INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Pastoralism, a Living Heritage that Bridges Culture and Agriculture

Celebrating the International Day of Intangible Cultural Heritage in the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists

Online

30 October 2026 | 10:00–13:00 CET

Join Zoom Meeting

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PROGRAMME

10:00 – 10:15: Opening remarks:

Ministry of Culture of Romania: ***Romania's Commitment to Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage and the Significance of the Transhumance Nomination***

Dr. Ligia Deca, Secretary General of the National Commission of Romania for UNESCO
From Global Commitments to Local Action: Culture for Sustainable Development

10:15 – 10:30: Gregorio Velasco-Gil, FAO, Coordinator of IYRP 2026
The International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP 2026): FAO Initiatives in Support of Pastoral Communities

10:30-10:45: Saruul Arslan, Head of the Registration and Information Department, National Center for Cultural Heritage, Mongolia: ***The UNESCO Nomination: "Mongol nomad migration and its associated practices" (2024)***

10:45 – 11:00: Ioana Baskerville, Romania's National Focal Point for the UNESCO 2003 Convention: ***The UNESCO Transhumance File: 16 Countries Working Together to Bridge Culture and Agriculture***

11: 00 – 11:15: Tamara Mitrofanenko, UNEP Carpathian Convention: ***Safeguarding Carpathian Pastoralism within the Framework of the UNEP Carpathian Convention***

11:15 – 11:30: Maria Nyström, Senior Adviser, Institute for Language and Folklore, Sweden: ***The UNESCO Nomination "Summer Farming at Fäbod and Seter: Knowledge, Traditions and Practices Related to the Grazing of Outlying Lands and Artisan Food Production" (2023)***

11:30 – 11:50: Patrick Fabre, Director of the Maison de la Transhumance, and Claude Soulas, CORAM, France: ***The Inscription of Transhumance as Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity: A New Road for the Future?***

11:50 -12:05: Eugenia Rendueles Álvarez, Professor at ICTAL, University of León, Spain: ***The Socio-Ecological Role of Pastoralism in a Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System (GIAHS)***

12:05 – 12:20: Julio Sá Rego, RHE Initiative, Portugal; Member of the UNESCO Global Network of Facilitators: ***From IYRP 2026 to International Cooperation for Pastoralism: Insights from the Global Pastoralist Gathering in Mongolia***

12:20-13:00: Discussions