



Minutes of first Zoom meeting of Regional Support Group ,RISG of “Central Asia & Mongolia” for International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP), 21 Dec., 2020

Participants: Abdumalik Egemberdiev (Kyrgyz Jayity, Kyrgyzstan), Abdulakhat J.(Tstn Co.ltd, Uzbekistan), Altantuya Tseden-Ish (NAMAC, Mongolia), Aitkhul Burkhanov (KAFLU, Kyrgyzstan), Elvira Maratova (Kyrgyz Jayity, Kyrgyzstan), Erkin Kazbai (JASIL, Mongolia), *Hijaba Ykhanbai* (JASIL, Mongolia), Kabuljan Adilov (Agroinnovation center, Uzbekistan) , Kuluipa Akmatova (RDF, Kyrgyzstan), Kuralay Karibayeva (IESD, Kazakhstan), Lena Michler (ITG – *International Takhi Group*, Germany), Mirzohid Yuldashev (AIIIC, Uzbekistan), Namuulan Gankhuyag (NFPUG, Mongolia), Nyam-Ochir Gankhuyag (NFPUG, Mongolia), Sairagul Tazhibaeva (KAFLU, Kyrgyzstan), (Tungalag Ulambayar (“Saruul Hodoo”, Mongolia). Totally were 16 participants, from listed / invited 27 people.

Introductions and discussions:

Getting to know each other round-the-mike introduction (facilitated by Ms. Ms. *Lena Michler and Ms. Kuluipa Akmatova*). Participants introduce their name, organization, title, and how he or she interested/or involved to rangelands and pastoralists issues, and why they thinking about the importance of IYRP.

Update of overall goals and strategies, history, etc. for IYRP on the behalf of ISG and follow up Q&A (introduced *Hijaba Ykhanbai*, facilitated by Ms. *Kuluipa Akmatova and Ms. Lena Michler*).

Mr.Hijaba Ykhanbai made a presentation on behalf of the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) Support Group, which includes representatives of organizations and institutions from around the world who have strong interests in pastoralist and rangelands issues and who have worked for the past five years to gain a United Nations designation for an International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists. In the presentation he focuses on three topics: (1) the background on the history of the International Year initiative; (2) the current status of the initiative; and (3) how members of the region can become involved.

Discussions about the geographical composition of “Central Asia and Mongolia” RISG(all participants)

Results: Participants fully agree with the composition of “Central Asia and Mongolia” RISG, and noted that it’s single region and there are no need any sub-region(s) inside of “Central Asia and Mongolia” RISG, however suggested to use clusters of CAPA , as sub-groups on specific thematic issues of Rangelands and Pastoralists;

Selection of Chair of the RISG and its representative in the ISG , selection of a representative for the Global IYRP Communications Team and others (discussed among all participants, by suggesting names for proposed nominations from the floor, and then agreed with the participants by each selection). Results on selections are:

Chair of the RISG “Central Asia and Mongolia”-
Dr.Hijaba Ykhanbai, JASIL, Mongolia , y.hijaba@gmail.com

Representative in the ISG from “Central Asia and Mongolia” RISG
in addition to the current ISG members, including Dr.Tungalag Ulambayar, tungaa.sg@gmail.com, and Dr.Ykhanbai Hijaba, y.hijaba@gmail.com, the first meeting elected Ms Kuluipa Akhmatova, RDF, Kyrgyzstan, kuluipa.kg@gmail.com as a member to
ISG

Country focal points for RISG“Central Asia and Mongolia”

Kazakhstan- Dr.Kuralay Karibayeva- kkaribayeva@mail.ru

Kyrgyzstan- Mr.Abdumaklik Egemberdiev - pasturekj@gmail.com;

Uzbekistan- Mr.Mirzohid Yuldashev, y_mirzohid@mail.ru

Mongolia- Mr. Nyam-Ochir Gankhuyag, gankhuyag.nyam@gmail.com (*By the suggestion*

Regional Communication group for Global IYRP Communication team :

Members:

Ms.ShynarToilybayeva,CAREC/IESD,Kazakhstan,shtoilybayeva@carececo.org, Ms.Elvira Maratova,

Kyrgyz Jayity, Kyrgyzstan, elviramaratovaa@gmail.com, Ms.Namuulan Gankhuyag, NFPUG,

Mongolia, namiigina@gmail.com, and

Dr.Hijaba Ykhanbai, JASIL,Mongolia, coordinator, jasil_ngo05@yahoo.com

Also meeting participants suggested that existing CAPA cluster leaders, could lead sub-groups and recommend to support RISG actions for IYRP in the Region on following thematic areas, such as Mr.Aitkhul Burkhanov, KAFLU, aburhanov@mail.ru, on “Agroforestry”; Mr.Egenberdiev Abdumalik, KJ,pasturekj@gmail.com, on “Policy Reform”; Dr.Karibayeva Kuralay, IESD, kkaribayeva@mail.ru, on “Traditional Knowledge, and gender issues”; Mr.Gankhyuag N., NFPUG, gankhuyag.nyam@gmail.com- on “Rangeland Monitoring”; and Dr.Hijaba Y., JASIL, y.hijaba@gmail.com, on “Common /Community Land”.

Discussions on adapting the "IYRP 12 Monthly Themes" to regional priorities and Brainstorming/strategizing on priority next steps; assigning tasks; agreement on next meeting (moderated by *Dr.Hijaba Ykhanbai*, Chair of RIG)

The "IYRP 12 Monthly Themes" will more deeply discuss at National level in the specifics of each country, and results will reported in the next meeting of RISG by country RIG Focal points.

The regional strategy and priority actions were discussed, such as advocacy, networking and policy support for IYRP, and involvement of more stakeholders to these activities, such as government agencies, donors, research institutions, INGOs, NGOs, local associations, PUGs, and pastoralists. In thematic areas was underlined importance of rangeland management with ecosystem restoration, including water shortage and agroforestry, desertification, climate change adaptation (that includes also disaster risk reduction), land degradation, and rangeland tenure system in CA. It was suggested that leaders of CAPA clusters need to link these priorities with the existing strategy and work plan of each cluster. Participants also recommend that RISG “Central Asia and Mongolia” to work under the guidance by ISG, IYRP Global Communication team, and the Mongolian NSG for IYRP.

Next meeting of RISG“Central Asia and Mongolia” was preliminary agreed to organize on **22 January, 2021** (at 3:00 pm Bishkek and Almaty, 5:00pm in Ulaanbaatar, 2:00 pm in Tashkent, Dushanbe and Ashgabat)

Meeting closes at 7:40pm, which was started on 5:00 pm.