

International Year of Rangelands & Pastoralists (IYRP) 2026

The United Nations General Assembly designated 2026 as the International Year of Rangelands & Pastoralists (IYRP). This was the result of efforts by a voluntary group now called the Global Alliance for Rangelands & Pastoralists (GA4RP), which worked for over 10 years towards attaining this designation. It is now implementing the year in collaboration with the Food & Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations.



Aims: The IYRP 2026 initiative seeks to achieve:

- Greater awareness in science & society about how rangelands & pastoralists contribute to food security, economy, environment & cultural heritage
- Resolutions taken by UN and other international entities in support of rangelands & pastoralists
- Changes in national, regional & global policies in favour of sustainable management of rangeland resources by pastoralists & other stakeholders
- Increased sustainable & ethical investment in rangelands & pastoralist livelihoods.



Watch the **film** developed by the GA4RP to promote IYRP2026: <https://iyrp.info/global-alliance-opening-film-iyrp>

The GA4RP presents information on the **monthly themes** in PowerPoint presentations. See <https://iyrp.info/26-themes>

For information on **diversity of animals** in rangelands, see <https://iyrp.info/animals>

Here is the **calendar of past and upcoming events** related to the IYRP: <https://iyrp.info/calendar>

Some **key documents** developed by the IYRP Working Groups (iyrp.info/working-groups):

- **["People & institutions in pastoralism & rangelands: a glossary of terms"](https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2025-01/Glossary_pastoralism-rangelands_people-institutions-2024.pdf)**
(https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2025-01/Glossary_pastoralism-rangelands_people-institutions-2024.pdf)
- **[Rangeland afforestation is not a natural climate solution](https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2024%20Briske%20et%20al%20Rangeland%20afforestation%20is%20not%20a%20natural%20climate%20solution.pdf)**
(<https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2024%20Briske%20et%20al%20Rangeland%20afforestation%20is%20not%20a%20natural%20climate%20solution.pdf>)
- **[Powered by variability: rethinking climate policy for pastoralism](https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2025-11/Policy-brief-Pastoralists-and-Climate-change_Final01112025_0.pdf)**
(https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2025-11/Policy-brief-Pastoralists-and-Climate-change_Final01112025_0.pdf)
- **[Securing land rights for pastoralists: policy brief](https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2025-07/Policy-brief-Securing-Land-Rights-for-Pastoralism-final-14.22.50.pdf)**
(<https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2025-07/Policy-brief-Securing-Land-Rights-for-Pastoralism-final-14.22.50.pdf>)
- **[Policy brief on pastoral commons](https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2026-08/Policy_brief_en.pdf)**
(https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2026-08/Policy_brief_en.pdf)
- **[Outgrowing offsets: policy brief on pastoralists & carbon markets](https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2026-03/Policy-brief-Pastoralists-and-carbon-markets_0.pdf)**
(https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2026-03/Policy-brief-Pastoralists-and-carbon-markets_0.pdf)
- **[Sustainable water development in the pastoral rangelands: a call to action](https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2025-06/Call-to-Action-Pastoralists-and-Water-WG.docx.pdf)**
(<https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2025-06/Call-to-Action-Pastoralists-and-Water-WG.docx.pdf>)
- **[Rangelands, pastoralism & biodiversity: key messages & policy recommendations](https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2025-06/pastoralism-document-2_2.pdf)**
(https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2025-06/pastoralism-document-2_2.pdf)
- **[Global actions for sustainable rangelands & pastoralism to achieve Land Degradation Neutrality](https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/IYRP_LDN_Policy_Brief%20low-res.pdf)**
(https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/IYRP_LDN_Policy_Brief%20low-res.pdf)
- **[Key messages on pastoral economy: infographic:](https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2025-02/IYRP-WG-Pastoral-econ-key-message-infographic.pdf)**
(<https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2025-02/IYRP-WG-Pastoral-econ-key-message-infographic.pdf>)
- **[Build on the knowledge and initiatives of pastoralist women: policy brief](https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/IYRP%20Gender%20WG%20Policy%20brief%20ext%20only%20Aug%202024.pdf)**
(<https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/IYRP%20Gender%20WG%20Policy%20brief%20ext%20only%20Aug%202024.pdf>)

Declarations made by pastoralist organisations worldwide at the 17th Conference of Parties (COP17) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) in August 2026 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia:

- **[Global Declaration of Young Pastoralists](https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2026-08/Global-Declaration-Young-Pastoralists-short-version-Eng-Fr-Esp_0.pdf)**
(https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2026-08/Global-Declaration-Young-Pastoralists-short-version-Eng-Fr-Esp_0.pdf)
- **[Kathmandu Declaration of Pastoralist Women: Our Planet, Our Land, Our Livestock](https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2026-08/Kathmandu-Declaration-Accepted-8-Aug-rev-15-Aug-highlights-removed.pdf)**
(<https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2026-08/Kathmandu-Declaration-Accepted-8-Aug-rev-15-Aug-highlights-removed.pdf>)
- **[Global Pastoralist & Indigenous Pastoralists' Call for Action: Ulaanbaatar Declaration](https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2026-08/Ulaanbaatar_Declaration_2026_Final-1.PDF)**
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For **more information** and to follow the Global Alliance for Rangelands & Pastoralists (GA4RP), see:

www.iyrp.info / <https://www.fao.org/rangelands-pastoralists-2026/en>

<https://www.facebook.com/IYRP2026>

<https://x.com/IYRP2026>

<https://www.instagram.com/iyrp2026>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/iyrp2026/posts/?feedView=all>

https://www.youtube.com/@GlobalAlliance_IYRP2026

During the Tropentag 2026, **come to visit us at the IYRP booth** in the foyer of the ZHG (*Zentrales Hörsaalgebäude* (Central Lecture-Hall Building) of the University of Göttingen, Platz der Göttinger Sieben, 37073 Göttingen. There you can also see an exhibition of photos on pastoralism and the Perspectives on Pastoralism Film Festival. And you can pick up hard copies of Misereor's latest dossier **"We need pastoralists! How herders and farmers sustain fertile landscapes"**

(<https://iyrp.info/sites/default/files/2026-06/dossier-we-need-pastoralists-how-herders-farmers-sustain-fertile-landscapes-3-2026.pdf>).

