



Agenda: Breakfast meeting

8:30	Welcome and introduction: UN Environment representative (TBC) Moderator: (Shirley Tarawali, Deputy Director General ILRI)
8:35	Key note presentation: H. E. Mr Tserenbat Namsrai, Minister, Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Mongolia - The call for an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists
8.40	Statement: Enkh Amgalan-Tseelei, Advisory Board member National Federation of Pasture User Groups Mongolia.
8.45	Presentation: Dana Kelly, President, International Rangelands Continuing Committee (IRCC) – The Importance of rangelands and pastoralists for environment and development
8.55	Presentation: Mr Abdelkader Bensada, Program Management Officer, Terrestrial Ecosystems Unit, UN Environment Knowledge gaps about sustainability in rangelands and pastoralism
9.05	Statements of support from Ministers and/or government representatives
9.15	Discussion (led by Moderator)
9.45	Concluding remarks (Moderator)
9.50	Close

SUSTAINABLE PASTORALISM THROUGH AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF RANGELANDS AND PASTORALISTS

Ministerial Breakfast Meeting

Tuesday 12 March 2019

V.I.P. Lounge, UN Campus, Nairobi

8:30 am - 9:50 am

Organized by:

UN Environment; and partners on behalf of the International Support Group for the call for an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.

Outline:

The breakfast meeting on Sustainable Pastoralism will provide an overview and plans for a proposed International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP), led by the Government of Mongolia. The reasons for the call will be given, including the results of a Gap Analysis commissioned by UN Environment following the passing of a resolution on Combating Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought and Promoting Sustainable Pastoralism and Rangelands at UNEA2 in 2016. A 2019 proposed resolution led by the Africa group including the Governments of Kenya and Ethiopia on rangelands and pastoralists, and highlighting the need for implementation of the gap analysis and an IYRP, will be presented.

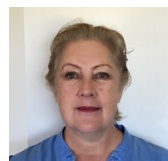
Key messages:

- Global significance of rangelands and pastoralists, and their contribution to sustainable development including present and future challenges, benefits, innovations and opportunities including in relation to provision of environmental services, and optimization of sustainable livestock production for strengthening pastoralist livelihoods and national economies.
- The importance of an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) for Mongolia and globally.
- The significant gaps in data on rangelands, and recommendations for filling these.
- The need for commitment from governments and the UN to addressing the challenges facing rangelands and pastoralists including gaps in data, and drawing attention to these.



SHIRLEY TARAWALI, ILRI

Shirley is Assistant Director General at the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) based in Nairobi, Kenya with responsibilities spanning strategy, planning, partnerships, communications and knowledge management. She is also secretary to the ILRI Board of Trustees. Shirley has over 30 years' experience implementing and leading research for development in Africa and Asia. Shirley holds a PhD in Plant Science from the University of London, UK.



DANA KELLY, IRC

Dana is President of the International Rangelands Continuing Committee. She is a social scientist with a PhD from Australian National University and is affiliated with International Water Centre at Griffith University. Dana has over 30 years of experience implementing government projects and leading research on resilience and community development in rural and regional communities in Australian rangelands. Dana's strategic advice informs government and industry policy and practice.



ABDELKADER BENSADA, UN ENVIRONMENT

Abdelkader is the Programme Management Officer at UN Environment Nairobi. He manages landscape approaches activities, dryland activities, implementation of the resolutions of United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) on sustainable pastoralism and soil pollution. His previous experience extends to many countries in West Africa. He is UNEP's focal point for the Collaborative Partnership for Forests (CPF), the African Restoration Initiative (AFR100), the international Land Coalition (ILC) and the Global partnership for forests restoration (GPFLR).



H.E. MR TSERENBAT NAMSRAI MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM, MONGOLIA

Mr. Tserenbat Namsrai holds an MSc in Computing and Technical Management from the Institute of Technology, Ulaanbaatar. Mr. Tserenbat N., has been a Member of the State Great Khural (Parliament of Mongolia) since 2016, and from 2017 he became Minister of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia. Previously, Mr. Tserenbat Namsrai was Director General of the Budget Regulation and Risk Management Department, Ministry of Finance of Mongolia, Secretariat of the State Great Khural, and Deputy Director of "UVS Food" Company. He also works in the "Tavan Bogd" Group, and Mobicom Corporation in Mongolia. He is married with 4 children



Ms. Enkh-Amgalan Tseelei, NFPUG

Ms Enkh-Amgalan is a member of the Advisory Board of the Mongolian National Federation of Pasture User Groups of Herders (NFPUG). Ms Enkh-Amgalan holds a PhD Degree in Environmental Science from the Federal Institute of Zurich of Switzerland. The NFPUG was established in 2015 and today consists of 170,000 herder households as 1440 Pasture user groups. Rangeland use agreements are established between pasture user groups of herders and local government to ensure protection of their traditional user rights. The Rangeland use agreement is the key concept of a new rangeland law prepared and ready to be submitted to the Parliament.