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Your Excellency, Minister Badamsuren M.

ACEMAA is an organization that has been working with pastoralist communities in the Cusco region of Peru for almost two decades (for further information, please see links in the Annex). In this regard, our institution highly welcomes the United Nations' declaration of 2026 as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP 2026).

Through this letter, we wish to express ACEMAA's interest in joining the Regional Support Group for South America (SA RISG). We are convinced that our participation will contribute to the scientific and technical work of the group's initiatives, without implying any financial commitment.

The Cusco region (Peru) has been designated as the venue for the South American Regional Meeting, and since Cusco is our headquarter, we are already contributing to the SA RISG by co-organizing the Regional Meeting (17-19 July 2026), an event for which we have made available our administrative team, technical staff, team of volunteers and our network of contacts.

We are looking forward to collaborating closely with the Regional Support Group (SA RISG) and other partners in this important effort.

Sincerely,



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Annex

- 1) ACEMAA's Center for Participatory Research and Experimentation for High Andean Pastoralist Systems (CIEP-SUPAA for its Spanish acronym): Participatory Ecohydrological Monitoring System (SMEHP for its Spanish acronym). UNESCO Ecohydrology Demonstration Sites "Bofedales Pastoralist Systems – CIEP-SUPAA (Cusco, Peru):
 - <http://ecohydrology-ihp.org/demosites/view/2052>.
 - <https://www.unesco.org/en/articles/meet-14-new-ecohydrology-demonstration-sites>.
 - https://www.linkedin.com/posts/activity-7424597155534876672-OPhB?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAABDSwhQB-oSeEignZqGLqboVRw4lPeZymLA
- 2) ACEMAA's comprehensive territorial management project:
 - https://www.ppdperu.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/EC_CUSCO_PUBLI.pdf,
- 3) https://www.undp.org/es/peru/blog/connecting-knowledge-water-resilience-andes?fbclid=IwAR0UX6lhHeRYWHyU5TrmOiVQld9LnXcdOz12_hfzj1eaeaRCswsHUOtaWAQAr
Article about the initiative in a Swiss environmental experts' magazine:
 - https://ffu-pee.ch/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/forum2_24_GzD_interaktiv.pdf
- 4) Link to the UNCCD book on "Women-led solutions for drought resilience":
 - <https://www.unccd.int/resources/publications/women-led-solutions-drought-resilience>
- 5) "CONNECTING KNOWLEDGES, BUILDING RESILIENCE – CbA and EbA in high Andean Pastoralist Systems in Cusco":
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkIKzPgHWAs&t=3s>
- 6) ACEMAA's CIEP-SUPAA and SMEHP as an early warning system against droughts:
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wQEmU1zKfbWz1EiPwdviUaUPQixiOu0M/view>
 - <https://accionclimaticaplaca.org/es/soluciones-tecnologicas-de-bajo-costo-y-o-basadas-en-recursos-locales/>
- 7) Policy brief about Loss & Damages (L&D):McQuistan C.I., Baiker, J.R., Farfan Flores, D., Farfan Flores, J., Arestegui, M. (2025). [A study of Communities in the High Andes: Assessing and Adressing Climate-Induced Loss and Damage](#). Practical Action, Rugby, UK: Practical Action Publishing.