



Global Grasslands and Savannas Dialogue Platform

Tuesday 17 June 2025

15:00 – 16:30 CET / 16:00 – 17:30 EAT / 09:00 – 10:30 ET

During this month's Global Grasslands and Savannas Dialogue Platform meeting, we will focus on **rangelands, pastoralism, and biodiversity.**

This session is co-organized with the Biodiversity Working Group of the **International Year on Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026**



AGENDA

15:00-15:05	Welcome	Leonie Meier , Global Lead, Ecosystem Restoration and Grasslands & Savannas, WWF International
15:05-15:15	Brief overview of rangelands as biodiversity hotspots	Dr. Rashmi Singh , Assistant Professor, Department of Liberal Arts, IIT Hyderabad, Co-Chair, IYRP Biodiversity Working Group Chris Magero , Rangelands Expert, Co-Chair, IYRP Biodiversity Working Group
15:15-15:30	<i>Keynote</i> Rangelands: Strategies for Mitigating Biodiversity Loss	Dr. David Briske , Regents Professor Emeritus, Department of Ecology and Conservation Biology, Texas A&M University
15:30-15:45	The role of extensive mobile grazing by goats in sustaining biodiversity	Dr. Carol Kerven , Editor-in-Chief, Pastoralism: Research, Policy and Practice & Director, Odessa Centre UK
15:45-16:00	Integrating rangelands into Global Biodiversity Framework Targets 1,2,3 and 8	Tristan Tyrrell , Programme Management Officer, Biodiversity, Climate Change and Dry & Sub-humid Lands, CBD Secretariat
16:00-16:25	Discussion and Q&A	All
16:25-16:30	Closing Call to Action	Leonie Meier , Global Lead Ecosystem Restoration and Grasslands & Savannas, WWF International