



The Climate Smart Agriculture Youth Network Global (GCSAYN) Welcomes you to the Official Launch of the GCSAYN Road to the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralist (IYRP) 2026 Consultations at National, Regional and Community Levels. Under the auspices of

Professor Abdullahi I. Musa
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Theme

“The role of GCSAYN Centers of Excellence in Enhancing Rangelands and Supporting Pastoralist Women and Youth during the IYRP 2026”





**Mr. Divine
Ntiokam ,
Founder &
Executive
Director ,
GCSAYN.
Convener**

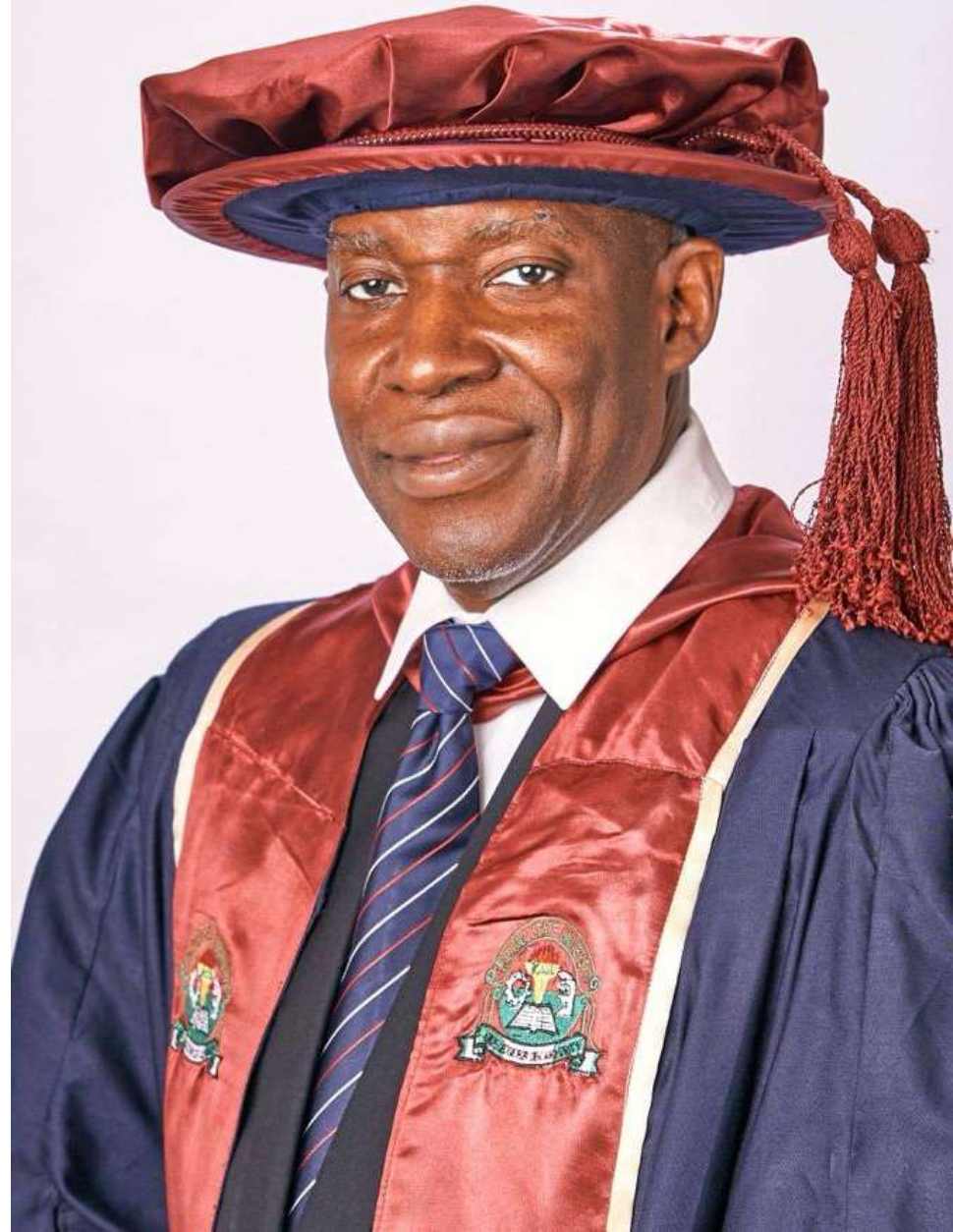


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**Prof. Abdullahi I. Musa
Vice-Chancellor, Kaduna
State University (KASU),
Nigeria**

Professor Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa, the Vice Chancellor of Kaduna State University (KASU), is dedicated to transforming KASU into a world-class institution with a focus on applied sciences and sustainability. With a Ph.D. in Library Science from Emporia University, Kansas, and an MBA from Bayero University, Kano, Professor Musa brings a wealth of academic and administrative experience. Before becoming Vice Chancellor, he served as the university librarian.

His leadership emphasizes teamwork, inclusivity, and collaboration, aiming to foster academic excellence, research, and partnerships that elevate KASU's global reputation. He is committed to merit-





Special Guest of Honor

Padmaja Ravula
Principal Scientist ,
International Crops Research
Institute for the Semi-Arid
Tropics (ICRISAT).

Padmaja Ravula is a Principal Scientist at the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT). She leads two clusters at ICRISAT - Gender and Youth cluster and Knowledge and Capacity development - especially the Dryland Academy. She is an Indian National and has a PhD in Humanities and Social Sciences (Specialization: Sociology) from the Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay (IIT-B). A Gold Medalist for her Masters Degree in Human Development and Family Studies from Pandit Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University. **She is the recipient of the 2025 World Food Prize Foundation "Inspiring Next Generation" Award, awarded by the World Food Prize Foundation.** Padmaja is a sociologist by training and education, with an ardent





**Dr. Lauren Svejcar
Research Ecologist IYRP Global
Alliance & University of
Arizona, USA**

Lauren was raised on a farm in rural eastern Oregon in the USA and has worked in rangeland ecology in various roles since 2000, including wildland fire fighting and grazing management and science. She conducted her Masters research between New Mexico and Argentina at New Mexico State University studying landscape ecology of grazed ecosystems, and her PhD from Murdoch University in Western Australia studying post-mine restoration. After her PhD, Lauren took a post-doctoral position with the US Department of Agriculture in Burns, Oregon and currently serves as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists Global Alliance Communications lead.



Dr JAGADEESAN KRISHNAN

Assistant Professor

Tamil Nadu Veterinary & Animal

Sciences University, India

Dr. Jagadeesan Krishnan is an Assistant Professor, Animal Genetics and Breeding, Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University. Was a Senior Research Fellow, ICAR-National Bureau of Animal Genetic Researches. Ph.D. ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute. MVSc, ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute. BVSc, Madras Veterinary College, Chennai.



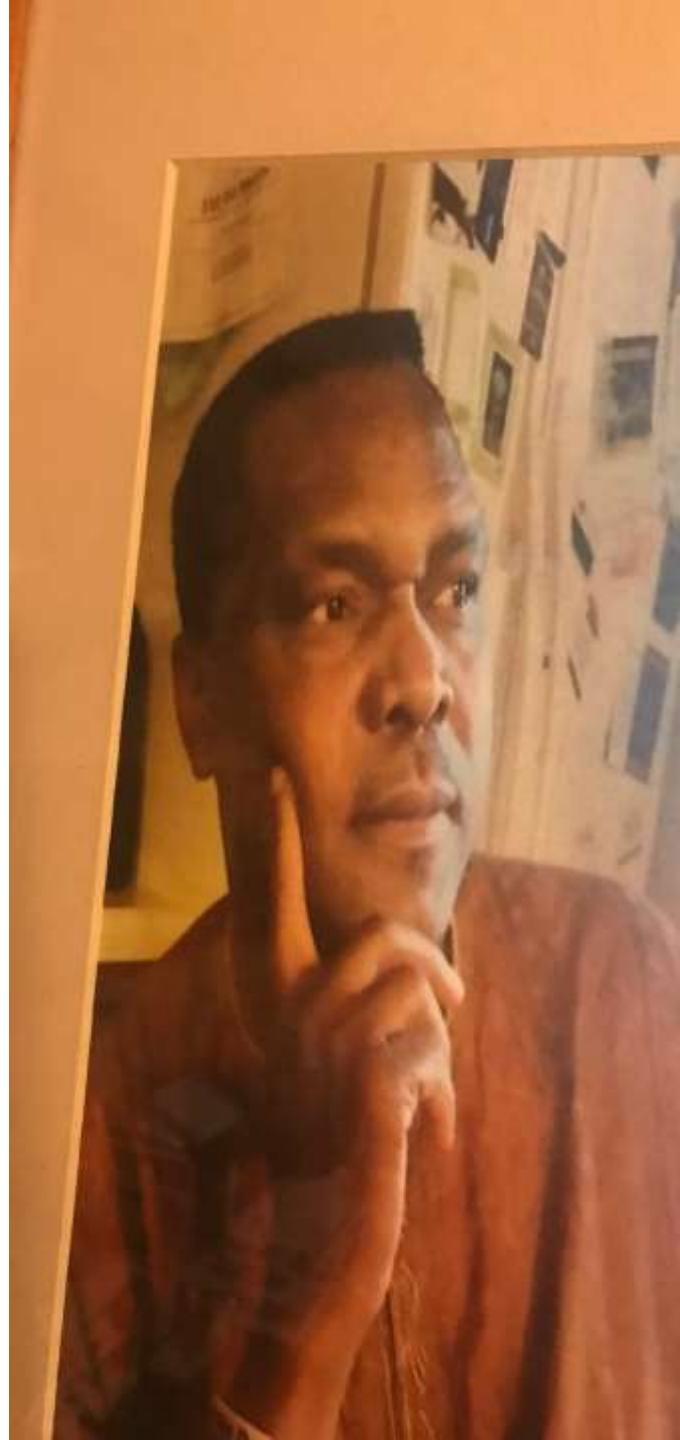


Prof. Ahmadu A. Baba-Singhri
Peace and Food Security
Expert, USA

Dr. Ahmadu A. Baba-Singhri is a Full Professor of Criminal Justice and Sociology at Grand View University, Iowa, where he teaches Homeland Security and Terrorism, Law Enforcement, Forensic Science, Criminology, Juvenile Justice, Restorative Justice, Ethics, and Racial/Ethnic Relations. He chaired the department from 2007-2019. Nationally, he served as a National Evaluator for the FCVP program across HBCUs under the U.S. Office of Minority Health (2001-2003). He is an Expert with the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute (2017) and a Board Member for Social-Emotional Learning with the Iowa Department of Education (2018).

He was appointed Commissioner of Human Rights for Iowa by Governors Branstad and Reynolds (2016-2024), serving as Chair of the Commission, and chaired the Criminal Justice Program for the NAACP Iowa-Nebraska Chapter (2014-2021), participating in national discussions on police reform and community safety with Members of Congress and law enforcement leaders.

Dr. Baba-Singhri has presented on terrorism, homeland security, internally displaced persons, food security,





Dr. Rahab Swatchet Makama
Deputy Dean ,Faculty of Agriculture,
Kaduna State University, Nigeria

Dr. Rahab Swatchet Makama is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Animal Science, Faculty of Agriculture, Kaduna State University, Nigeria. As an accomplished scholar, she is dedicated to academic excellence, leadership, and community development. She has made notable contributions to teaching, research, and community development.

Dr. Makama has held several key positions within the department and faculty and currently serves as the Deputy Dean. She is known for her integrity, compassion, and commitment to positive societal impact.

Driven by a passion for community impact, she is committed to advancing knowledge, especially in women and youth empowerment to promote a robust





Prof. Ruth Oniang'o
Founder, African Journal of Food,
Agriculture, Nutrition and Development
(AJFAND), Kenya

Ruth Oniang'o is professor, researcher, Africa Food Prize Laureate (2017), IUFoST Fellow, IAFoST past president, IUNS Fellow, IFT and IFAMA Awardee, and a past parliamentarian in Kenya, to name a few. She has been honored by her own government of Kenya, for her grassroots work with smallholder farmers, mostly women and youth through her organization Rural Outreach Africa. She has helped in policy formulation and championed the need for nutrition and safety in food systems. She now supports the RIGHT to Food, approaches in vulnerable communities and in government programs. Building leadership among the youth in primary schools (4kclubs) is something she is very passionate about. As founder and editor-in-chief of African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and





**Prof. Udo Herbert
Registrar/CEO , Nigerian
Institute of Animal
Science (NIAS)**

Professor Udo Herbert holds B.Agric. (Animal Science) (UNN), M.Sc. Animal Science and Ph.D. Animal Physiology (UI) degrees. He pioneered research on the construction and evaluation of an artificial vagina for collecting rabbit semen in Nigeria. His research focus is on assisted reproductive technologies and reproductive management of farm animals. Professor Herbert was National President of the Nigerian Society for Animal Production and Nigeria's Representative in





Prof. Rebecca Boger
Vice President & Co-Founder, Next
Generation Global Collaboratory
, USA

Rebecca Boger is a professor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Brooklyn College, City University of New York (CUNY). She has a background in geospatial technologies, environmental science, sustainability, and science education. She teaches geospatial technologies and urban sustainability courses and works with anthropologists and archaeologists on socio-ecological resilience research, community-based mapping, and environmental modelling. Before coming to Brooklyn College, she worked for GLOBE, a global citizen science program that supports the advancement of Earth science research, where she collaborated with teams of scientists and educators to develop classroom materials, conduct workshops, and facilitate international collaborations. In May 2024, she became the Director of Science, Training,



Garry Brooks **Founder of African Community** **Project, Canada**

Garry Brooks is a Canadian who has spent over twenty years working with communities in Africa on environmental issues and explaining climate change. He is the author of an international award-winning book, Mr. Garry's Collection of Zambian Trees, which is used in many teaching institutes, from basic schools to universities in Zambia.





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Thank you for your Meaningful Participation and Looking forward to a Sustainable Collaboration!!!

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