

# NEWS FROM THE NETWORK

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## EEEM LAUNCHES NEW E-BOOK



Eeem's new e-book on conflict management is ready for field testing. The e-book will be further modified using feedback received from the users.

## COPACSO PARTICIPATES IN HIGH LEVEL MEETING



Benjamin Mutambukah, the coordinator of [Coalition of Pastoralist Civil Society Organizations](#) and chair of the Eastern and Southern Pastoralist Network, participated at a high level meeting on "Strengthening veterinary governance for accelerated transformation of the livestock sector in Africa." He raised the issue of increasing public expenditure for the livestock sector and protecting mobility rights.

## RBM SUPPORTS NEW AGREEMENT ON TRANSBOUNDARY MOBILITY FOR PASTORALISTS



Reseau Bilital Maroobe member [l'Association pour la redynamisation de l'élevage au Niger \(AREN\)](#) was instrumental in the passage of a bilateral agreement on transboundary mobility for pastoralists between Niger and Nigeria. The agreement covered five areas of cooperation: cross-border security and cattle rustling, cross-border mobility, cross-border trade in livestock, cross-border intelligence, and shared pastoral culture.



### NEW VIDEO

Watch Reseau Bilital Maroobe's new video on training women pastoralists in Mauritania

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## FEATURE STORY

# COMMUNITY DIALOGUES IN TAJIKISTAN

The [World Yak Herders Association](#) held community dialogues (CD) in Tajikistan in the first fortnight of June 2017. The CD in the high altitude desert Murghab district of the Gorno-Badakshan Autonomous Region with Kyrgyz pastoralists who seasonally move to the high summer pastures with their felt yurts or 603 γүй ("grey house"). They mostly keep herds of sheep, yak and some horses, and there is great scope to further develop yak herding.



The CD was developed in four parts:

1. Dialogue with institutional stakeholders such as FAO Tajikistan, the Pastures Management Networking Platform (PMNP) and ACTED
2. Informal dialogues with pastoralists in yak-herding areas to understand their reality
3. Formal dialogue with national-level stakeholders such as Aga Khan Foundation that are important for the future implementation of the project
4. Workshop with yak herders and local stakeholders that discussed the challenges and suggestions for improvement for yak husbandry in Tajikistan

While the formal part of the community dialogues was carried out in Murghab city, the informal part was in the Aksu valley and Alishur plateau region. Considering their role in yak husbandry, the Kyrgyz pastoralists of the region were called upon to play a premiere role in the future development of a yak herders association.

At the workshop, it was decided to establish the 'Sary Kol' association to represent the pastoralists' interests in future forums. Sary Kol will coordinate actions and present a legitimate and independent representation of Mughrab pastoralists, including other local associations and enterprises working with pastoralists.

Additionally, the herders identified the need to develop a market for yak products such as yak milk, cheese, meat and hair to promote yak husbandry. Pastoralists need to be trained in processing yak products, and they demand increased investment from national institutions, NGOs and international agencies.

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