

First Joint AITVM-STVM Conference, Berlin September 4-8, 2016

The Path to the Greener Pastures: Pastoralism, the backbone of the world's drylands

Satellite event organized by Vétérinaires Sans Frontières International

Monday 5 September 2016, 18:30-20:00

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

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Building on the long-lasting experience of the 11 members of the VSF International network with pastoral communities worldwide, a field study was conducted to analyze and better understand the root causes that impede an adequate development of pastoral regions and to provide appropriate technical answers and pathways for an enhanced political inclusion of pastoral communities.

Pastoralism is the best livelihood strategy in marginal areas and dry lands, providing important contributions to the economy, the ecosystems and the global cultural heritage. Yet, pastoral communities are often marginalized and usually not taken into account in the wider socio-political analysis.

Understanding the rationale, importance and dynamics of pastoralist livelihoods are key elements in the efforts to reduce poverty in pastoral communities and to unfold their potentialities to contribute to the wider societies.

Preliminary agenda:

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| 18:30-18:40 | Welcome and introduction |
| 18:40-19:00 | Presentation of the study " <i>The Path to the Greener Pastures: Pastoralism, the backbone of the world's drylands</i> " by Andreas Jenet, Q&A |
| 19:00-19:45 | Promoting an enabling environment for the sustainable development of pastoralism:
3 presentations of case studies (<i>panelists to be confirmed</i>) followed by Q&A. |
| 19:45-20:00 | Wrap up and conclusions |