



Rangeland Stewardship
Council

UNCCD COP17 SIDE EVENT
26 AUGUST 2026 | 10:30-12:00
BLUE ZONE, MET-03
ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS & NETWORKING: 10:30-11:00
MAIN PROGRAMME: 11:00-12:00

High-Level Launch of the Global Rangelands Standard

Join us for the official COP17 launch of the foundational framework of the Global Rangelands Standard, a new globally relevant framework for sustainable rangeland management. Taking place during **COP17 LAND & PEOPLE DAY**, the event brings together governments, pastoralist communities, technical experts, businesses and partners to explore how the Standard can translate global ambition into practical, locally adaptable action for rangelands, biodiversity, climate resilience and livelihoods. The launch will also look ahead to country pilots, partnerships and the pathway towards implementation at scale.

SPEAKERS & PANELISTS



H.E. Tsagaankhüü Iderbat
Minister of Food, Agriculture & Light Industry of Mongolia



Hon. Wynter Boipuso Mmolotsi
Minister of Environment, Natural Resources Conservation & Tourism of Botswana



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Enrique Michaud
Co-Chair of the Global Alliance for Rangelands & Pastoralists



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Executive Vice President of CAPIAC



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Mongolian Pastoralist Group Leader & SFA Herder Sustainability Award Winner 2026



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