

After a monumental concerted effort from rangeland people around the world, the UN officially designated 2026 as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP). More than half of the world is comprised of rangelands. Yet, as the global human population becomes more modernized, people in urban centers are often disconnected from rangelands and their importance to food security, conservation, and environmental services. The IYRP's mission is to promote an understanding and appreciation of rangelands around the world and the people who use them. Specifically, it aims to:

- Increase worldwide understanding of the importance of rangelands and pastoralists for food security and environmental services
- Mobilize people worldwide to address today's challenges and to grasp new opportunities in rangelands management and pastoralism
- Boost efforts for creating new knowledge and sharing experiences and practices
- Inform decision-making at all levels, calling for enlightened policy to benefit current and future generations



There are efforts at many levels (local to global) related to outreach, policy and awareness including the development of a UN Secretariate for Rangelands, a documentary film based in the US, and a wide range of outreach efforts such as art exhibitions, the development of kids' books and online media.

**We would love to work with you!** We are looking for locations to host exhibits such as informative posters and different art media (photos, paintings, etc) at their location/business.

For mor information, see the <https://iyrp.info/> website or email Lauren Svejcar ([lauren.svejcar@usda.gov](mailto:lauren.svejcar@usda.gov)) or Stephen Bramwell ([bramwell@wsu.edu](mailto:bramwell@wsu.edu)). We would love to have you involved!