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Pastoral mobility and working animal welfare in a changing landscape

Why policies should support pastoral mobility in a context of rural transformation, growing insecurity and lack of access to resources

CFS46 side event

FAO HQ, Rome, Italy | Iran room (B116)

18 October 2019 | 8.30-10.00

Concept note and agenda



Background

While pastoralists express a genuine concern for issues such as animal welfare, this production system is facing significant challenges: constrained mobility, resource access and increasing climate variability are disrupting livelihoods. Population growth, rural transformation and disruption of mobility routes have led to a reduction in the land available for grazing and limited accessibility to vital resources such as feed, water and healthcare. Collaborative and mutually beneficial interventions for human and animal wellbeing are key to supporting pastoral mobility and animal welfare, helping to alleviate the impact of economic, social and environmental challenge, especially during crisis periods.

This side-event will follow the format of an interactive panel discussion. After a brief introduction, the panelists representing different institutions will discuss issues related to legislations, policies and governance of pastoral mobility and animal working welfare, from East Africa to Sahel to Spain and the Mediterranean region. Following the discussion, the audience will have the opportunity to question the panelists in an interactive discussion session.

Organizers

- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- The Donkey Sanctuary
- World Horse Welfare

Expected outcomes

- Deepen understanding on pastoral mobility – from East Africa to Sahel to Spain and the Mediterranean region
- Knowledge sharing on pastoral mobility experiences, policies, legislation and governance
- Advocating for working animal welfare across various production systems including pastoralist systems

Agenda

Time	Topics	Speakers
		Facilitator: <i>Gregorio Velasco Gil</i>
8.30–8.45	Opening statement	<i>Ambassador Mohammad Emadi, Permanent Representative of Islamic Republic of Iran to FAO</i>
8.45–8.55	Introduction and background	<i>Gregorio Velasco Gil, FAO</i>
8.55–9.30	Panel discussions	
	Legislation on pastoral mobility with reference to East Africa	<i>Michael Odhiambo, Land and Pastoral mobility lawyer - Kenya</i>
	Documentation and regulation of securing pastoral mobility in the Sahel region	<i>Sibiri Jean Zoundi, OECD/SWAC</i>
	Transhumance and animal corridor routes in Spain from a legal and policy point of view	<i>Spain Government Representative from the Ministry of Agriculture</i>
	Benefits and positive interactions of pastoral mobility to the environment focus on Mediterranean region	<i>Engin Yilmaz, Yolda Initiative, Turkey</i>
	Global working animal welfare policies and concerns	<i>Rebecca Whay, University of Bristol</i>
9.30–10.00	Questions and answers	
10.00	Closure	



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