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Past activities

PASTRES project meeting + future involvement

PASTRES stands for Pastoralism, Uncertainty and Resilience. It focuses on case studies in China, Northern Kenya and Sardinia. The launch meeting took place at the beginning of May. Ann joined on behalf of CELEP. Fiona also took part. At the end of the meeting, there was a discussion on how PASTRES can be involved in networks such as CELEP to influence policymakers. There is nothing specific yet in terms of follow-up actions for CELEP. It is a 5-year project and only in Years 4–5 will there be more advocacy activities. Contacts are established between CELEP and PASTRES and a skype call has been planned to discuss possible collaboration.

The PASTRES project can be followed here: <https://steps-centre.org/project/pastres-pastoralism-uncertainty-resilience/> and on Twitter: @PASTRES_erc.

Policy brief on land

The new policy brief on land has been finalised and was published online and sent through the GoogleGroup. You can find the final version here: <http://www.celep.info/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Policybrief-land-use-change-May-2018-.pdf>. It was published exactly one year after the landmark ruling of the Ogiek people against the Kenyan Government.



Battling women's double marginalisation in pastoral societies – CELEP at the European Development Days, Brussels, 6 June 2018

While pastoralists have become increasingly vocal at global level, pastoralist women are still insufficiently heard despite their key role in value-chain development and in dealing with climate change, food insecurity and inadequate land rights. Pastoralist women are often disadvantaged by limitations they face within their own societies, and their participation in decision- and policy-making is constrained. Yet they increasingly take a stand and develop innovative approaches to defend their rights. Awareness on these topics needs to be raised so that the important role of pastoralist women is recognised more widely.

This is why the Coalition of European Lobbies for Eastern African Pastoralism (CELEP) and the Pastoralist Knowledge Hub (PKH) of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) decided to organise jointly a session on women's empowerment in pastoralist societies at the European Development Days, Europe's leading forum on development. During a 75-minute session, speakers discussed challenges faced by pastoralist women and what solutions the women come up with to address them and, in particular, how the women can be supported through an enabling policy environment. You can find a detailed report of the session on the CELEP website: <http://www.celep.info/battling-womens-double-marginalisation-in-pastoral-societies/>

World Milk Day and publication of statement on pastoral dairying

On 1 June, World Milk Day was organised worldwide. It was the perfect occasion to raise awareness on our statement on pastoral dairying and send it to our lobby contacts. You can find the statement here <http://www.celep.info/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Statement-Celep-May-2018-final-.pdf>. The statement was also published on Twitter and was the basis of an abstract submitted by Ann Waters-Bayer *et al* for the Tropentag, where there will be a special session on pastoralism.

CELEP engagement strategy

This was finalised and is now available online. The description on the "About CELEP" part has also changed: www.celep.info/about/.

Update of the CELEP website

The website Working Group agreed on some changes for the website. The homepage was revamped and integrates now a news section, an up-to-date gallery and a Twitter Feed. CELEP member [Up4Change](#) is providing beautiful pictures to make the site more attractive. **Tweets tagging CELEP @CELEP_FP are highly recommended!**

Ongoing activities

CELEP involvement in PRM (Participatory Rangeland Management) project in Kenya & Tanzania

A kick-off meeting was held in Nairobi. Ken attended representing RECONCILE and CELEP. All project partners were present. CELEP will be playing a role in the project in terms of regional (Eastern African) and European-level advocacy. There have been many delays. In Kenya, some substantive work has taken place but, in Tanzania, nothing has started so far. This is to be followed up through CELEP in the months to come.



Next AGM: SAVE THE DATE!

The next Annual General Meeting will be held in Brussels, Belgium, **on 28–30 November**. If you wish to attend, please block this already in your agenda. An invitation will be sent to CELEP European members in September, and several Eastern African partners will also be invited to the meeting.

Tropentag 17–19 September 2018 in Ghent, Belgium

CELEP will be particularly active at this year's Tropentag conference with a pre-Tropentag workshop in the morning of 17 September, in collaboration with the Africa Platform of Ghent University. Several CELEP European members and Eastern African partners will discuss values of pastoralism. An outline of this session can be found [here](#). In addition, there will be a session on pastoralism during the Tropentag. Ann Waters-Bayer, member of the CELEP coregroup, will chair this session. The keynote speaker will be Michael Odhiambo, who is involved in the CELEP Eastern African partner organisations RECONCILE and DLCI. During his stay in Belgium, other opportunities will be sought to engage with the European institutions based in Brussels. More information on the Tropentag can be found on the Tropentag website www.tropentag.de.

For your action: If you are planning to attend the Tropentag this year, please contact the CELEP European focal point (k.vantroos@vsf-belgium.org).

Integration of a special “Focus on Ethiopia” into the CELEP website

Francesco Staro, a researcher at the Paris 8 University, contacted CELEP regarding the 20th International Conference of Ethiopian Studies (ICES20), to be held at Mekelle University in October 2018. Francesco is planning to host a panel on pastoralism there (<http://www.ices20-mu.org/Panels.pdf> – p28). In this regard, he sought CELEP's help to:

- (i) strengthen the processes related to organising the conference in Mekelle and identify, beyond those scholars who already confirmed their participation, other possible partners, resource persons or organisations that might be interested in attending this event;
- (ii) create a “Focus on Ethiopia” on CELEP's website to allow the posting of items related to continued research and advocacy activities after the conference.

The CELEP coregroup accepted Francesco's request that a special “Focus on Ethiopia” (focusing on research and policies regarding pastoralism in Ethiopia) be integrated into the website.

Participation in Africa S&D Week on 5–7 November 2018

CELEP has been working closely with MEP Neuser for a few years. He coordinates Development for the European Socialist Party, the Socialists and Democrats (S&D). They are organising the Africa S&D Week, which will be held on 5–7 November (<http://www.socialistsanddemocrats.eu/withafrica>). CELEP was asked to suggest a speaker for a panel discussion on youth, food security and the SDGs on 5 November. The speaker had to be below the age of 35. CELEP suggested Teba Emma from the Eastern African partner organisation Karamoja Development Forum (KDF) – see below.

Tentative future activities

Follow-up Loliondo – Oakland report – resolution in Parliament – article

The Oakland Institute recently published a new report on land grabbing in Loliondo, Tanzania (<http://www.celep.info/maasai-losing-the-serengeti/>). It might be worth taking up this issue again in the European Parliament (cf. Resolution on land grabbing in 2015). It is not yet clear what would be a good follow-up action: a written question to the Commission or follow-up action through the Joint



Parliamentary Assembly (JPA) session in December, which will take place in an African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) country (session in June in Brussels but agenda has been finalised).

For your action: If you have more information on what is going on in Loliondo AND you want to help develop a lobbying strategy on this particular case, please get in touch with the CELEP European focal point (k.vantroos@vsf-belgium.org).

Regarding the activities of the New Alliance in Tanzania and the journalist visit that was accompanied by CELEP a few years ago to investigate the New Alliance's impact on pastoralism, another article was published online: <http://africanarguments.org/2018/05/15/there-isnt-any-tanzanias-land-myth-and-the-brave-new-alliance/>

CELEP participation in COP24 in Poland in December 2018

There is a possibility to join the 24th Conference of Parties (COP24) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Poland in December. CELEP will submit a proposal for a side event together with DG DEVCO.

Organisational matters

CELEP now has two new Eastern African partners:

- a. **Pastoralist Women for Health and Education (PWHE)** is a Kenyan NGO based and working in Isiolo County. It was formed in June 1998 as a community-based organisation by a group of women from pastoralist background who seek to promote the development of women and children. PWHE was created mainly to address the high level of illiteracy among girls and women, poverty in pastoralist communities and the unjust social system impeding girl-child growth and women's development. PWHE implements its programmes by providing community training, peace dialogue meetings/training, civic education on the Constitution and the devolved government, support to orphans and vulnerable children, and seed capital to about 20 community groups. More information can be found on the CELEP website: <http://www.celep.info/eastern-african-partners/>
- b. **Karamoja Development Forum (KDF)** is a research and advocacy organisation working on land rights, pastoralist rights and governance in Karamoja, Uganda. KDF explores innovative tools and methods to advance the rights of pastoralists including those in the broader Karamoja cluster. They have experience in linking communities, engaging government, developing knowledge about pastoralism and empowering pastoralist communities.