

Finalised Resolutions for the International Rangelands Congress

Resolution 1: Thank you to the Kenyan Organising Committee

The continuing committee extends its gratitude to the Kenyan Organising Committee for all its hard work in pulling together the International Rangeland Congress 2021, under difficult circumstances.

Resolution 2: Congratulations to Australia

The continuing committee congratulates Australia on the award of the International Rangeland Congress 2025.

Resolution 3: Actively Work with IYRP (International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists) (IYRP Resolution 1)

Individual Continuing Committee (CC) members of the International Rangeland Congress (IRC) will be responsible for working with other IRC delegates and the International Year of Rangeland and Pastoralists (IYRP) Global and Regional Support Groups to gain country-level commitments to support the IYRP 2026 initiative, through letters and other acknowledgements submitted to the Mongolian Government in reference to their IYRP 2026 proposal to the United Nations, until such time as the UN General Assembly designates the International Year.

Resolution 4: Mobilize Support in Countries for IYRP (International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists) (IYRP Resolution 2)

Individual CC members of the International Rangeland Congress will be responsible for mobilizing scientists and rangeland practitioners in the countries and regions that they represent, to support and work with the Regional IYRP Support Groups in developing IYRP Action Plans concerning the activities that will be conducted prior to and during the Year. These activities will coincide with the 12 monthly themes developed by the International Support Group (ISG) of the IYRP and will be discussed at the Society for Range Management Conference in February 2022. The IYRP Action Plans should be finalized before the end of 2022, and implementation commenced in January 2023, unless otherwise decided by the Global Coordinating Group of the ISG.

Resolution 5: Establish IYRP (International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists) Sub-Committee of the International Rangeland Congress Continuing Committee (IYRP Resolution 3)

The CC of the IRC will establish an IYRP Sub-Committee that will prepare a report identifying priority research and comparable methodologies needed to address the knowledge gap findings, including those of the Gap Analysis conducted by UNEP in 2018, by October 2022 as an input to the IYRP Action Plans. This Sub-Committee will work with the Regional IYRP Support Groups including International Agencies, amongst them UNEP, FAO, ILRI, and regularly report on progress to both the CC of the IRC and the Global Coordinating Group of the ISG. The Sub-Committee will report on its achievements and findings to the IRC in 2025, including implementation of these three resolutions.

Resolution 6: Establish Kenya IYRP (International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists) Committee

The Kenya International Rangeland Congress Organising Committee will work with the rangeland counties in Kenya to establish - in liaison with the Kenyan ministries of agriculture, livestock and fisheries -- a joint Kenya IYRP Committee responsible for coordinating regional and country-level commitments in support of the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralism (IYRP) 2026 initiative. This committee will also encourage members of IGAD (Intergovernmental Authority on Development, covering the countries in the Horn of Africa) to participate in the IYRP. This will include:

- Developing action plans each year until the IYRP is launched
- Identifying and supporting research priorities that support the goals of the IYRP

Resolution 7: Support international liaison for the International Rangeland Congress 2025 and beyond

The International Rangeland Congress (IRC) Continuing Committee will establish effective international liaison in support of congress attendance in conjunction with future host nation organising committees, in order to:

1. Identify historically under-represented countries at IRC and how more effective linkages might be established, e.g. with in-country organisations, to facilitate closer liaison with IRC.
2. Identify potential constraints to delegate attendance at IRC from these, and other countries, and how these might be addressed.
3. Actively build the capacity of under-represented countries to host future congresses.

Resolution 8: Explore opportunities for Joint Congresses with allied groups

The International Rangeland Congress Continuing Committee will explore opportunities for joint meetings with allied groups (such as ecology, conservation, economics, social development, wildlife, livestock and grassland groups) to address selected emerging regional/global management issues in rangelands.

Resolution 9: Extend International Rangeland Congress procedures to include virtual Congresses

In light of the current pandemic it is proposed that the IRC continuing committee revise existing Congress Guideline Procedures to include handling a virtual congress.

Resolution 10: Encourage and report on regional activities

A strategic planning meeting of Continuing Committee (CC) members is established after each congress to clearly identify what the roles of CC members will be for the period to the next congress. Indicative roles and activities to involve but not be limited to:

1. Fostering communication among region members;
2. Promoting and encouraging the mission of the International Rangeland Congress amongst member countries;
3. Supporting IYRP (International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists), participating in gap analysis of rangelands and pastoralism.

That these activities are then reported on at a meeting of CC members held every 12 months.

Resolution 11: International Rangeland Congress Continuing Committee and Organizing Committee to establish diversity sub-committees

The International Rangeland Congress (IRC) Continuing (CC) and Organizing Committees (OC) will:

- Establish Sub-Committees on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to advise on all IRC CC and OC activities, including recruiting and retaining diverse leadership and membership, conference program development and structure, keynote and session speakers and panels, scholarship awards, field trips and other activities.
- Develop a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion statement and implementation plan to guide these decisions (see examples of such a statement by the US Society of Range Management [here](#)).

Resolution 12: Incorporate indigenous leadership and participation

The International Rangeland Congress (IRC) Organizing Committees will:

- Incorporate the expressed goals, participation and leadership of Indigenous Peoples of the hosting countries in all aspects of each IRC meeting.
- Apply this to leadership and membership, conference program development and structure, keynote and session speakers and panels, scholarship awards, field trips and other activities of the meeting.
- Form an IYRP (International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists) sub-committee of the IRC Continuing Committee (CC) for this purpose and/or
- Include this role within any other relevant committees of the IRC CC.

This resolution assumes that the next IRC will be held in 2025 as currently planned, and that the IYRP will be approved for 2026.