

GLOBAL PASTORALIST GATHERING AND CONFERENCE

Venue: Blue Sky Hotel & Tower in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Date: 14-15 of August 2026

Host: The ministry of food, agriculture and light industry

Program of the plenary sessions only:

TIME	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITIES
FIRST DAY (14 th August 2026)		
08:00 – 09:25	Registration	Organizing team
09:25 – 09:35	Short video	
Opening session: MC Misheel Altan-Erdene		
09:35 – 09:45	Opening	H.E Khurelsukh Ukhnaa, President of Mongolia
09:45 – 09:50		Dr. Yasmine Fouad, Executive secretary, UNCCD
09:50 – 09:55		Message from the Prime Minister of Mongolia Mr.advisor to the prime minister
09:55 – 10:00		Mr. Tsagaankhuu IDERBAT, H.E Minister of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry, Member of Parliament of Mongolia
10:00 – 10:05	Opening remark	Mr. Thanawat Tiensin, Assistant Director-General, Director of the Animal Production and Health Division (NSA)
10:05 – 10:10		H.E Battsetseg Batmunkh Minister of Foreign affairs of Mongolia
10:10 – 10:15		Mr. Jaap Van Hierden United Nations Resident Coordinator in Mongolia
10:15 – 10:25	Traditional cultural performance welcoming	
10:25 – 10:35	Remarks	- Dr. Lauren Svejcar, Research ecologist, Global Alliance for Rangelands and Pastoralists
10:35 – 10:40		- Mr. Enkhtaivan Buuveibaatar, Young pastoralist, from Bayangol soum of Uvurkhagai aimag
10:40 – 10:45		- Mr. Jacob Lekaitogo, Coordinator of IYRP Young Pastoralists Working Group, President of Pastoralist Youth Alliance- Africa
10:45 – 11:00	Refreshments	
PLENARY SESSION 1		
11:00 – 11:20	Joint keynote speech on IYR&P – 2026 - Dr. Igshaan Samuels, Co-chair of GA4RP and Mr. Gregorio Velasco, Secretariat of the IYRP Steering committee	
11:20 – 11:40	Green economy as a future opportunity for pastoralists - Dr. Jonathan Davies, Coordinator of the Working Groups of the Global Alliance for Rangelands and Pastoralists	
11:40 – 12:00	Rangeland map - Dr. Fiona Flintan, Senior Scientist Rangelands and Pastoralism, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)	
12:00 – 12:20	Nomadic culture – Pastoralism - Dr. Dulam BUM-OCHIR, Member of Parliament and Chair of Scientific Committee for International Institute for the Study of Nomadic Civilizations of UNESCO	
12:20 – 12:25	Rangelands – living systems - Lionel Laurens, Resident representative UNDP in Mongolia	
12:25 – 13:30	Lunch	
PANEL DISCUSSION 1: Common challenges for rangeland and pastoralists		
13:30 – 14:15	Moderator: Dr. Natasha Kirit Maru, Focal point for Rangelands and Pastoralists, International Land Coalition (ILC) - Mr. Anders Oskal, Secretary General, World Reindeer Herders (WRH) and Co-Chair of the IYRP International Steering Committee (ISC) - Ms. Maya Sherpa, Pastoralist, Nepal - Dr. Engin Yilmaz, Executive Director, Yolda Initiative & AMNC - Dr. Dana Kelly, Secretariat of the International Rangelands Continuing Committee	

PANEL DISCUSSION 2: Future opportunities for rangeland, pastoralists				
14:15 – 15:00	Moderator: Mr. Gregorio Juan VelascoGil , Regional Project Coordinator of FAO - Mr. Lkhasuren Choi-Ish , Director General of the Department of Animal Husbandry Policy Implementation, MoFALI - Dr. Long Ruijun , Professor at Lanzhou University of China - Ms. Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim , President, Association for Fulani Women and Indigenous Peoples of Chad (AFPAT) - Dr. Maria Fernandez-Gimenez Coordinator of the GA4RP Working Group on Gender and Pastoralism and Senior Research Scholar at Colorado State University.			
15:00 – 15:30	Refreshments			
BREAKOUT SESSIONS				
15:30 – 16:30	Main pastoralists' declaration: - Moderator: Mr. Malih Ole Kaunga, - Co moderator Mr. Anders Oskal, - Finalization, - Selection of spokesperson	Women pastoralists' Declaration: - Moderator: Ms. Bhavana Rabari, - Co moderator: Dr. Maria Fernandez-Gimenez - Finalization, - Selection of spokesperson	Young pastoralists' Declaration: - Moderator: Mr. Bayarsaikhan Ulziibayar, - Co moderator: Ms. Francesca Pasetti Bombardella - Finalization, - Selection of spokesperson	Review of CSO Statement - Moderator: Dr. Engin Yilmaz - Co moderator: Dr. Dashbal Burmaa, - Finalization, - Adopting
PLENARY SESSION 2				
16:30 – 17:00	All pastoralist spokespersons present their statements: Pastoralists' spokesperson Women Pastoralists' spokesperson Youth pastoralists' spokesperson			Selected pastoralist speakers of breakout sessions
17:00 – 17:10	Conclusion and Guidance			MC
17:10 – 17:30	Survey (screening a QR code to answer few simple questions all participants)			Organizing team
17:30 – 18:10	Launch ceremony of Global Handbook on Pastoralism			Book editors and authors
18:10 – 21:00	Reception dinner (via separate agenda)			MoFALI & FAO
SECOND DAY (15 th August 2026)				
09:00 – 09:15	Wrap up of the first day			MC
09:15 – 11:15	Discussions on finalized versions of the declarations: <i>(each declaration presentation takes 15' and followed by 25' Q&A session)</i> General Pastoralists' Declaration, Women Pastoralists' Declaration, Youth Pastoralists' Declaration.			
11:15 – 12:00	Presentation of adopted support statement by CSOs			
12:00 – 12:30	General Q&A session			
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch			
14:00 – 15:30	Adoption of the final declarations: General pastoralists' declaration, Women pastoralists' declaration, Youth pastoralists' declaration.			
15:30 – 16:00	Refreshments			
16:00 – 16:20	Handout of adopted declarations to be delivered at COP17 General pastoralist's declaration to the H.E Tsagaankhuu IDERBAT (MoFALI) by speaker person, Women pastoralist's declaration to the H.E Jessica Alupo (the vice president of Uganda) by speaker person, Youth Pastoralists' Declaration to speaker person			
16:20 – 16:40	Closing remarks (Updating and interlinking with COP17)		Mr. Shurenchuluun BATBAYAR , State Secretary, MECC, Mongolia	
16:40 – 16:50	Conclusion of gathering		Dr. Tumur-Uya JAMBALTSEREN , State secretary of MoFALI, Mongolia	
16:50 – 19:00	Social networking and refreshment time			