



Background and Agenda

Rangelands and Pastoralism: Towards a Global Initiative for Pastoralists’ Territories of Life

A Virtual workshop on 14, 15, and 18 November 2022

Background

Indigenous peoples and local communities have a close and deep connection with **their territories** and natural resources. To manage and regulate the interrelationship between nature and people, communities have established **functional governance institutions** to make and enforce decisions and rules about their **collective rights and responsibilities** regarding nature conservation and the community’s wellbeing. Through these governance institutions, they have been making a balance between their livelihoods and a healthy environment. To recognise the custodian role of indigenous peoples and local communities in nature conservation, the term “**territories of life**” has been introduced, which depicts the age-old, widespread, diverse, and dynamic connectedness between nature and communities.

Pastoral communities, often living in the harshest environments and most marginalised areas, have been carefully governing, managing, and conserving their territories of life, which span rangelands and mountains, pastures and wetlands, lakes, and rivers, from snow-capped peaks to magnificent agrobiodiversity produced by the many cultures that evolved.

The announced workshop has been built on the July 2021 workshop on “Pastoralist Communities’ Territories of Life in Asia”. The first workshop was held to voice the importance of rangeland and pastoral communities for human wellbeing and nature conservation, call for the appropriate recognition and support to **secure collective rights and responsibility to their territories of life** and **respect for their traditional knowledge, practices, and institutions**, and to support and bring greater recognition to [the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists \(IYRP\)](#). For more information, you can read [the brief report of the 2021 workshop](#) and the [statement](#).

Objectives of the Workshop

The overall aim of the workshop is to recruit a collaborative “**Global Initiative**” to **support and strengthen Pastoralists’ Territories of Life** and develop the framework of the “Global Initiative”.

More specifically, the objectives are to identify/validate and agree on the following:

- Key threats to grassland and mountain territories of life and their pastoralist custodians,



- The core focus of the global pastoralist initiative and what sets it apart from other organisations or movements (IYRP, WISP, WAMIP, and others) in order to avoid duplication and develop clear strategies,
- Ways to support the participation of pastoralist communities in remote areas in regional and international movements, programmes, and activities,
- Key elements and a roadmap of the global initiative’s strategy included critical milestones,
- Review of other projects (past, current, planned) that may intersect with the global initiative, possible partners in our vision and/or leverage points for advancing the strategy’s purposes,
- A process in each country (of workshop participants) to engage with pastoralist communities and custodians of grassland territories of life to confirm/validate workshop findings as a basis to develop details of a full proposal,
- Territories of Life as solutions for the current climate and environmental disaster, and what additional element the approach brings compared to other solutions currently being promoted (e.g., Sustainable pastoralism, Nature-based solutions, Holistic rangeland management, Ecosystem restoration, Regenerative Agriculture, One Health, etc.).

Expected Results

- The overall framework of the “Global Initiative on Pastoralists’ Territories of Life”,
- Key priorities for actions and the outline of the further required actions,
- Identified main donors and communication strategy.

Structure and Process of the Workshop

- The workshop will take place over three days on 14, 15, and 18 November 2022.
- Presentations and discussions on Days 1 and 2 will provide background information on priority issues, coordination needs, and opportunities.
- After that, a small team will summarise the findings and prepare the first draft of the overall framework to present on Day 3.
- On Day 3, participants will review, update, and validate the framework, and identify a team to finalise the funding proposal.



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Day 1 – Future of Rangeland and Pastoralist communities

Day 1 highlights key issues for pastoralist communities in coping with climate and policy issues.

No	Description	Facilitator	Time (min)
1	Opening ritual ceremony	By a representative of a pastoral community	5
	House Rules	Nara	5
	Opening Remark	Holly Jonas ICCA-C	5
2	Workshop inauguration: a brief introduction to the workshop, its objectives, and the people and regions represented	Sabine & Ali	10
Discussion panels			
3	Youth and women pastoralists	Meenal and Shruti	45
4	Sustainable livelihoods, livestock, and socio-economic-ecological aspects of pastoralist communities	Sabine and Nara	45
Break			5
5	Climate change, rangelands degradation, conservation, and restoration	Chantsa and Meenal	45
6	Customary Governance and Tenure, and Threats from Rangeland and Conservation Policies and Land Acquisition	Ali and Nahid	45
Closing			



Day 2 – Mobilising global support for pastoral communities and territories of life

Day 2 is to inform about other organisations and ongoing activities supporting pastoralists and their territories of life and discuss needs and opportunities for coordination.

No	Description	Facilitator	Time (min)
	Ceremonial Opening		5
1	House Rules and Agenda	Ali/Tungaa	5
2	A presentation on various Pastoralism processes which are already happening (IYRP/ RISG, DANA+20, COP27, CBD COP15, FAO Global Hub on IFSs, UNCCD COP15, WISP, WAMIP, IUCN, UNDP/GEF/SGP, ILC Rangeland Initiatives)	Terence Hay-Edie	15
3	Introductory presentation of IYRP GCG activities	Engin Yilmaz	5
	Introduction to WAMIP (TBC)		5
	Introduction to FAO Global Hub (TBC)		5
	Introduction to ILC Rangeland Initiatives (TBC)		5
	Introduction to DANA +20	Nahid	5
	Leagues for Pastoral People	Ilse Kohler-Rollefson	5
Break			5
4	Plenary Discussion – how is the <i>Global Initiative</i> distinct from other organisations in pastoralism; needs, opportunities for collaboration; collaboration and synergy mechanisms	Ykhanbai/Sabine/Meenal	60
5	Selection of a volunteer team to work on the findings and outputs of the workshop to prepare the first draft of the <i>Global Initiative</i> framework	Ali/ Tungaa	15
Closing			



After Days 1 and 2, the volunteer working team will summarise the findings, draft the *Global Initiative for Pastoralists' Territories of Life* outline, and provide it as a basis for discussion on Day 3.

Day 3 - Developing a “Global Initiative on Pastoralist Territories of Life”

The objective of Day 3 is to agree on the outline/key design elements of the *Global Initiative* and identify a team to finalise the funding proposal.

No	Description	Facilitator	Time (min)
1	Ceremonial opening		5
2	Presenting the summary of findings of Days 1 and 2	Working team	30
3	Presentation of the <i>Global Initiative</i> ; outlines, key actions, and the framework for a funding proposal	Working team	30
Break			5
4	Opening discussions on the next steps and the process, key roles in writing up the framework for the <i>Global Initiative</i> , and a funding proposal		60
5	Closing remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Igshaan Samuels, Co-Chair of IYRP Global Coordinating Group Terence Hay-Edie, GEF Small Grants Programme Holly Jonas, ICCA Consortium Global Coordinator 	15
Closing the workshop			5