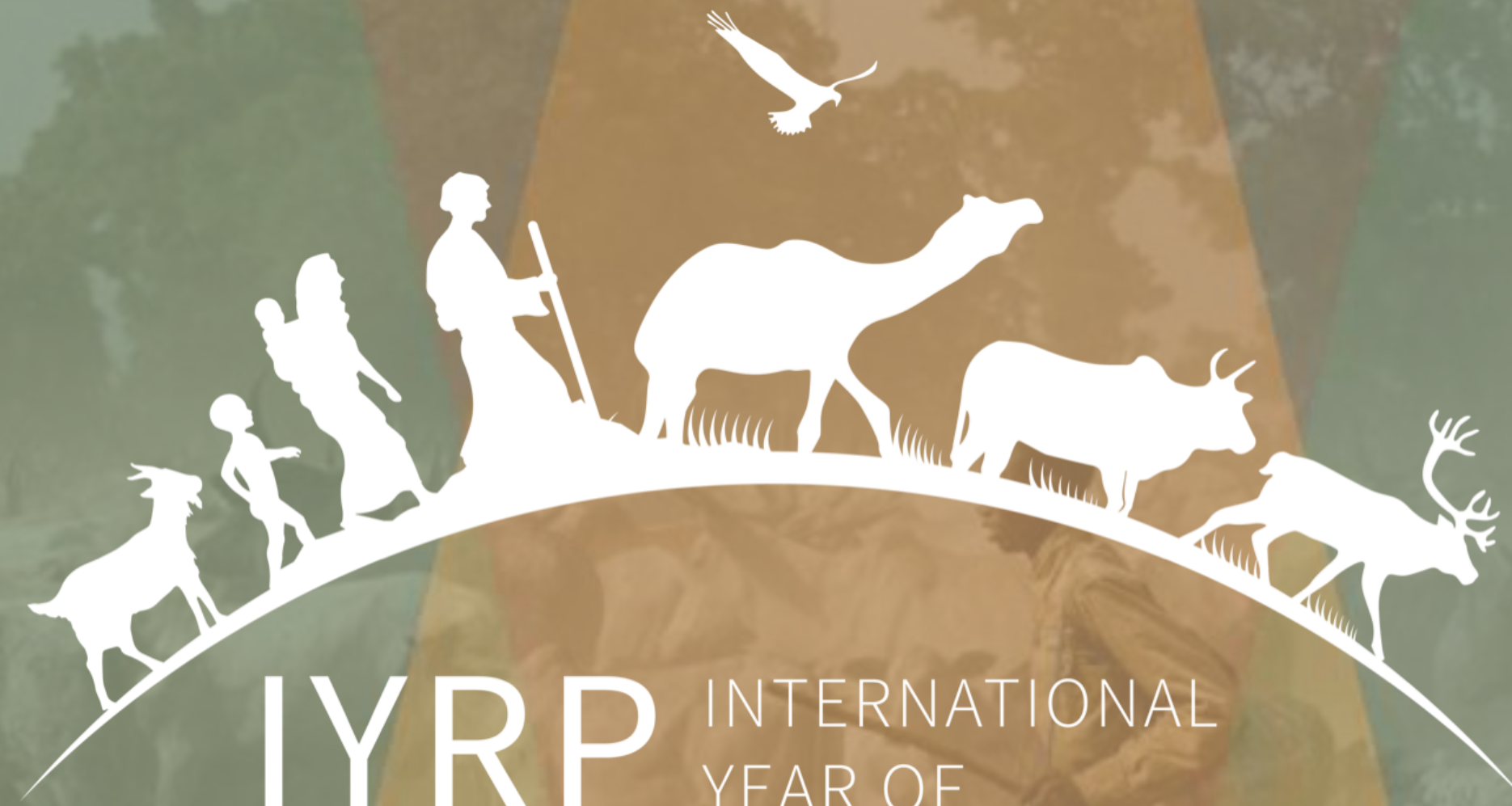


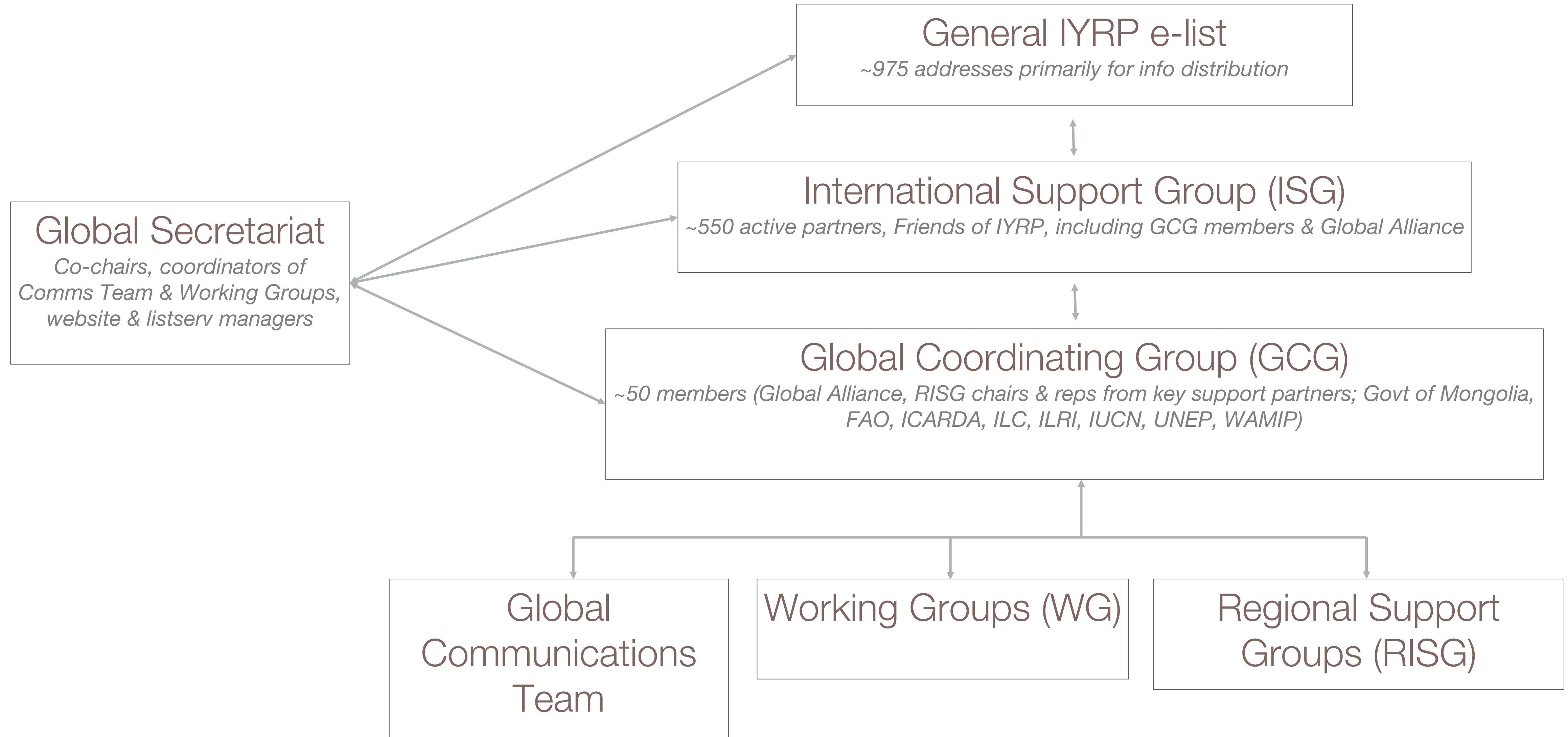
Roadmap in run-up to IYRP2026



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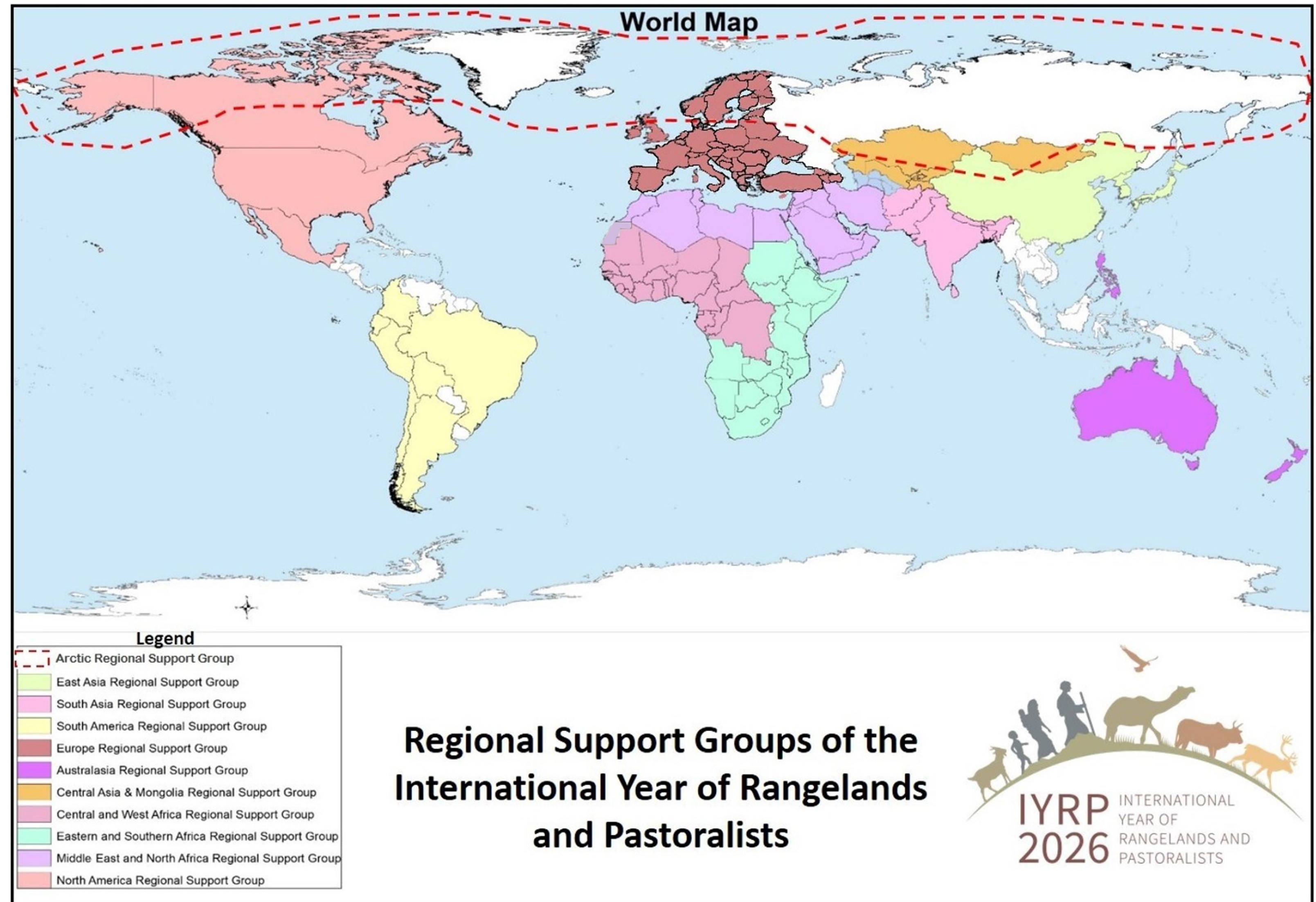
Global Alliance

Structure of the IYRP Global Alliance



Regional IYRP Support Groups (RISGs)

- **Arctic**
- **East Asia**
- **South Asia**
- **Central Asia & Mongolia**
- **Australasia**
- **North Africa & Middle East**
- **Eastern & Southern Africa**
- **West & Central Africa**
- **Europe**
- **North America**
- **South America**

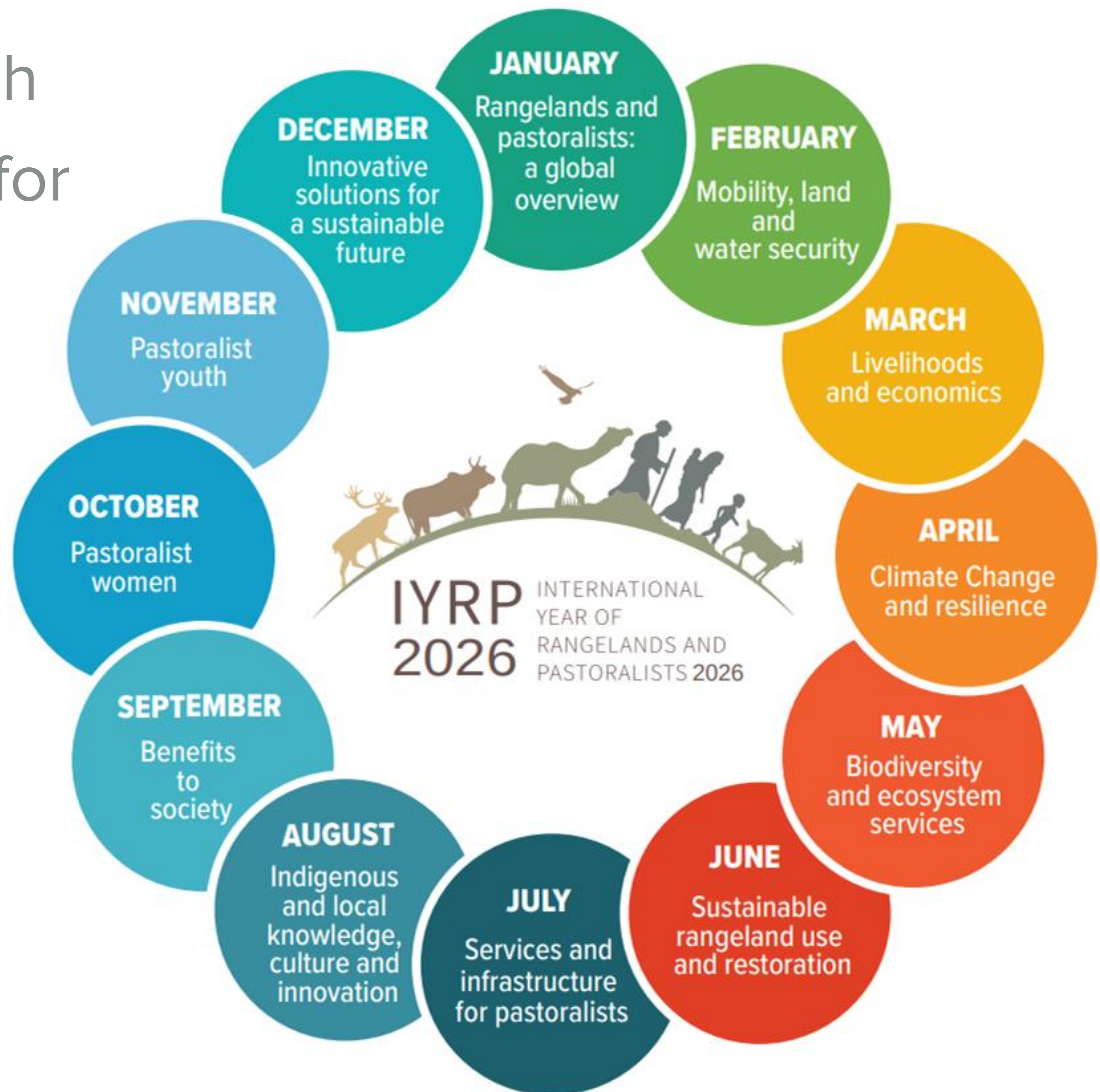


Current Working Groups

1. Afforestation in Rangelands
2. Mountain Pastoralism
3. Pastoralism & Gender
4. Pastoralism & Water
5. Rangelands & Land Degradation Neutrality
6. Rangelands & Biodiversity
7. Economics of Pastoralism
8. Pastoralist Youth
9. Animal Fibre
10. Pastoralism and Climate credits



Raise awareness through
12 global themes ~ one for
each month of 2026



IYRP Key messages

Month	Theme	Main messages
January	Rangelands and pastoralists: a global overview	Who are pastoralists? What are rangelands? Pastoralism is not nostalgia but a sustainable future. Sustainable and equitable governance and management are key to thriving rangelands and resilient pastoralists.
February	Mobility, land and water security	What is pastoral mobility? Pastoral mobility is essential for rangelands and pastoralists and must be accommodated within land tenure and water resource laws.
March	Livelihoods and economics	Pastoralism is an economic powerhouse that is largely unrecognized. Rangelands are not wastelands. Pastoralists are food security champions.
April	Climate Change and resilience	Pastoralism is an integrated strategy to simultaneously tackle adaptation to and mitigation of climate change while enhancing the resilience of peoples.
May	Biodiversity and ecosystem services	Pastoral land management preserves biodiversity of rangelands and safeguards a host of ecosystem services.
June	Sustainable rangeland <u>use</u> and restoration	Pastoralists serve as custodians of rangelands and their practices help to conserve and restore them. Stop indiscriminate conversion of rangelands to cropland and other inappropriate uses and prevent the abandonment of rangelands.

July	Services and infrastructure for pastoralists	Pastoralists need services and infrastructures compatible with and adapted to their ways of life. Improve access to health, education, financial, internet, and other services. Create mobility corridors and landscape connectivity.
August	Indigenous and local knowledge, culture and innovation	Recognise, value and equally respect indigenous and local knowledge of rangeland management. Help preserve knowledge and pass it down through generations. Celebrate cultural diversity and conserve cultural heritage of pastoralists.
September	Benefits to society	Pastoralist traditions have provided many value systems and cultural identities in shaping our world. Rangeland products contribute to nutrition, health and hygiene; celebrate the diversity of these products. Pastoralist production can make a significant contribution to global protein supply and meet rising demand for healthy food.
October	Pastoralist women	Promote gender-inclusive approaches, and the equitable and inalienable rights of pastoralist women to own and inherit livestock, access and use land, natural resources, biodiversity, technology, knowledge and information, and appropriate health, education and social services. Ensure safe, non-discriminatory and violence-free workplaces for pastoralist women.
November	Pastoralist youth	The future of pastoralism will depend on the innovation and inspiration of future generations. Address high entry barriers by enabling pastoralist youth to access land, participate in governance, and maintain their pastoralist mobility and flexibility. Improve access to mobile schools and vocational training, entrepreneurship, and internet-literacy.
December	Innovative solutions for a sustainable future	Innovate in herd and rangeland management, beneficial technologies and infrastructure, <u>economic</u> , insurance and other services. Recognise and promote pastoralists, including women and youth, to participate in co-production of knowledge and innovation.

12 monthly animals

Jan – Diversify of animals

Feb- Water Buffalo

Mar – Cattle

Apr- Yak

May – Wildlife interactions

Jun- Sheep and goats

Jul – Reindeer and Caribou

Aug – Camels and Camelids

Sep – Herding dogs and companion animals

Oct – Horses and other equines

Nov – Bison, vicuña, feral camels

Dec – Unique systems (herding ducks)

IYRP Global Action Plan 2025-2026

Strategy 1: Multi-stakeholder Coalition Building

Strategy 2: Knowledge Generation

Strategy 3: Celebration & Awareness Raising

Strategy 4: Policy Advocacy over the next decade

Strategy 5: Appropriate Investment for rangelands and pastoralists



IYRP Global Action Plan 2025-2026

<https://iyrp.info/iyrp-2026-global-action-plan>

Journey to IYRP 2026 and beyond ~ a few highlights

(more achievements available at: <https://iyrp.info/calendar>)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027 and beyond
Raise Awareness & Build Coalitions	IRC 2016 IYRP Support Group CELEP Annual Meeting	SRM 2017 World Reindeer Congress	IYRP ISG (35 NGO + 12 PO)	First Tropentag Annual Film Festival UNESCO Transhumance Declaration	IYRP ISG has 155 members RISGs	South Asia RISG Awards CELEP Film: Pastoralism is the future	Dana + 20 IY of Mountains GLF Africa	Trans-humance expanded in UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage	IY of Camelids	IYRP Global Alliance has 550 members IRC 2025	Gatherings of pastoralists at national, regional & global levels	Global Alliance for Rangelands and Pastoralists International Day of Rangelands and Pastoralists
Build knowledge	WISP-NET FAO-PKH	IYRP 12 themes GSSA 2017	ILC Report: Making rangelands more secure	GASL 2019 UNEP Benign Neglect Report	IRC/IGC Joint Congress	LPPS launches World Map of Pastoralists	PASTRES Briefs ILRI et al. Rangeland Atlas	FAO Drylands Summer Schools launched	Rangeland Stewardship Council established ILC Rangeland Tenure Security indicators	ILRI's STELARR RSC standards launched		RSC standards finalized Global rangelands database
Change Policy & Investments	UNEA-2, Res. L.24 CBD COP 13 Side Event	Mongolia National Comm. AMCEN Resolution	WB Land & Poverty Conf.	UNEA-4 Resolution	IUCN WCC endorses IYRP	UNFSS EU Comm. of the Regions	UNGA declares IYRP 2026	Participatory grazing guideline for Namaqualand and South Africa	UNCCD COP 16 resolution South Africa Policy on conversion	UNCCD Sec launches Rangeland Flagship program	Events at: UNCCD CBD CMS UNFCCC	SDG Post 2030 agenda Increased funding for rangeland and pastoralist projects

IYRP Pastoralist Gatherings 2025-2026

