



Minutes of fourth online meeting of RISG for IYRP “Central Asia & Mongolia”, 21 May, 2021.

Participants: Abdumalik Egemberdiev (Kyrgyz Jayity, Kyrgyzstan), Elvira Maratova (Kyrgyz Jayity, Kyrgyzstan), Aitkhul Burkhanov (KAFLU, Kyrgyzstan), Sairagul Tajbayeva (KAFLU, Kyrgyzstan), Erkin Kazbai (JASIL, Mongolia), Hijaba Ykhanbai (JASIL, Mongolia), Gankhyag Nyam-Ochir (NFPUG, Mongolia), Sumjidmaa (NFPUG, Mongolia), Umut Zholdasheva (RDF, Kyrgyzstan), Mirzokhid Yuldashev (AIIC, Uzbekistan), Mamaankhy N (Women Herder's Association, Mongolia) and Ashish Gupta (IFAOM, Germany).

Totally 12 participants

Informed and discussed:

1. Mr. Abdumalik Egemberdiev (Director, Kyrgyz Jayity, Kyrgyzstan) informed about a work on legal and policy reform in Kyrgyzstan. As after the election of New President most legal and policy documents being reviewed and updated. In the updated Constitution the pasture land judicially under the “state property” as in previous Constitution. However we are going to review and draft the new “Law on Pastures”, and depending on that organized several national and regional level meetings in the country, with the participation of representatives from all stakeholders. These activities also promote IYRP for securing pasture land use rights of herder's.

2. Mr. Gankhyag N., (Director, NFPUG, Mongolia) informed about the work on the monitoring and assessment of rangelands in Mongolia. The structure and methodology of pasture land monitoring was informed in detail, including rangeland health monitoring and grazing impact assessment. Also informed about the national rangeland state outlook, and the national level data management and its structure with photo monitoring system (<http://www.egazar.gov.mn>).

3. Mr. Aitkhul Burkhanov (Director, KAFLU, Kyrgyzstan) informed about the ongoing activities on Agroforestry in the country and CA region. The conception for agroforestry was developed for the case of Kyrgyzstan, and pilot area for agroforestry was created in cooperation with KJ. There are some initial discussions on how to involve CA region to the Decade of Global Ecosystem Restoration, as well as to promote IYRP in Central Asia.

4. Mr. Hijaba Ykhanbai (JASIL, Mongolia) informed about the specifics of Pastoral agriculture for food systems, as one of benefits of rangelands in regard to the IYRP proposal. Many innovations in regard on Food systems are used for sustainable pastoralism. In Mongolia, as in many other countries, introducing the traceability system, which starting from preparation of animal husbandry products, such as milk, meet, etc from herder households or community up to delivering it to final consumers, based on information technology. Mobility of pasture use reduces environmentally externality cost for both economy and ecology, with minimizing rangeland degradation and keeping ecological balance between rangeland capacity and animal husbandry based food production. Open discussions on priorities and actions for Food systems in the country and local communities was followed, and participants commented on the need to value add and processing agriculture food products at local level.

5. At the end of meeting Mr. Abdumalik E., Kyrgyz Jayity, Informed about the planned Rangeland exchange event in June, "Issyk Kul" region of Kyrgyzstan, which will focus on traditions of pasture land management, and to the ongoing activities in local pasture associations and exchange its results. Interested international and local participants welcome to attend, however they should self-financed for that.

6. At the meeting Mr. Ashish Gupta (Master student, IFAOM, Germany, originally from India) introduce himself and his plan to work for organic agriculture and experience sharing on it with the stakeholders Kyrgyzstan as well as in the CA region.

Next meeting of RISG "Central Asia and Mongolia" will be organized in second half of June.

Meeting started at 5.00 pm and closed at 7.00.

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