



March 2022 update on process to designate IYRP

In January 2022, under the steadfast leadership of the Government of Mongolia, its proposal for an IYRP in 2026 was smoothly negotiated among the United Nations (UN) Member States. A draft resolution entitled "[A/76/L.36 International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists, 2026](#)" has been submitted to the UN General Assembly (UNGA) Secretariat. The proposed resolution initiated by the Government of Mongolia was submitted jointly with the Governments of Angola, Bolivia and the Central African Republic and has thus far been co-sponsored by another 35 countries. It was on the agenda for discussion on 28 February 2022. However, this had to be postponed because of the emergency special session of UNGA on the resolution against the Russian invasion of Ukraine. The new date for the UNGA discussion of the resolution for an IYRP in 2026 is 15 March 2022.

It is expected that UNGA will give FAO the task to facilitate the implementation of IYRP 2026.