



Draft resolution “International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists, 2026”





Objectives and Expected Outputs

The IYRP will:

- Raise awareness of the perceived natural and cultural values of rangelands and pastoral livelihood systems,
- Increase global understanding of their importance to global food security and environmental services, highlighting valuable traditional knowledge,
- Help to fill knowledge gaps (as noted by the UNEP “Benign Neglect” report in 2019),
- Foster innovation towards sustainability and overcoming poverty of pastoralists and boost efforts for investment in pastoral systems and restoration of degraded rangelands (as noted by the UNEA 4 resolution), and
- Facilitate increased recognition by policy- and decision-makers and other stakeholders of how an integrated approach to rangelands and pastoralism can support the achievement of SDGs while contributing to achieving the expected results of the UN Decade of Family Farming, the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition and the UN Year of Camelids.



The draft resolution aims to highlight:

- the benefits of healthy and **productive rangelands** in ecosystem services, as well as of **pastoral systems**,
- the economic, governance and developmental dimensions of pastoral systems and productive rangelands,
- the societal dimensions of healthy rangelands and sustainable pastoralism, and their contribution to sustainable development, and
- the uniqueness and vital importance of pastoral landscapes that can have a neutral carbon balance as emissions from animals are offset by carbon sequestration in soils and plants and so on.



Contribution of healthy and productive rangelands to implementation of SDGs

- Low-external-input nature-based pastoral systems produce nutrient-dense animal-source food that contributes to reducing poverty - **SDG 1** and **hunger - SDG 2**.
- They provide ecosystem services including nutrient cycling, seed dispersal, carbon sequestration, biodiversity conservation and enhancement, and erosion and wildfire protection, thus contributing to **SDG 13** and **SDG 15**.
- Moreover, addressing these challenges leads to improved access to **education and learning opportunities - SDG 4**, **health services - SDG 3**, increased attention to the needs of pastoral women, elderly and rural youth - **SDG 5** and promoting **sustainable peace -SDG 16**.



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17 Preambular Paragraphs

7 Operative Paragraphs

Planning to table under Agenda item 15. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields.



Some supporting documents

- The [42nd Session of the FAO Conference](#), held in 2021, adopted Conference resolution [5/2021](#), submitted through the 27th Session of the [Committee on Agriculture of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations](#) (COAG) on the observance by the UN System of an “International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists” (IYRP) in 2026.
- **FAO's report to the Committee on Agriculture** entitled '[FAO's work on Rangelands and Pastoralism and proposal for an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists](#)', dated July 2020.
- '[A Case of Benign Neglect: Knowledge Gaps About Sustainability in Pastoralism and Rangelands](#)'. UNEP report, 2019
- UNEP/EA.4/Res. 15 “Innovations in sustainable rangelands and pastoralism”



Governments supporting Mongolia's proposal for IYRP (as of November 2021)

Governments that have sent letters to Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry, Mongolia	Governments that spoke in favour of IYRP at FAO COAG and FAO Conference
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Afghanistan 2.Australia 3.Bhutan 4.Burkina Faso 5.Canada 6.Ethiopia 7.Finland 8.France 9.Hungary 10.India 11.Iran 12.Italy 13.Jordan 14.Kenya 15.Kyrgyzstan 16.Russian Federation 17.Serbia 18.Somalia 19.Spain 20.Sudan 21.Uganda 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 22. Argentina 23. China 24. Cuba 25. Dominican Republic 26. Egypt 27. South Korea 28. Mali 29. Mexico 30. Myanmar 31. Peru 32. Philippines 33. Saudi Arabia 34. Thailand 35. Turkey <p>and EU on behalf of 27 Member States (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden)</p>
TOTAL: 58 Governments (including Mongolia)	

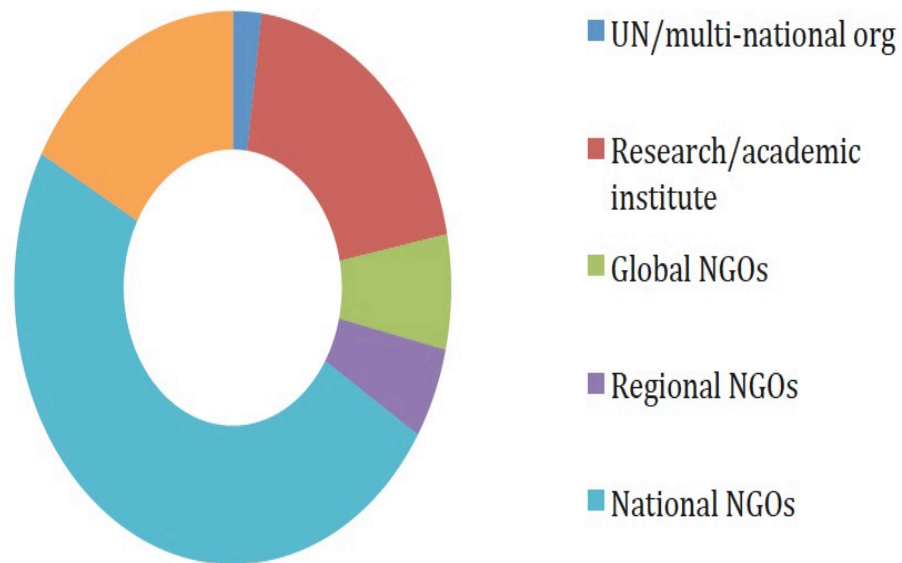
In addition, there are around 300 organizations from all regions supporting IYRP.



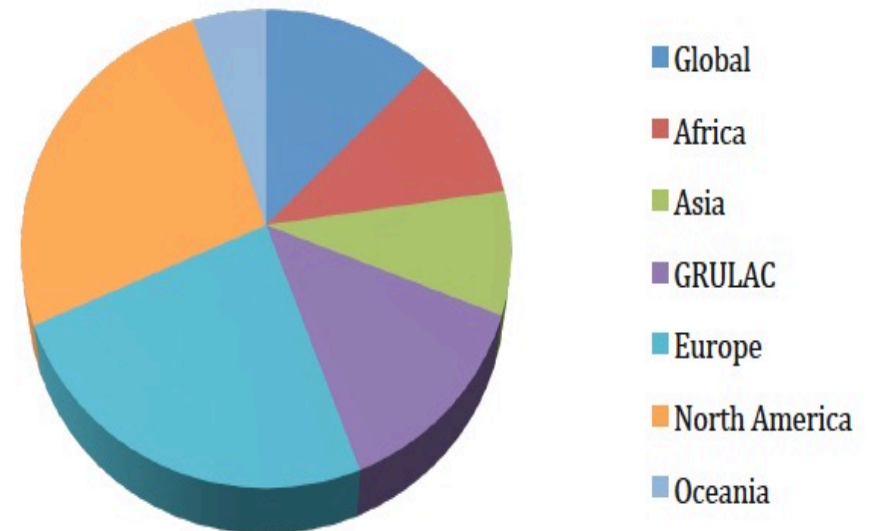
Graphic for number of letters of support

(as of 30 November 2021)

IYRP supporting organisations, by type



IYRP supporting organisations, by region



Source: <https://iyrp.info>



Next steps:

- Informal consultations - 10:00 am, 18 January 2022
- Informal consultations – 10:00 am 21 January 2022
- Other informal meetings as necessary
- The draft resolution is on e-Delegate/e-Sponsorship and will be updated accordingly.



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Thank you!

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