

Launch of the first-ever global Rangelands Atlas

Wednesday 26th May 2021 – 2-3 pm CET via Zoom register here:

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This first-ever global Rangelands Atlas is a collaborative initiative of the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and the global Rangelands Initiative of the International Land Coalition (ILC).

The Rangelands Atlas has been developed to document and raise awareness on the enormous environmental, economic and social value of rangelands as well as their different ecosystems. It highlights many of the changes taking place in rangelands due to climate change, land use and conversion trends, investments and other changes: of most concern is the predicted trends of climate change and biodiversity loss, which will have significant impacts on some rangeland ecosystems.

Drawing on publicly available data, this Atlas provides a preliminary set of maps, which will be added to over time. These maps illustrate the complex nature of rangelands found around the world. Furthermore, the Rangeland Atlas reflects a strengthening, global movement to protect, restore and appropriately invest in rangelands. Join us in this journey and learn about some of the different initiatives taking place in rangelands around the world!

The Rangelands Atlas will be available from 26th May online at: www.rangelandsdata.org/atlas

Moderator: Michael Victor, ILRI

Time CET	Agenda item	Speaker
14:00	Introduction	Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary, UNCCD
14:05	Film: Global Rangeland Initiative – Awareness for engagement	Produced by Hanspeter Linger, WOCAT and Patrick Augenstein, SEE International
14:10	Presentation of the Atlas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background & overview • Map: protected areas in rangelands • Map: livestock production • Map: predicted climate change 	Fiona Flintan, ILRI Jonathan Davies, IUCN Vivian Onyango, FAO Abdelkader Bensada, UNEP
14:30	Statements from the partners	
14:45	Responses from guest speakers	- Loupa Pius, World Pastoralist Forum/DADO - Dr Batmunkh, Government of Mongolia and focal person IYRP - Dr Masuku Bogani, Eswatini
14:55	Questions from the audience	
15:00/15	Closure	Martina Fleckenstein, WWF