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## H.E. Mr Enkhbayar Jamdamba

Minister of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry of Mongolia (MoFALI) 13381 Governmental Building 9th Peace Avenue 16a, Bayanzurkh District Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Your Excellency,

Subject: Letter of Support for the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) 2026

The Ardha Jabesa Foundation, a non-governmental organization registered in Kenya, is dedicated to environmental conservation, biodiversity protection, women and youth empowerment, sustainable livelihoods and land restoration in the arid regions of Northern Kenya. We work closely with indigenous pastoralist communities in counties such as Isiolo and Wajir to promote resilience against climate challenges and preserve traditional practices.

We are pleased to express our strong commitment and support for the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) 2026, an initiative that aligns closely with our mission.

- a) Importance of IYRP to Our Organization: The IYRP is of paramount importance to the Ardha Jabesa Foundation as it elevates global awareness of rangelands' critical role in supporting pastoralist livelihoods, biodiversity conservation and climate adaptation in arid and semi-arid areas of Northern Kenya. It provides a platform to address challenges such as land degradation, water scarcity and food insecurity, which directly impact the communities we serve, fostering sustainable development and policy advocacy that strengthens our ongoing efforts.
- b) Types of Activities We Could Carry Out or Participate In:

Before IYRP 2026, We are planning to conduct preparatory activities including community workshops on sustainable rangeland management, advocacy campaigns to engage local governments and stakeholders and partnerships with international networks for knowledge sharing.

During IYRP 2026, We are intending to participate in global events such as conferences and webinars, organize local awareness campaigns and field demonstrations on land restoration and collaborate on research initiatives to document pastoralist practices, contributing to the year's objectives through on-the-ground projects in Northern Kenya.

c) on Indicative Financing or Funding Strategy, The Ardha Jabesa Foundation commits to funding strategy that includes seeking grants from international donors such as the UNCCD G20 Global Land Initiative and other partners focused on Land Restoration and environmental sustainability, aiming to leverage matching funds for expanded impact.

We look forward to collaborating with the Ministry and other stakeholders to make IYRP 2026 a success. Please contact us through the above email for any further discussions.

Sincerely,

Halake Mohamed
Executive Director
ARDHA JABESA FOUNDATION.