

# International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026

## SUMMARY OF REGIONAL RESULTS FOR PRIORITY ISSUES WITHIN EACH OF 12 THEMES

<i>Theme</i>	<i>RISG "Central Asia &amp; Mongolia"</i>	<i>Global</i>
Increasing societal awareness of importance of rangelands & pastoralists	1/ Degradation of pasture land, abandonment, benign neglect, drought, loss of livelihoods 2/ Diversity of rangeland and grassland landscapes	1/ Integrate pastoralism into United Nations "Agenda 2030 and beyond" 2/ Harmonize terms and definitions globally
Securing access to rangelands by pastoralists	1/ Secure the livestock mobility, as it important for wildlife and ecosystems for food production 2/ Reverse rangeland degradation and secure traditional community rights to pasturelands	1/ Global map of rangeland tenure security
Improving access to services and other resources for pastoralists	1/ Improve access to education, mobile schools, vocational training, for pastoral peoples 2/ Improve access to marketing infrastructure, decentralized slaughterhouses	1/ Global Film festival on successful solutions for better access to basic services and pastoral infrastructure
Rangelands, pastoralism, climate change and resilience	1/ Turn vulnerability into resilience 2/ Awareness of impacts of CC on rangelands and pastoralists	1/ Global coordinated research report on GHGs and rangelands 1/ Mainstream Rangelands and Pastoralism into agenda of UNFCCC and IPCC 2/ Lobby for rights of pastoralists to royalties from commercial renewable energy placed on their rangelands
Preserving biodiversity and ecosystem services on rangelands	1/ Promote tourism and conservation in rangelands, to benefit pastoralists 2/ Protect threatened biomes and species,	1/ Showcase successful coalitions of pastoralists and conservationists working on common benefits 2/ Mainstream Rangelands and Pastoralism into agenda of CBD
Water, soils and land use: Mitigating natural resource degradation and managing multiple uses on rangelands	1. Droughts are frequent in drylands/ rangelands, water solutions can become sustainable 2. Managing minerals, mining, carbon extraction and other uses of rangelands	1/ Mainstream Rangelands and Pastoralism into agenda of UNCCD

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Promoting sustainable consumption of livestock products	1/ Livestock/wildlife health, welfare, and joint management 2/ Producing environmentally friendly animal products for consumption, including chemical-free processing of milk and meat, sustainable fiber production	1/ Benefits of rangeland-based animal protein better understood worldwide 1/ Raise awareness on benefits for tackling both malnutrition and obesity
Promoting pastoralist knowledge, culture, innovation	1/ Promoting traditional mobility solutions that work 2/ Recognize indigenous/traditional knowledge and ways of managing land	1/ Worldwide celebrations, awards on pastoral knowledge and innovation 2/ Raise perceived value of herding by developing “professional code of ethics” based on traditional and indigenous knowledge and on international professional standards
Promoting sustainable livestock production	1/ Enhancing healthy and environmentally friendly consumption of meat and meat products 2/ Celebrating diversity of milk and meat products, examples of pastoral foods and regional diversity	1/ Showcase successful certification schemes 1/ One month online “marketplace” to connect pastoralists with buyers 2/ Raise issue of unfair subsidies in global fora such as HLPF, UNEA and FAO Conferences in 2022-2025
Promoting the well-being of pastoralist women	1/ Adopting community-based land management including women 2/ Pastoral women’s visions and needs for pastoralism (participation, empowerment)	1/ Film exhibition of successful women-led pastoral enterprises
Promoting the well-being of pastoralist youth	1/ Vocational training, specialized training for pastoral youth 2/ Youth contribution to economies, and environment; pastoralist youth entrepreneurship	1/ Showcase examples where urban-centric education curricula has been changed to better match needs of pastoralist youth
Promoting sustainable technologies and innovations for rangelands and pastoralists	1/ Develop education and training programs that result in knowledge and skills for the future of pastoralism 2/ Rangeland and grassland restoration and improvement; soil improvement	1/ Survey and showcase pastoral innovations that are cost-effective, sustainable, and make life easier