

Minutes of IYRP Pastoralism & Gender Working Group meeting

23rd February 2023

Attended online by

Ann Waters-Bayer (Agregcol/DITSL/CELEP)

Fidaa Haddad (FAO)

Lucia Gerbaldo (FAO)

Margareta Lelea (DITSL)

Nitya Ghotge (ANTHRA)

This was the first meeting of the Working Group (WG) and began with a round of introductions.

Following the introductions, Fidaa and Lucia shared a presentation on WeCaN and suggested ways in which the Pastoralism & Gender WG could work with the WeCaN movement. They said they would inform their members about the IYRP and suggest they join the movement, express support and make themselves visible on the IYRP website. They also spoke about a global gathering of 16 representatives of their network in Rome this May, which could also be a starting point for the collaboration. WeCaN is available to support pastoralist women's groups and local leaders to bring their voices into international events, strengthening their capacities on advocacy, negotiation and access to funds.

Margareta spoke about her work and research amongst pastoralists in the border of Hungary and Romania. She suggested stakeholder mapping of the different groups.

Nitya shared a presentation of the Concept Note (CN) and requested that others add to the CN with possible outputs and outcomes

Everybody seemed to appreciate the idea of participatory video. A suggestion was made to have one for each of the 12 monthly themes of the IYRP, bringing in the perspective of pastoralist women and girls on each theme.

The idea of a special issue of Perspectives of Pastoralism Film Festival devoted to women & youth was also appreciated.

Ann explained a little bit about the way the IYRP WGs function: initial CN circulated to IYRP International Support Group (ISG) members to ask who is interested in collaborating, then virtual meeting with these people to see what they prioritise to work on together, possibly in subgroups on different themes or type of activity. Ann also explained that the IYRP and therefore the Gender WG covers all regions of the world, including the Arctic, Australia and North America, and wondered if WeCaN also intends to operate over time in all regions. Lucia confirmed this, with a special emphasis on dryland contexts.

Nitya suggested a logo be designed for the WG, which Margareta also liked.

Actions

Ann will send out a doodle poll for selecting a date for the next meeting, which would be held in the week of 20th March.

Nitya will circulate the minutes and concept note to Fidaa and Lucia and others.