

**The Institute for Ecology and Action Anthropology (INFOE) and partners invite to Open Space 2.3 at the LandHub 2023 ,
13th December, 15:00-15:45 CET**

OPEN SESSION ONLINE and Room: BC10414 + BC10416

Crises-mitigating potential of culturally resilient pastoralist indigenous communities rooted in secure land tenure



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While the role of indigenous pastoralists, their cultural practices, knowledge and institutions for climate change adaptation, soil and water conservation and the restoration of ecosystems are more and more recognized, there is a lack of practical and political support and implementation of the existing knowledge and findings in the development, political as well as education areas.

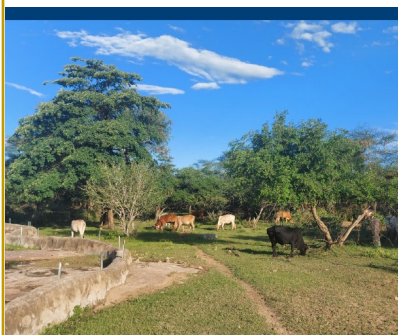
With our guests:

- ◆ **Sabine Dorlöchter-Sulser** (Referentin für Ländliche Entwicklung, Misereor)
- ◆ **Prof. Dr. Michael Bollig** (Professor, University of Cologne)
- ◆ **Simon Peter Longoli** (Executive Director, Karamoja Development Forum)

We will discuss

- ◇ **Why is it important to maintain, support and strengthen the pastoralist livelihood system?**
- ◇ **What are the main obstacles and challenges for pastoralists in continuing their livelihood system and effectively play their potential role?**
- ◇ **What means, instruments and strategies do exist and are needed to overcome these obstacles and jointly address the challenges identified?**

The role of indigenous pastoralists, their cultural practices, knowledge and institutions with regard to adapting to climate change, using soil and water conservation techniques to restore ecosystems and their services, maintain animal diversity, cope with drought, among other, are more and more recognized. Many practitioners, researchers, scientists and pastoralists themselves argue that these practices, institutions and knowledge increase the coping and adaptation capacity as well as resilience of people and communities. A basic condition, however, is that communities' customary access to and ownership of land are recognized and secured and that they are participating at all stages of development, political and research processes affecting them. However, there are many challenges to effectively translate the existing interdisciplinary knowledge, including indigenous and traditional knowledge, scientific evidence and research-



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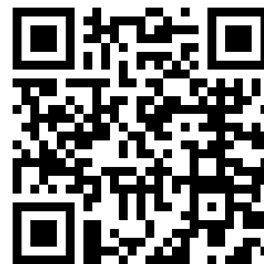
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results into development, political as well as research practice. In the Open Space event we will exchange experiences regarding key enabling conditions for strengthening land based resilience of (indigenous) pastoralists, drawing on the findings of a recent study on 'Water and Rangelands in Karamoja' (Uganda) which says „[...] *this means developing partnerships between technical experts and communities, and co-assessing, co-designing, co-implementation, co-monitoring, and co-evaluating water and rangeland plans and activities. [...] These processes require a mix of indigenous and technical knowledge, as well as hybrid management approaches that combine traditional institutional experience with “formal” approaches.*“<https://www.celep.info/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Eguru-et-al-2023-Water-and-Rangeland-in-Karamoja-11.9.23.pdf>

With events on „Pastoralism today" in June, INFOE and discussion partners drew the focus on the current situation of herders worldwide and the challenges and problems faced by them. We discussed with with sheep and goat herders from Cologne, with Simon Peter Longoli from the Karamoja Development Forum in Uganda as well as other international pastoralist experts about the role and potential of pastoralism in the face of today's challenges for a social and ecological transformation. The main content and findings are summarized in a video and can be found in the following blog post: https://www.infoe.de/blog_post/wir-erfahren-was-koelner-hirtinnen-mit-den-karamojong-in-uganda-verbindet/



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