

## IYRP RISG EASTERN & SOUTHERN AFRICA: ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS as of October 2023

*COUNTRIES: Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia, Mozambique, Angola & Zambia*

Country	Activity/ Event
Uganda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Karamoja Cultural Event in Napak District, Karamoja, on 4–9 September 2023: Karamoja cultural event, the most celebrated annual event in Karamoja Region, attracts cross-border support and participation with over 1000 celebrants. It is an indigenous food and cultural festival that attracts communities from South Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya. It is a community-initiated event, supplemented by government and civil society and donor support.</li> <li>● Civil Society Organisations convened to produce a position paper on the Assessment of the 2013 National Land Policy, supported by the International Land Coalition (ILC).</li> <li>● The President of Uganda issued an Executive Order Paper No. 3 detailing the limitations for pastoral mobility in Uganda: it also indicates restriction for transhumance movements across the Uganda borders with Kenya from the security and resource-sharing perspective.</li> </ul>
Kenya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● USAID Cross Border Community Project Karamoja Cluster Co-creation workshop on 4–6 October 2023 In Lodwar, Kenya: Participants included East African pastoralist organisations from Uganda, South Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya. The focus is on the pastoralists' cross-border corridors Moroto–Pokot, North–Loima, Kotido–Kaabong and Turkana West Amudat–Kacheliba.</li> <li>● Africa Learning Exchange Week in October 2023 in Naivasha, Kenya, supported by ILC.</li> <li>● Loupa Pius from Uganda attended the UNEP CBD Nairobi: Subsidiary Body of Science, Technology and Technical Advice, which discussed IPBES assessments on sustainable wildlife management and alien invasive species management.</li> <li>● Turkana Cultural Event, Tobongu Lore, 12–14 October 2023, Turkana, Lodwar: This event brings together all the Turkana communities; also cross-border pastoralist communities in Uganda, South Sudan, and Ethiopia participated.</li> <li>● RECONCILE and partners co-organised Regional Conference on Customary Tenure Rights in Eastern Africa.</li> <li>● Put Lepkial Youth Pastoralists in Samburu participated in and co-organised the International camel derby festival held in Samburu/Maral: This event is held annually to showcase the beauty of camels, culture and exhibition of indigenous pastoralist foods, drinks and cultures.</li> </ul>
Ethiopia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● International Conference on pathways to resilience in pastoral and agropastoral settings: by the Ethiopian Society of Animal Production and Institute of Pastoral and Agropastoral Development Studies at Jigjiga University, Ethiopia.</li> </ul>
South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A lot of pasture- and forage-related work is conducted through the Grassland Society, which mobilises scientists and practitioners from many countries.</li> <li>● There is a planned national long-term rangeland-monitoring project that is funded by the National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development with the aim to explore ways of equipping farmers with practical knowledge of how to maintain the productivity of their rangelands.</li> <li>● Grazing guidelines for pastoralists in the Namaqualand Region were developed in collaboration with pastoralists from the Leliefontein Communal Area; Agricultural Research Council – Range and Forage Science; South African National Parks and Conservation South Africa.</li> <li>● In the Eastern Cape Province, an Eastern Cape Communal Farmer's Wool Growers Association Congress was held in September 2023, supported by the Department of</li> </ul>

	<p>Rural Development and Agrarian Reform, Landcare and the Traditional Council and the Local Government. The Association ensures that farmers are equipped with knowledge on how to shear, sort and pack their wool and links them to markets so that they can receive better income from their wool.</p>
Southern Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In the Southern African region, particularly in Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique, there is an ongoing conversation focusing on trans-frontier conservation areas (TFCA). A meeting was planned for 3 November to brainstorm on possible activities for 2024.</li> <li>● The UNDP through their GEF 6 Biodiversity project of the mid Zambezi have shown interest in funding some rangeland-related activities. Part of this could be dialogues on conflicting rangeland uses such as mining, which is predominant in Southern Africa.</li> <li>● For TFCA, there has been a livelihoods survey in Kavango-Zambezi TFCA in Zimbabwe, Botswana, Zambia, Angola and Namibia.</li> <li>● In addition an elephant survey in KAZA TFCA and from IYRP perspectives was conducted to gain insights into the linkages for communal farming communities who live in these TFCA areas.</li> </ul>
International events in which RISG ESA members took part	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Dryland Summer School in Jordan, on 12–15 September 2023: Pastoralist member organisations in Eastern Africa benefited from this event organised by the Food and Agriculture Organization Committee on Forestry Working Group on Dryland Forests and Agrosilvopastoral Systems (COFO WG), in partnership with the University of Jordan, Jordan University of Science and Technology, the Swedish University of Agricultural Science, Sokoine University of Agriculture in Tanzania, Agricultural Research Council of South Africa, and the World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT).</li> <li>● Loupa Pius and Igshaan Samuels participated in the scoping review of the global rangelands report and sharing of NGOs’ and partners’ progress and plans on rangeland development, held in Rome, Italy.</li> <li>● Loupa Pius participated as a panellist discussing the role of IPLC youth and women in rangelands and the conservation of natural resources in Africa during the African Indigenous People International Conservation Congress in Namibia. The conference brought together indigenous people, groups and representatives from 40 African countries.</li> <li>● Paulina Ngurumwa from Kinnapa Development Programme, Tanzania, participated in the land issues and good practice discussion in Joint Voluntary Land Use Planning and Participatory Rangeland Management at the World Food Prize event in Des Moines, USA.</li> <li>● Prisca Mugabe will take part in the Festival of Social Sciences organised by the University of Glasgow on ‘Livestock, risks, and wellbeing in pastoralists and agro-pastoralists in Africa presenting experiences in Great Limpopo TFCA and Turkana Area in Kenya on 4 November. All invited <a href="https://festivalofsocialscience.com/events/livestock-risks-and-wellbeing/">https://festivalofsocialscience.com/events/livestock-risks-and-wellbeing/</a></li> <li>● Ken Otieno and Andiswa Finca participated in the Africa Learning Exchange Week on Rights and Conservation that was held in Naivasha, Kenya, in October 2023.</li> </ul>
Planned events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● African Land Conference: Biennial Customary Land and Community Land Rights meeting to be held in Arusha, Tanzania, by RRI (Rights &amp; Resources Initiative).</li> <li>● Pastoralist Cultural and Food Festivals: South Sudan, Kopeta Cultural Event and Ethiopia, Nyagantom Cultural Event in December 2023.</li> </ul>