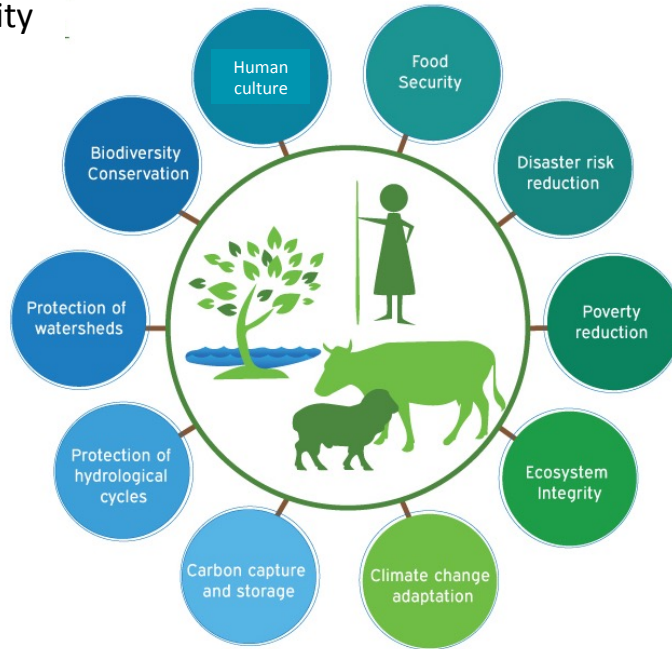
- To **halt indiscriminate conversion** of rangelands,
- To **increase investment** in nature-based and equitable rangeland restoration
- To **increase the level of ambition of LDN targets** with specific commitments to rangeland restoration and sustainable pastoralism



The UNCCD Member State, Donors, Civil Society and other Parties:

- To recognize **mobility of livestock through pastoralism** as a viable management solution for healthy rangelands and sustainable livelihoods
- To identify and **revise economic policies** that have detrimental effects on rangelands and pastoralists
- To **promote integrated policies** that provide and recognize the multifunctionality of land
- To **adopt participatory governance models** that recognize pastoralists at the heart of stewardship and care for rangelands

Multifunctionality of land



Thank you

