

2026

*International year  
of rangelands and  
pastoralists*

*“Why has it seemed that the only  
way to protect the environment is  
with heavy-handed government  
regulation?” Gale Norton*



*Viviane Neiter  
wishes you a hopeful and  
peaceful New Year !*



**Pastures** account for 30% of worldwide stocks of soil **organic carbon**.

**Pastoralists** manage one- quarter of the earth's land surface, covering more than 75% of countries worldwide.

Hope that in **2026**, International Year of **Rangelands and Pastoralists**, shared use of resources and mobility will increase. They are the DNA of pastoral populations ! Seeking to restore degraded diversified ecosystems is crucial for the survival of these pastoralists.

That would certainly be one practical answer to **climate issues**. It might be also an effective response to preserve **biodiversity** and improve animal welfare, fight against fires, while contributing to sustainability of food systems!

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,” Matthew 28:19*