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**H.E. Mr. Enkhbayar Jamdamba**

Minister of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry of Mongolia  
13381 Governmental Building,  
Peace Avenue 16a, Bayanzurkh District,  
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

**Subject: Supporting the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP)**

**Your Excellency,**

The International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) is a CGIAR research centre which is a global research partnership of 15 elite agricultural research centres focused on a food-secure future. CGIAR/ICARDA science is dedicated to reducing poverty, enhancing food and nutrition security, and improving natural resources and ecosystem services. Research is carried out in close collaboration with hundreds of partners and stakeholders, including national and international research institutes, civil society organizations, academia, development organizations and the corporate sector.


ICARDA's mission is to generate impactful research that contributes to poverty reduction while strengthening food, water, and nutritional security, and promoting environmental sustainability in the face of global challenges such as climate change and fragility in non-tropical drylands. ICARDA works closely with its network of partners across Central and West Asia, North Africa (CWANA), and the Middle East, employing approximately 376 staff and managing an annual operating budget of around USD 40 million.

Pastoralism and rangelands is a key focus of ICARDA's work. We conduct research aimed at improving the resilience of pastoral systems, enhancing ecosystems, and supporting the livelihoods of the millions of people who depend on them. We strongly believe that these rangeland systems and pastoral communities deserve greater attention and support.

### **Support for the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists**

ICARDA is pleased to express its commitment to supporting the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP). We will make available staff from our Communications team to assist the Government of Mongolia and the steering committee in raising awareness and mobilizing support for the Year.

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During 2026, ICARDA is willing to support several key events, to be decided and agreed with the Mongolian government and partners as part of the proposal and action plan for the Year. This could include making available the use of ICARDA facilities and staff for the preparation and implementation of key events including meetings, experience sharing, and documentation, as well as support to pastoralist and government-led events in the countries where ICARDA operates. Again, ICARDA's Communications team will be on hand to assist with the production of publications, publicity material and media interactions.

We wish the IYRP every success and if you require any assistance from us please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our utmost to assist you.

Yours sincerely,



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