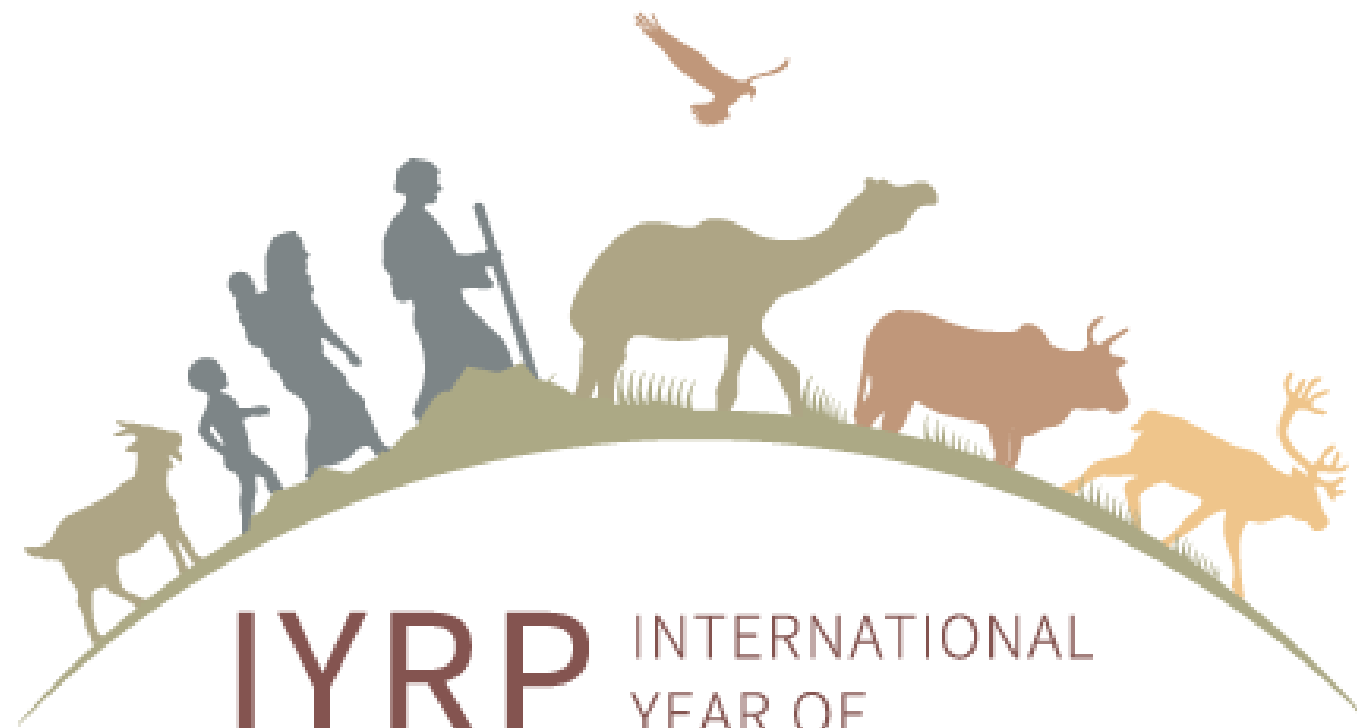
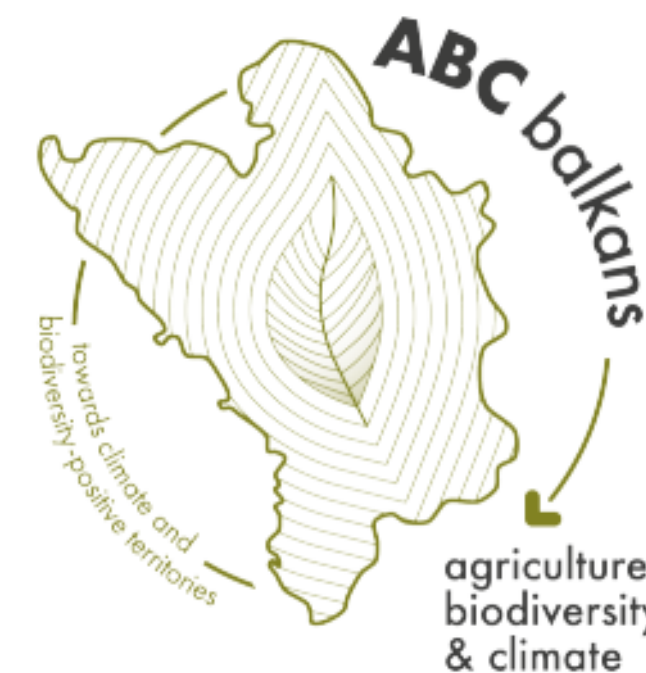




International Year of Rangelands & Pastoralists (IYRP) 2026



IYRP INTERNATIONAL
2026 YEAR OF
RANGELANDS AND
PASTORALISTS



Why an IYRP?

- To increase worldwide understanding of importance of rangelands & pastoralists for food security, economy, environment & cultural heritage
- To help fill knowledge gaps about rangelands & pastoralists through participatory research & communication
- To promote informed, science-based policy & legislation for current & future generations
- To mobilise people worldwide to grasp new opportunities in rangelands & pastoralism



Regional IYRP Support Groups (RISGs)

Arctic
East Asia
South Asia
Central Asia &
Mongolia
Australasia
North Africa &
Middle East
Eastern &
Southern
Africa
West & Central
Africa
Europe
North America
South America

Multistakeholder RISGs to generate partnership:

- to expand network of supporting organisations and governments in the 11 regions of the world
- to work with Government of Mongolia and IYRP International Support Group (ISG) to plan and implement IYRP activities in the

Central role for
pastoralist organisations
in the RISGs & their activities



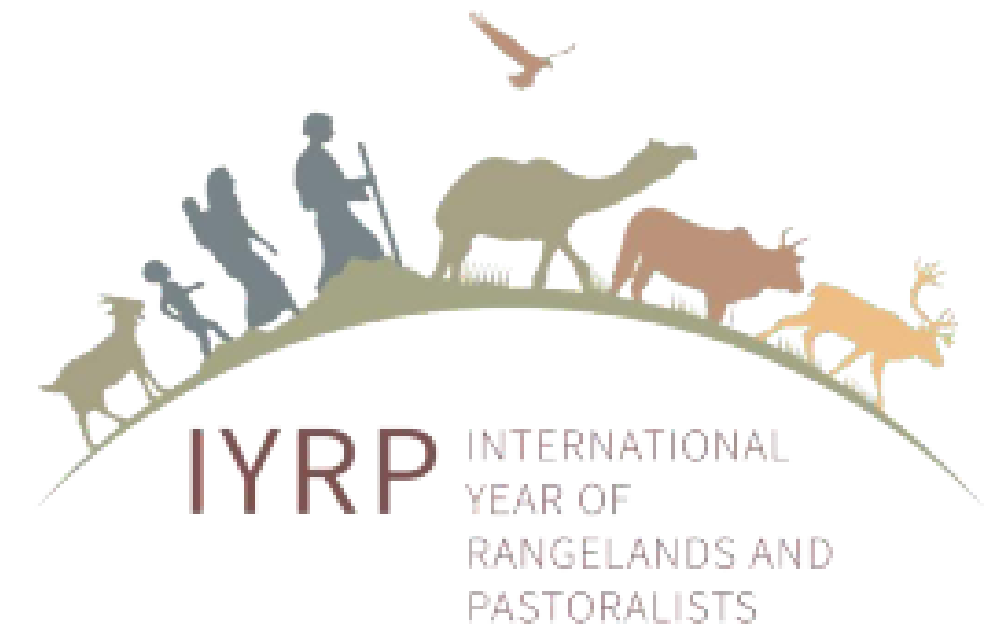
Activities up to & during IYRP 2026 on various themes

- Joint research & publishing
- Policy briefs / statements
- Pastoralist gatherings
- Social media campaigns
- Films / Photo exhibits
- Pastoralist innovation fairs
- Side events
- Conferences / Webinars ... etc



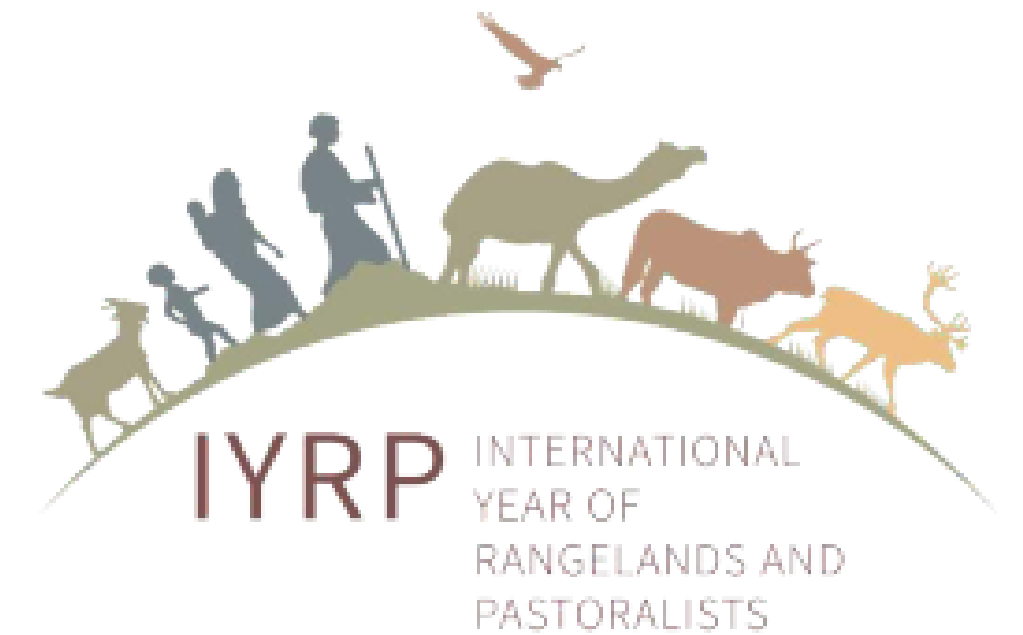
What does the IYRP initiative seek to achieve through the Working Groups?

- ✓ 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
- ✓ Increase sustainable & ethical investment in rangelands & pastoralist livelihoods



Possible tasks of Working Groups related to their respective themes:

- Collate and analyse existing research results (science review)
- Identify knowledge & information gaps – and new opportunities
- Stimulate and engage in participatory research to fill gaps and explore opportunities
- Analyse existing international policy related to the theme
- Identify “targets” (international bodies, conventions, events etc) for science- and experience-based advocacy
- Strategise on appropriate messages for these targets, including identification of spokespersons or “ambassadors” to bring them across
- Engage with pastoralists and others in IYRP network (including other WGs) in disseminating these messages, also for public awareness



Collaborating in IYRP 2026 initiative



General IYRP e-list

~740 addresses mostly for info only

International Support Group (ISG)

~415 active partners, including GCG members & 2 co-chairs

Global Coordinating Group (GCG)

~45 members (co-chairs, comms team, RISG & WG chairs & reps from key supporting partners: FAO, Govt of Mongolia, ILRI, IUCN, UNEP, WAMIP)

Working Groups (WGs):

- Afforestation
- Biodiversity
- Gender
- Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN)
- Mountains
- Water
- Youth

Global Communications Team

Regional IYRP Support Groups (RISGs)



**...now, what are your proposals
for IYRP 2026?**

It's up to you!



<https://mensuel.pad.cdrflorac.fr/p/IdeasIYRP2026>