



IYRP 12 global monthly themes - 2026

A flexible framework for integrated and coherent global advocacy

during each month of 2026.

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Month	Theme	Main messages
January	Rangelands and pastoralists: a global overview	Who are pastoralists? What are rangelands? Pastoralism is not nostalgia but a sustainable future. Sustainable and equitable governance and management are key to thriving rangelands and resilient pastoralists.
February	Mobility, land and water security	What is pastoral mobility? Pastoral mobility is essential for rangelands and pastoralists and must be accommodated within land tenure and water resource laws.
March	Livelihoods and economics	Pastoralism is an economic powerhouse that is largely unrecognized. Rangelands are not wastelands. Pastoralists are food security champions.
April	Climate Change and resilience	Pastoralism is an integrated strategy to simultaneously tackle adaptation to and mitigation of climate change while enhancing the resilience of peoples.
May	Biodiversity and ecosystem services	Pastoral land management preserves biodiversity of rangelands and safeguards a host of ecosystem services.
June	Sustainable rangeland use and restoration	Pastoralists serve as custodians of rangelands and their practices help to conserve and restore them. Stop indiscriminate conversion of rangelands to cropland and other inappropriate uses and prevent the abandonment of rangelands.

July	Services and infrastructure for pastoralists	Pastoralists need services and infrastructures compatible with and adapted to their ways of life. Improve access to health, education, financial, internet, and other services. Create mobility corridors and landscape connectivity.
August	Indigenous and local knowledge, culture and innovation	Recognise, value and equally respect indigenous and local knowledge of rangeland management. Help preserve knowledge and pass it down through generations. Celebrate cultural diversity and conserve cultural heritage of pastoralists.
September	Benefits to society	Pastoralist traditions have provided many value systems and cultural identities in shaping our world. Rangeland products contribute to nutrition, health and hygiene; celebrate the diversity of these products. Pastoralist production can make a significant contribution to global protein supply and meet rising demand for healthy food.
October	Pastoralist women	Promote gender-inclusive approaches, and the equitable and inalienable rights of pastoralist women to own and inherit livestock, access and use land, natural resources, biodiversity, technology, knowledge and information, and appropriate health, education and social services. Ensure safe, non-discriminatory and violence-free workplaces for pastoralist women.
November	Pastoralist youth	The future of pastoralism will depend on the innovation and inspiration of future generations. Address high entry barriers by enabling pastoralist youth to access land, participate in governance, and maintain their pastoralist mobility and flexibility. Improve access to mobile schools and vocational training, entrepreneurship, and internet-literacy.
December	Innovative solutions for a sustainable future	Innovate in herd and rangeland management, beneficial technologies and infrastructure, economic , insurance and other services. Recognise and promote pastoralists, including women and youth, to participate in co-production of knowledge and innovation.