

Coalition of European Lobbies on Eastern- African Pastoralism

Policy lobbying with and for pastoralists

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What is CELEP?



Coalition of **E**uropean **L**obbies on **E**astern-**A**fri**C**an **P**astoralism

- **Members: European non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and research institutes**
- **Partners: NGOs and research institutes in Eastern Africa**
- **Focused on information and advocacy on pastoralist and pastroalist livelihoods in Eastern Africa and the Horn of Africa**
- **Created in 2009 upon initiative of Cordaid Netherlands**

CELEP members and partners in 2015



CELEP members:

ACORD	Kimmage DSC
Africa Study Center	LPP
Agrecol	Mercy Corps
AgriProFocus	MRG
Concern Worldwide	Oxfam
Cordaid	Pax
ELD	PENHA
Farm-Africa	Practical Action
Future Agricultures	Terra Nuova
HPG-ODI	VSF-Belgium
IIED	VSF-Germany
IWGIA	WISP-IUCN

CELEP partners:

COPACSO (Uganda)
DLCI (Eastern Africa)
RECONCILE (Eastern Africa)
PFE (Ethiopia)
KLMC (Kenya)
PDNK (Kenya)
PINGO's Forum (Tanzania)

Mission statement



“The Members of the Coalition will work together to lobby their national governments, European Union bodies (Council, Parliament and Commission) as well as other policy-formulating bodies/agencies in Europe (e.g. the European Headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva and the FAO in Rome) to explicitly recognise and support pastoralism (and the people that practise pastoralism: pastoralists) in the drylands of Eastern Africa”.

Collaboration to influence European policy



- **Mission statement focuses on European policies: European NGOs are legitimate actors to lobby their governments & institutions**
- **Collaboration with Eastern-African partner organisations and research institutes necessary:**
 - to provide scientifically sound arguments
 - to have inputs from grassroots level in Eastern Africa
- **Partner organisations in Eastern Africa are legitimate actors to lobby their own governments & institutions = mutually complementary activities**

Informal coalition



- **Not a legal entity**
- **Coalition coordinated by rotating focal point (European member organisation), currently Vétérinaires Sans Frontières (VSF) Belgium**
- **Main decisions taken at annual meeting to which all members and partners invited**
- **Strategic decisions by core-group members (European & African) elected at annual meeting**
- **Communication between members and partners through email, Skype & GoogleGroup**
- **Financed by members:**
 - **Membership fee depends on size of organisation**
 - **Contributions in kind equally important**



Thematic foci of lobbying activities



- Recognition of pastoralism as **valuable and viable livelihood system** that contributes to national and regional economies, food security, employment and sustainable management of natural resources
- **Mobility** crucial for sustainable pastoralism and community security
- Pastoralists' rights to **access and manage natural resources**
- Pastoralism as positive example of **adaptation to climate change**

Activities



Lobbying European policymaking & funding institutions

- Organising information and lobbying events
- Meetings of members & partners with EU institutions including European Parliament
- Suggesting amendments to legislative texts for EU development cooperation
- Exposure visits of Members of European Parliament to Eastern Africa
- Developing and applying lobbying tools and materials

Information, communication & networking

- GoogleGroup (360 members): NGOs, research institutes & universities, pastoralist organisations, donors, interested individuals
- Website www.celep.info
- Writing papers and articles / giving presentations / stimulating discussions / photo exhibits



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Recent & upcoming activities



- Stimulating and formulating ACP-EU JPA resolution on social and environmental impact of pastoralism
- Achieving EU resolution condemning severe cases of land grabbing in Tanzania
- Launching book “*Valuing variability*” in Brussels on 22 Sept (European Parliament) and 23 Sept (European Commission)
- Fact-finding mission in October to Uganda with 2 Members of European Parliament from Germany (both members of Committee on Development)
- Annual meeting 25–27 November at Cordaid offices in The Hague (Netherlands)

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