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Minister of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry of Mongolia (MoFALI)
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Bayanzurkh District, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Subject: Expression of Support for the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) 2026 from the CoCo Project

Dear Minister Jamdamba,

On behalf of the CoCo Project (Co-creating Coexistence), I would like to express our strong support for the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) 2026 and to request recognition as a Friend of the IYRP.

Importance of IYRP to the CoCo Project

Pastoralists are core to CoCo's concept and practice. The multi-disciplinary project which brings together researchers and stakeholders from 12 EU countries, focuses on the interactions between pastoralism and wildlife. It has the mission : "to transform an entrenched conflict to a future state where pastoralism is valued and viable and enabled to coexist with wildlife in multi-functional landscapes." We do this by talking to pastoralists directly and ensuring their voices enter the public debate. The IYRP's goals—raising the profile of rangelands, centring pastoralist knowledge, and catalysing policy action—align directly with our mission to bridge research, policy and practice and amplify pastoralist voices.

Activities before and during IYRP 2026

In 2025, we carried out a major survey of pastoralists across Europe. In 2026, we plan to organise feedback with those who contributed to the survey through meetings and written communications. Where it is possible, we would like to co-organise this with other IYRP partners in our case study locations.

Support strategy

CoCo will contribute in kind to the aims of IYRP via the time dedicated to complementary activities for example, integrating IYRP messaging across our ongoing activities. We will leverage our website, newsletters, social media and partner networks to raise awareness, co-organise sessions where feasible, while potentially exploring complementary funding opportunities with donors and collaborators to extend the reach of IYRP-aligned actions.

We would be delighted to be recognised as a partner, friend or supporter of the IYRP 2026. Please let us know if any further information is required from our side.

Yours sincerely,

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