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## Letter of support for IYRP 2026

Dear Minister Zagdjav,

Pastoralism is a sustainable and effective way of managing rangelands that cannot be used for agricultural production. Yet pastoralist ways of life are often disregarded by non-pastoralists, and many pastoralist groups are marginalised in policy-making processes.

We are writing to express Biovision's support for the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP). Biovision is a Swiss non-governmental organisation that focuses on promoting agroecology through supporting advocacy, research, and project implementation.

In close cooperation with local organisations, we support various projects in drylands in Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania. IYRP 2026 will bring pastoralists and their ecosystems to the forefront of the international policy agenda, and we would like to thank you for your efforts in this regard.

Sincerely,



Martin Schmid

Co-head of development projects department