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Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

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

Your Excellency,

On behalf of The Nature Conservancy (TNC), I am pleased to express our strong support for the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) 2026, as proclaimed by the United Nations. Rangelands and pastoralist communities are vital to food security, biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, and cultural heritage worldwide.

The Nature Conservancy has a long-standing commitment to advancing sustainable rangeland management and to working in partnership with governments, Indigenous Peoples, pastoralists, and local communities to strengthen land stewardship, resilience, and equitable outcomes.

We view IYRP as an important opportunity to elevate global attention to the value of rangelands and pastoralist systems, promote knowledge sharing and evidence-based policy, and foster collaboration across sectors and regions. The initiative aligns closely with TNC's priorities related to ecosystem restoration, climate adaptation and mitigation, sustainable livelihoods, and nature-based solutions.

In support of the objectives of IYRP 2026, The Nature Conservancy intends to contribute in collaborative manner through sharing existing science, policy insights, and practical experience, while supporting the Government of Mongolia, FAO and partners in advancing the objectives of IYRP throughout 2026.

We welcome the opportunity to collaborate with the Government of Mongolia, FAO, and the IYRP Global Alliance to help ensure that IYRP 2026 leads to lasting recognition, inclusive policy dialogue, and meaningful action for pastoralists and sustainable rangeland management.

Please accept this letter as a formal expression of our support for the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists 2026.

Sincerely,

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