



World Nomads Ger Cinema

Celebrating the UN International Year for Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026

Location: NOMADS World Culture Festival Site,
Tajik Mountain, Nalaikh

Dates: August 21–
23, 2026

Times: 10:00 AM –
7:00 PM Daily

31

ethnographic films

20

communities

6

continents



Camels



Cattle



Goats



Sheep



Yaks



Reindeer



Horses



Llamas



Humans



Pastoralists are mobile and semi-mobile resource stewards who manage livestock across more than half of the Earth's land surface.

The **World Nomads Ger Cinema** presents the culture and experiences of pastoralists from mobile herding and rangeland communities across six continents.

Featuring selections from the Perspectives on Pastoralism Film Festival and original ethnographic and documentary film works presented by visiting researchers and filmmakers in the context of COP-17.

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FESTIVAL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Day 1 — Friday, August 21, 2026

Opening Day & Filmmaker Presentations

The World Nomads Ger Cinema will operate at the "Nomads" World Culture Festival at **Taij Mountain, Nalaikh** from August 21--23, 2026. Hosted by the Commission on Nomadic Peoples and the International Institute for the Study of Nomadic Civilizations under the Auspices of UNESCO.

Block 1: Pastoralism in Film **12:00**



Pastoralism is the future

12:00

Global

2 min

Dir: CELEP & VSF International

Global Mobile Pastoralists

Nomadic Futures

Perspectives on Pastoralism



Climate change and pastoralism

12:02

Global

4 min

Dir: Saverio Krätli & IIED

Global Dryland Pastoralists

Nomadic Futures

Perspectives on Pastoralism



Before More is Lost

12:06

India

7 min

Dir: Dawa Sangbo Bhutia & Radhika Gupta

West Sikkim Agropastoralists

Nomadic Futures



Maasai Voices on Climate Change (and other changes, too)

12:13

Kenya

10 min

Dir: Joana Roque de Pinho & Maasai Youth Filmmakers

Maasai

Nomadic Futures



The Kumbhalgarh Raika Story

12:23

India

12 min

Dir: LPPS & Hanwant Singh Rathore

Raika

Perspectives on Pastoralism



Changing a Landscape to a Lifescape: the Humboldt Ranch

12:35

USA

12 min

Dir: Abbey Kinion

Nevada Rangeland Ranchers

Perspectives on Pastoralism

ROUNDTABLE • 12:50**Opening Roundtable Discussion: Pastoralists, Media, and Climate Action**

Panelists: Saverio Krättli, Radhika Gupta, Joana Roque de Pinho, Ilse Kohler-Rollefson

ROUNDTABLE • 13:30**Commission for Nomadic Peoples Special Roundtable**

Themes from the International Year for Rangelands and Pastoralists

Organized by the **Commission for Nomadic Peoples (CNP)** in collaboration with IYRP 2026. This interdisciplinary roundtable brings together pastoralist leaders, ethnographic filmmakers, and rangeland scientists to address policy frameworks, land tenure rights, and climate adaptation strategies.

Block 2: Social and Environmental Change 15:15**Herders at the Edge****15:15**

Mongolia

18 min

Dir: Delgerzaya Delgerjargal

Mongolian Horse Herders (Bayankhongor)

Nomadic Futures

Q&A SESSION (15:33)

Filmmaker Q&A: Herders at the Edge — with *Delgerzaya Delgerjargal*

**Losing Ground: Documentary Cinema, Pastoral Knowledge, and Environmental Justice in Mongolia****15:48**

Mongolia

20 min

Dir: Bradley Rappa

Mongol Herders

Nomadic Futures

Q&A SESSION (16:08)

Filmmaker Q&A: Losing Ground: Documentary Cinema, Pastoral Knowledge, and Environmental Justice in Mongolia — with *Bradley Rappa*

Block 3: Transhumance & Trade Caravans 16:45**Commitment (Zaveza)****16:45**

Slovenia

16 min

Dir: Tajda Jerkič & Anja Poznič

Slovenian Alpine Goat Herders

**Tarlamt: Salt Caravan to Bilma****17:01**

Niger

42 min

Dir: Sarah Lunacek

Tuareg (Kel Eway)

Nomadic Futures

Perspectives on Pastoralism

Q&A SESSION (17:43)

Filmmaker Q&A: Tarlamt: Salt Caravan to Bilma — with *Sarah Lunacek*

Block 4: Extractive Industries & Herder Communities 18:10



The Largest Cave in Mongolia and its only remaining family

18:10 Mongolia 30 min Dir: Steps Without Borders NGO

Mongol Herders (Dornogovi) Nomadic Futures

Q&A SESSION (18:40)

Filmmaker Q&A: The Largest Cave in Mongolia and its only remaining family — with *Steps Without Borders NGO*

Day 2 — Saturday, August 22, 2026

Rotational Program & Central Asian Showcase

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Block 5: Steppe Herders & Asian Pastoral Traditions **10:00**



Pastoralism is the future

10:00 Global 2 min Dir: CELEP & VSF International **Global Mobile Pastoralists**
Nomadic Futures **Perspectives on Pastoralism**



Living in the Mountains of Ladakh

10:02 India 3 min Dir: Stanzin Dorjai Gya **Changpa (Ladakh)**
Perspectives on Pastoralism



Shepherds of the Deccan

10:05 India 14 min Dir: Ankit Pogula / LPPS **Dhangar / Kurba Shepherds**
Perspectives on Pastoralism



Tes River Mongolians

10:19 Mongolia 58 min Dir: Joseph L. Subbiondo / Asian Cultural Council
Mongol Herders **Perspectives on Pastoralism**

Block 6: Central Asian Nomadic Visions **11:30**

Special showcase presenting independent documentary shorts from the Kyrgyzstan-based Tartaly Film Collective, exploring village youth, female identity, felt carpet craftsmanship, and living epic traditions.



Alihan's Village

11:30 Kyrgyzstan 14 min Dir: Dastan Borkosh **Kyrgyz Mountain Herders**
Nomadic Futures



Umai

11:44 Kyrgyzstan 15 min Dir: Alina Baitokova **Kyrgyz Mountain Herders**
Nomadic Futures



Ala kiyiz

11:59

Kyrgyzstan

15 min

Dir: Tynystan Temirzhan

Kyrgyz Mountain Herders

Nomadic Futures



The Path

12:14

Kyrgyzstan

40 min

Dir: Aibek Baiymbetov

Kyrgyz Mountain Herders

Nomadic Futures

PANEL DISCUSSION (12:54)

Tartaly Film Collective Panel Discussion

With Erjen Khamaganova (Moderator)

ROUNDTABLE • 13:25

IYRP, pastoralists, grasslands, and film

Special session in honour of Ann Waters-Bayer

Block 7: Slow Film

14:05



Pastoralism is the future

14:05

Global

2 min

Dir: CELEP & VSF International

Global Mobile Pastoralists

Nomadic Futures

Perspectives on Pastoralism



An afternoon on the pasture

14:07

Hungary

190 min

Dir: Zsolt Molnár & Sándor Karácsony

Hungarian Puszta Herders

Perspectives on Pastoralism

Block 8: Land Rights & Cultural Landscapes

17:30



Pastoralism is the future

17:30

Global

2 min

Dir: CELEP & VSF International

Global Mobile Pastoralists

Nomadic Futures

Perspectives on Pastoralism



Stories from the landscape: cattle drove

17:32

Ireland

30 min

Dir: Christopher O'Donnell

Irish Cattle Drovers

Perspectives on Pastoralism



Conservation and Traditional Survival

18:02

South Africa

22 min

Dir: Humair Hayat

Nama

Perspectives on Pastoralism



Before More is Lost

18:24

India

7 min

Dir: Dawa Sangbo Bhutia & Radhika Gupta

West Sikkim Agropastoralists

Nomadic Futures



Preserving Rajasthan's camel herds

18:31

India

5 min

Dir: LPPS & Camel Charisma

Raika

Perspectives on Pastoralism

Day 3 — Sunday, August 23, 2026

Rotational Feature Showcase & Festival Closing

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Block 9: Environmental Justice & Pastoral Rights 10:00



Pastoralism is the future

10:00 Global 2 min Dir: CELEP & VSF International **Global Mobile Pastoralists**
Nomadic Futures **Perspectives on Pastoralism**



Losing Ground: Documentary Cinema, Pastoral Knowledge, and Environmental Justice in Mongolia

10:02 Mongolia 20 min Dir: Bradley Rappa **Mongol Herders**
Nomadic Futures



The Largest Cave in Mongolia and its only remaining family

10:22 Mongolia 30 min Dir: Steps Without Borders NGO
Mongol Herders (Dornogovi) **Nomadic Futures**



Herders at the Edge

10:52 Mongolia 18 min Dir: Delgerzaya Delgerjargal
Mongolian Horse Herders (Bayankhongor) **Nomadic Futures**



Commitment (Zaveza)

11:10 Slovenia 16 min Dir: Tajda Jerkič & Anja Poznič
Slovenian Alpine Goat Herders



Before More is Lost

11:26 India 7 min Dir: Dawa Sangbo Bhutia & Radhika Gupta
West Sikkim Agropastoralists **Nomadic Futures**

Block 10: Pastoral Knowledge & Ecological Stewardship 11:45



Pastoralism is the future

11:45 Global 2 min Dir: CELEP & VSF International **Global Mobile Pastoralists**
Nomadic Futures **Perspectives on Pastoralism**



Bayandalai: Lord of the Taiga

11:47 Mongolia 11 min Dir: Aner Etxebarría Moral & Pablo Vidal Santos

Dukha (Tsaatan Reindeer Herders) Perspectives on Pastoralism



Guardians of the grasslands

11:58 Canada 13 min Dir: Sarah Wray & Ben Wilson / CRSB

Canadian Prairie Ranchers Perspectives on Pastoralism



Cowherds of the Savannah

12:11 Uganda 26 min Dir: Mark Michel & Neue Celluloid Fabrik Karamojong

Perspectives on Pastoralism



Maasai Voices on Climate Change (and other changes, too)

12:37 Kenya 10 min Dir: Joana Roque de Pinho & Maasai Youth Filmmakers

Maasai Nomadic Futures



Tarlamt: Salt Caravan to Bilma

12:47 Niger 42 min Dir: Sarah Lunacek Tuareg (Kel Eway)

Nomadic Futures Perspectives on Pastoralism



The Kumbhalgarh Raika Story

13:29 India 12 min Dir: LPPS & Hanwant Singh Rathore Raika

Perspectives on Pastoralism

Block 11: Youth, Transhumance & Andean Highlands **13:55**



Pastoralism is the future

13:55 Global 2 min Dir: CELEP & VSF International Global Mobile Pastoralists

Nomadic Futures Perspectives on Pastoralism



Fatuma and Assya – Two Afar Girls in Ethiopia

13:57 Ethiopia 20 min Dir: Francesco Sincich Afar

Perspectives on Pastoralism



Enchukunoto (The Return)

14:17 Kenya 16 min Dir: Laissa Malih Maasai Perspectives on Pastoralism



The Custodians of the Andean Gold

14:33 Bolivia 32 min Dir: Bibiana Vilá & CONICET

Andean Llama/Vicuña Herders Perspectives on Pastoralism



Changing a Landscape to a Lifescape: the Humboldt Ranch

15:05 USA 12 min Dir: Abbey Kinion Nevada Rangeland Ranchers

Perspectives on Pastoralism



Days of the Wolf

15:17 Italy 17 min Dir: Dario Novellino Apennine Shepherds

Perspectives on Pastoralism



Sharing the Land

15:34 Spain 14 min Dir: Ofelia de Pablo & Javier Zurita

Spanish Transhumance Herders Perspectives on Pastoralism

Block 12: Central Asian Showcase **16:00**



Pastoralism is the future

16:00 Global 2 min Dir: CELEP & VSF International Global Mobile Pastoralists

Nomadic Futures Perspectives on Pastoralism



The Path

16:02 Kyrgyzstan 40 min Dir: Aibek Baiymbetov Kyrgyz Mountain Herders

Nomadic Futures



Alihan's Village

16:42 Kyrgyzstan 14 min Dir: Dastan Borkosh Kyrgyz Mountain Herders

Nomadic Futures



Ala kiyiz

16:56 Kyrgyzstan 15 min Dir: Tynystan Temirzhan Kyrgyz Mountain Herders

Nomadic Futures



Umai

17:11 Kyrgyzstan 15 min Dir: Alina Baitokova Kyrgyz Mountain Herders

Nomadic Futures

Block 13: Closing Session - Film and Environmental Justice in Mongolia 17:40



Herders at the Edge

17:40 Mongolia 18 min Dir: Delgerzaya Delgerjargal

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Losing Ground: Documentary Cinema, Pastoral Knowledge, and Environmental Justice in Mongolia

17:58 Mongolia 20 min Dir: Bradley Rappa Mongol Herders

Nomadic Futures



The Largest Cave in Mongolia and its only remaining family

18:18 Mongolia 30 min Dir: Steps Without Borders NGO

Mongol Herders (Dornogovi) Nomadic Futures