

## CELEP Update

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### An International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP)

- A new statement on the IYRP was written and published on the CELEP website. The statement was also sent to members of the European Parliament (EP) and will also be shared with other advocacy contacts through the European Focal Point. The EP seems to be less interested in pursuing particular action on the IYRP.
- The official flyer promoting the IYRP was co-signed by CELEP (logo included). The flyer was recently revised and updated and can also be downloaded on the [CELEP](#) website.
- There are plans to organise a **briefing in Brussels** to promote the IYRP at the same time as the CELEP annual meeting but there is nothing specific at this point. Contacts were made – and exchanges are ongoing – with CTA and the FAO Liaison office in Brussels.
- At the World Bank conference (see [agenda](#)), there was also be a meeting on the IYRP, arranged by Fiona Flintan.
- For more information on the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP), go to <https://globalrangelands.org/international-year-rangelands-and-pastoralists-initiative>
- The topic of the IYRP was also discussed in the light of the recent pastoralist days in Kenya/Ethiopia. The Kenya Pastoralist Week (KPW) in Nanyuki was attended by several CELEP members including RECONCILE, Cordaid and PDNK. Cordaid was involved in a panel on pastoralism during the KPW. Schedule and invitation can be found [here](#). Ken Otieno, from RECONCILE and Regional Focal Point for CELEP, made a report from the Kenya pastoralist week which can be found [here](#). RECONCILE had a tent where it held discussions at the three levels of its work:
  - **The global-level advocacy** through CELEP targeting the European Parliament/ Commission on pastoral issues. This is also the level where RECONCILE presents updates to the CELEP members as the Regional Focal Point. Since RECONCILE still had brochures of CELEP, these were shared with those who visited the stand.

- **At regional level**, the work and issues revolved around the need for more targeted advocacy by CELEP members and the political representatives such as the East Africa Pastoralist Parliamentary Group (PPG).
- **At national level**: events such as the Pastoralist Week are an opportunity to advocate for pastoralism.
- Other opportunities to promote the IYRP were also discussed by the core group in a recent conference call:
  - This year's Tropentag, which takes place in Bonn on 20–22 September (<http://www.tropentag.de/>).
  - **The COP 23** in Bonn on 6–17 November 2017. Since CELEP has many German members, there might be a possibility to have something outside of the conference such as a side-event. This could coincide with the CELEP annual meeting.

**For your action: if you see a possibility in Europe to raise awareness on the IYRP and to organise an event, please get in touch with the Focal Point. If you are accredited to join the COP23 and you see a way of involving CELEP – by setting up a side-event for instance – please get in touch with the Focal Point.**

### New Alliance on Food Security and Nutrition

- Update from Lucy Wood (Terra Nuova): working on it, trying to work with Thembi (journalist) to have a position paper/policy brief on the matter (on a side-note also informed that she is working on a position paper on **milk** with Réseau Bilital Maroobe (WAF) – possibilities to be useful for CELEP there as well – but see comments under EU-Brussels activities).

### World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty + LANDac Conference in Utrecht

- Ann (Agregcol) and Ken (RECONCILE, CELEP Regional Focal Point) facilitated the submission of the abstract of Edward Loure from UCRT (Ujamaa Community Resource Team), Tanzania. Fiona Flintan from ILC (International Land Coalition) provided logistical support. Ken has also provided input for other abstracts on pastoralism that were submitted. The papers below together, with that of Edward, are from Eastern Africa and Ken is a contributor to the Kenyan papers:
  - Land Use Change in the Bale Mountains Eco-Region of Ethiopia: Drivers, Impacts and Future Scenarios
  - Securing Shared Grazing Land and Water Resources in Semi-Arid Pastoral Areas: Application of Social Tenure Domain Model Experience in Rural Kenya
  - Making Rangelands more Secure in Cameroon: Lessons Learned and Recommendations for Policy Makers, Development Actors and Pastoralists
  - Land Use Planning and Communal Land Tenure Reforms in Pastoral Areas: The Experiences of Kenya
- All abstracts and papers are online. The ppts of the presentations will be available by mid-March.
- Two abstracts were also submitted for the [Landac conference](#) in Utrecht. One is an altered version of the one that Edward submitted for the World Bank conference and another is based on a paper Ken wrote on drylands. Edward's abstract was accepted and the one Ken wrote was conditionally accepted. CELEP is currently looking for funding to facilitate the participation of Edward in the LANDac conference in June.

**For your action: if your organisation can contribute financially to fund Edward's participation in the Utrecht conference, please get in touch with the CELEP Focal Point.**

## Updated CELEP position paper on the value of pastoralism

- The document was finalised and can be found [here](#). It will also be available in a new layout before the end of April, when it will be shared online and through the google group.

## Interest of new CELEP partners

- Kaalmo Relief and Development (KRD) (<http://www.kaalmosom.org/>) contacted CELEP to join the coalition. It was agreed that KRD could become an Eastern African partner.

## CELEP Google Group

- Discussion on Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT): It was agreed by the core group that *CELEP would follow this up only after studies have been published that can provide arguments for any positioning*. Writing a brief on the “NRT model” could be considered later.
- Discussion on education for pastoralists: It was agreed that, **if CELEP members and partners are interested**, one of the studies on this subject can be made into a short CELEP brief.

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## EU–Brussels activities

- Relaunching Brussels contacts:
  - Member of European Parliament (MEP) Heubuch: less focused on rangelands, interest in pastoralism continues
  - MEP Neuser:
    - Particular interest in DAIRY/MILK.
    - Possibility to do a hearing in the Parliament on the topic and have a resolution of the Parliament on this (at the same time as the CELEP annual meeting). Entry point: new trade agreements between ACP and EU to replace Cotonou agreements (Economic Partnership Agreements). Need for scientific proof (studies and figures) that illustrate potential of local milk production and barriers to self-sufficiency in terms of milk consumption in several countries. Also focus on food security and nutrition and need to invest in infrastructure. Eastern AND Western Africa focus.
    - Neuser is working on the New Consensus for Development (next big thing in EU development policy): difficult to put accents related to pastoralism/livestock. Negotiations are ongoing.
    - The core group concluded that dairy is less interesting as part of the CELEP/Pastoralism for Eastern Africa lobbying agenda as the focus in dairy development in Eastern Africa is on more intensive systems in the highlands.
  - MEP Wenta (new coordinator for development in the European People’s Party/EPP).
  - CELEP is currently preparing a parliamentary question with the EP to the Commission to have more information on the technical note on pastoralism.
- New contacts within AFET (Committee on Foreign Affairs) need to be established.
- European Development Days (EDD):
  - Too expensive, already €1400 to pay for carbon offset, this did not include costs related to the actual activity (speakers, moderation, etc.). However, CELEP could suggest a speaker to join one of the sessions. A list of sessions and organisers will be published early April by the EDD organisers.

**For your action: If your organisation or any of your partners is organising a session at the 2017 EDDs in June in Brussels, please get in touch with the Focal Point.**

## Setting up an Eastern and Southern African Pastoralist Network

With the setting up of the FAO Pastoralist Knowledge Hub (PKH) and the worldwide consultation on pastoralism managed by VSF-International and funded by IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development), it was decided to support the creation of an Eastern and Southern African Pastoralism Network (ESAPN). This process has been supported by COPACSO (Ugandan partner of CELEP) with the financial support of FAO through the PKH. The setting up of this network will have a clear impact on CELEP activities in Europe and in Eastern Africa in terms of partnerships with Eastern African pastoralist CSOs.

In the month of March 2017, the ESAPN proposed to host a 2-day workshop to launch its activities including strategy and instruments of governance. CELEP finds this an opportunistic meeting to steer the discussion towards a concerted and collaborative path. The workshop is proposed to take place on 4 and 5 May and the European Focal Point (based in Belgium) and the Regional Focal Point (based in Kenya) propose to attend this workshop on behalf of CELEP. Therefore, from the first meeting on, CELEP can be involved in the process to observe, advise and strategise where needed. It was therefore agreed that Ken Otieno (RECONCILE, CELEP Regional Focal Point) and Koen Van Troos (VSFB, European Focal Point) will jointly represent CELEP during the meeting.

## Partner meeting of the FAO Pastoralist Knowledge Hub (PKH)

On 3 April, the FAO PKH is organising a partner meeting in Rome at the FAO Headquarters. Several CELEP members will attend as well as the CELEP European Focal Point. The meeting is expected to define an agenda for future activities in support of pastoralism. A detailed report on the meeting will be provided to the CELEP members and partners after the meeting.

## Financing

- CELEP introduced a project proposal in response to [a call for proposals from the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development](#). The decision will be made within 6 months of submission of the project.
- Budget 2017: small, [here](#). Additional funding might be needed. European members were also contacted regarding their membership contribution (financial or in kind).

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