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Mobile pastoralism for climate change mitigation, ecosystem restoration and resilient food systems (Rangelands Initiative-led)

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Fernando Garcia Dory is Regional Coordinator of the European Shepherds Network - ESN , representing it at the Steering Committee of WAMIP (the World Alliance of Mobile Indigenous Peoples & Pastoralists), and the Global Focal Point for Pastoralists at the Rangelands Initiative. He is founder of Campo Adentro-INLAND, a non-profit cooperative. The coop combines training, mobilisation and cheese production based on their flocks both in Madrid Casa de Campo park – the first urban shepherding initiative in Spain – and the northern Spanish mountains, where they are also rehabilitating an abandoned village as a Shepherds School. Since 1999, he has been involved in the Spanish peasant movement, Plataforma Rural, which is part of La Via Campesina. In 2004, he started the Shepherds

School, a project that continues today with two venues in Spain, training hundreds of young people entering pastoralism. In 2007, he helped coordinate a World Gathering of Nomads and Pastoralists that officially gave birth to WAMIP (the World Alliance of Mobile Indigenous Peoples). From 2008, he was involved in the creation of the Spanish Shepherds Federation and the European Shepherds Network.



Ms. Saoudata Walet Aboubacrine is a Tamachek Tuareg/ (Tamazight) indigenous woman of the Sahel in Africa. For the last 20 years she has been active in the promotion and protection of the human rights of Indigenous Peoples with a focus on pastoralist women. In collaboration with various NGOs, WAMIP, State institutions, specialized agencies and organizations of the United Nations, her organization, Tin Hinane, has conducted a number of studies on the issues of human rights relating to Indigenous Peoples in Africa. She is the Coordinator of Programs of Tin Hinane - The Association for the development of nomadic women in Burkina Faso

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and Mali. Tin Hinane's primary focus is on the protection of the environment, biodiversity, taking into account gender and Indigenous women, strengthening the capacity of women, including women from the more isolated communities and their education in human rights, climate change, income generating and economic empowerment in the framework of the fight against poverty.



Khalid Khawaldeh is from rural, southern Jordan and has been involved in land rights since 1989 when a process began to create a nature reserve on part of his community's customary land. He is a founding member of the Dana and Qadisiyah Local Community Cooperative which was established in 1994, in response to his community's marginalisation and the creation of the Dana Nature Reserve in 1993. He is a volunteer at grassroots level, and has strong, practical experience based on the traditional knowledge of the community related to livestock, nature and the interaction

between man and ecosystem (Traditional Ecosystem Management). In the past thirty years, he has amassed extensive experience through his work in defending the community's pastoral traditional land; his membership and participation in HIC-MENA; the World Alliance for Mobile Indigenous People, the International Land Coalition and other networks; and his participation in national and international workshops related to ecosystems, pastoralism and land.



Benjamin Beyeza-Mutambukah Benjamin Beyeza-Mutambukah is the immediate former Coordinator of Coalition of Pastoralist Civil Society Organisations (COPACSO), Uganda and Chairman of the Eastern and Southern African Pastoralist Network (ESAPN). Currently, he is ESAPN's representative to WAMIP. Benjamin is a strong advocate of the rights of pastoralists and ethnic minorities in Eastern Africa. He has worked closely with the African Union, the FAO, International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs and the Coalition of European Lobbies on Eastern African Pastoralism in this pursuit. Land rights advocacy is key to his messages including but not limited to the right to mobility. He brings diverse experience and lessons from the region to the COP26 and hopes to share

ideas from the rest of the world at this high-level meeting.

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Hijaba Ykhanbai is an economist who served as the director of Strategic Management and Planning and as special advisor of the Ministry of Nature and Environment of Mongolia. He is Chair at RISG "Central Asia & Mongolia" for the International year for rangelands and pastoralism (IYRP). Also with the support of the International Development Research Centre of Canada, he pioneered and then institutionalized an approach known as co-management of natural resources, contributing to Mongolia's sustainable development. He is the director of JASIL, an environment and development organization.



Donal Brown is Associate Vice-President, Programme Management Department, at IFAD. In his role at IFAD, Mr Brown is responsible for developing and managing the operations that the Fund supports through its loans and grants which amounts to approximately US\$ 8 billion of IFAD financing. In addition, he oversees the Programme of work of the department, which is undertaken by five regional divisions, spread across fifteen country hubs and forty country offices, and the Operational Policy and Results Division.