

LETTER OF SUPPORT TO IYRP 2026

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This is to extend our organizational SUPPORT to the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) 2026 designated by United Nations. The issues related to rangelands and the threatened lives and livelihoods of pastoralist people especially in Central Asia and Eastern Europe are the driving forces behind nearly 18% share of works The Grassroots Institute is doing. The Grassroots Institute has already been working on the issues through its “Rangelands Initiative” <http://grassrootsinstitute.net/rangelands-initiative.html> undertaking Legal, Policy and Use of Technology Studies.

In support of IYRP 2026, TGI will undertake the following actions:

- 1) Dedicated Day of Sessions on ‘*Transhumance, Pastoralism and Rangeland Governance*’ in Summer Field School on Mountain Ecosystems & Resource Management (FSc MER 2023 <https://www.grassrootsglobal.net/mer2023/schedule.html#day4>), in FSc MER 2025 and FSc MER 2027.
- 2) From 2022, an international scientific journal ‘*Pastures & Pastoralism*’ <https://www.grassrootsjournals.org/pp> has been launched. It will be published annually in December every year, with a Special IYRP issue in 2026.
- 3) Under Grassroots Global Leadership Program (GLP), Special Fellows on ‘*Pastures and Pastoralism*’ <https://grassrootsinstitute.ca/glp> will be selected and recruited for 2022-25 and for 2024-27. All the Special Fellows on Pastures & Pastoralism will take active part in global, regional and national activities of IYRP.
- 4) TGI is planning to start a *Practitioner Diploma on Transhumance and Rangeland Governance* <https://grassrootsinstitute.ca/> from 2024 and all the students/participants will undertake Special Project Works in context of IYRP.

Nearly USD 9900 will be spent annually on all above 4 activities. This is in addition to our routine miscellaneous study works under Rangelands Initiative. Sincerely yours,



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