

LEAGUE FOR PASTORAL PEOPLES  
AND ENDOGENOUS LIVESTOCK  
DEVELOPMENT



# Annual Report 2018



# International Activities

## January, 10-12

### **International Workshop on Access and Benefit-Sharing for Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, Rome**

Dr. Evelyn Mathias participated in this meeting convened by FAO and brought BCPs as important tools to further the in-situ conservation of locally adapted breeds and their adaptive traits into the ABS Meeting. In-situ conservation is prerequisite for providing access for livestock keepers sometime in the future. It will be also significant to elaborate how to use the ABS concept for benefit of livestock keepers, local food security and livelihoods.

## February, 27

### **Meeting to prepare policy brief on BCPs for Indian government**

As a coregroup member, Dr. Ilse Köhler-Rollefson participated in a meeting of the Rainfed-Livestock Network (RLN) held at the Foundation for Ecological Security's campus in Anand in Gujarat to discuss how to influence India's government in support of small-scale livestock keepers. It was decided that a policy brief on experiences with BCPs was to be put together to be presented, together with other livestock related Policy Briefs, to India's Niti Ayog.

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## March, 5-7

### **Guiding Group Meeting of the Global Agenda on Sustainable Livestock (GASL)**

Representing the NGO Cluster, IKR participated in this meeting at which the upcoming Multi-Stakeholder Platform that will be held in Mongolia was a major topic. It was possible to convince the chairman that keynote speakers should be drawn from the pastoralist communities, and it seems as if a pastoralist from Mongolia and a lady pastoralist from Africa will be the keynote speakers.

## March, 7-9

### **World Organic Forum in Kirchberg/Jagst,**

This meeting was organized by the „House of Farmers“ (Haus der Bauern) and Ilse Köhler-Rollefson was invited to present a paper on „Herders and their Rights in International Legal Frameworks“. <https://www.swp.de/suedwesten/staedte/schwaebisch-hall/weizsaecker-kommt-zum-bio-kongress-24936410.html> und [http://schloss-kirchberg-jagst.de/images/Ilse\\_Koehler-Rollefson.pdf](http://schloss-kirchberg-jagst.de/images/Ilse_Koehler-Rollefson.pdf)

## March, 15-18

### **7th International Convention of Environmental Laureates, Freiburg**

As a laureate of the Rolex Award for Enterprise and the Yves Rocher “Terre des Femmes” Award, Ilse Köhler-Rollefson had the opportunity to present about the Kumbhalgarh Camel Dairy (supported by LPP) and its vision and mission to link nomadic camel herders with up-scale consumers of camel milks in Indian metros.

<https://www.european-environment-foundation.eu/en-en/environetwork/projects/kumbhalgarh-camel-dairy>

### **March, 19-20**

#### **Meeting and discussions with Dr. Maria Rosa Lanari, Biodiversity coordinator of Argentina’s INTA, 19-20 March**

Long-term LIFE Network member Dra. Maria Rosa Lanari visited LPP office from 19-20 March to discuss planned collaboration in Capacity-building for BCPs with several pastoralist communities in the Northwestern corner of Argentina.

### **March, 26-28**

#### **Workshop “Making Access and Benefit-Sharing work for Africa’s Animal Genetic Resources”, held in Naivasha, Kenya**

A workshop entitled “*Making Access and Benefit-Sharing work for Africa’s Animal Genetic Resources*” was organized by the [African Union’s Interregional Bureau of Animal Resources](#) (AU-IBAR) in Kenya and attended by about 40 participants drawn from three different groups: National Coordinators for Animal Genetic Resources, National Focal Points for Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS) and leaders of breeders’ organizations. The purpose of the workshop was to develop a roadmap for establishing Biocultural Community Protocols for six African transboundary breeds, Red Maasai sheep, Dorper sheep, Muturu cattle, Azawak cattle, Kuri cattle, and the D’Man sheep.

An important part of the workshop was to inform about the rationale for [Livestock Keepers’ Rights](#), a concept developed by civil society in the run up to the First International Conference on Animal Genetic Resources held in Interlaken in 2007, more than 10 years ago. The second major aim was to learn how to develop Biocultural Protocols (BCPs to ensure that benefits from genetic resources trickle down to the communities who have created and steward them. They are supposed to reflect and put on record the perceptions, traditional knowledge and preferences of the community in its own words.

Dr. Ilse Köhler-Rollefson and long-term LIFE Network member Dr. Jacob Wanyama were invited as key resource persons and asked at short notice to facilitate the workshop.



FIELDTRIP TO A FEMALE BREEDER OF RED MAASAI SHEEP AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE AU-IBAR WORKSHOP IN NAIVASHA

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**April, 27-30**

### **Meetings with livestock keeping communities in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra**

At the invitation of Sajal Kulkarni, a fellow of the Rainfed Agriculture Network and associate of the Nagpur based Centre for Peoples Collectives, Dr. Ilse Köhler-Rollefson travelled to Nagpur in Maharashtra to advise on the development of BCPs with several livestock keeping communities, including the Nandi Gowlis, the Golkar, and the Kurub. The former are threatened by the establishment of a number of tiger reserves and are pressured by the forest department to relocate. As outcome of this visit, Ilse prepared a proposal that was submitted to IFAD's Indigenous Peoples Fund for supporting the development of one or more BCPs for these communities.

**April, 1**

### **Camel milk dairy – ready to start**

The microdairy project the Kumbhalgarh Camel Dairy, was set up in 2015. It is using milk from areas where the camels graze on plants traditionally recognized as having medicinal



properties. The milk is collected daily from registered and monitored herds; as soon as it arrives in the dairy, it is pasteurized then frozen for transportation to customers in Delhi and metros.

With great support of LPP members and friends the building of the camel dairy was built at the LPPS Camel Conservation Centre near Ranakpur, Rajasthan. The machines for pasteurization and cooling were bought and installed. And now India's first microdairy started to sell camel milk.



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**May, 2-3**

### **GIZ/NBA Workshop**

Ilse Köhler-Rollefson was invited to participate in a GIZ/NBA (National Biodiversity Authority) Workshop organized in Chennai on Communicating about Access and Benefit-Sharing.

**May, 4**

### **Lecture at Tamil Nadu University, Chennai**

Ilse gave a lecture at the Tamil Nadu University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (TANUVAS) in Chennai to lecturers participating in summer course on "Avantgarde Approaches to Conserving Indigenous Germplasm" about Biocultural Community Protocols.

**May, 16**

## Science Talk and Bestowal of Order of Merit, New Delhi

Science Talk on the subject of “Pastoralism – a blueprint for ecological animal husbandry” at the German Embassy in New-Delhi and Bestowal of Order of Merit (Bundesverdienstkreuz am Bande) by the German Ambassador for Ilse Köhler-Rollefson.

### July

In July, Ilse Köhler-Rollefson visited Australia and had the opportunity to visit two camel dairies on the Sunshine Coast, in addition to being introduced to the outback and the Australian camel racing scene by local ethnobotanist and camel expert Debi Robinson.

### October, 2-3

#### GASL – Guiding Group Meeting

Ilse Köhler-Rollefson participated as member of the NGO cluster and of Action Network 2 (Grasslands) in the Guiding Group Meeting of the Global Agenda for Sustainable Livestock that was held at FAO Headquarters in Rome. Topic of discussion was especially preparations for the next GASL MSP to be held at Kansas State University in Manhattan/Kansas, USA:

### November, 26

#### Side event at COP 14 of the CBD and launch of BCP Guidelines

**Community Protocols**  
Guidance and Lessons Learned

**SIDE EVENT** Monday 26.11 at 13:15  
Room: Dahab - Contact Group 3 - Lunch will be provided

**Community protocols**  
for pastoralists and livestock keepers

Claiming rights under the  
Convention on Biological Diversity

League for Pastoral Peoples and Endogenous Livestock Development (LPP)  
and the Local Livestock for Empowerment (LIFE) Network

**NATURAL JUSTICE**  
ADVOCATES FOR COMMUNITIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

**COMMUNITY PROTOCOLS IN AFRICA:**  
LESSONS LEARNED FOR ABS IMPLEMENTATION

THE ABS CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE  
L'INITIATIVE DE RENFORCEMENT DES CAPACITES POUR L'APA

On 26th November 2018 Natural Justice, The League for Pastoral Peoples and the ABS Initiative organized a successful Side event during COP 14 in Sharm El-Sheick, Egypt. Community Protocols – Lessons Learned for ABS and Launching of the Biocultural Community Protocol Guidelines.

Dr. Jacob Wanyama, LPP, discussed the development of the Samburu community protocol in Kenya, focusing on the red Maasai sheep. He showed the importance of the sheep to the cultural identity of the community through various stages of life, including: birth, circumcision, transition to manhood, marriage and death. The sheep, he reported, have a unique genetic capability to cope with parasitism. He underscored that the community protocol, in English and Samburu languages, describes the Samburu peoples' rights over the genetic resources of the red sheep.

## Other Activities

**September, 19**

**Seminar about Global Peasants Rights, Kirchberg/Jagst**

Sabine Poth participated in the Seminar about Global Peasants Rights, that had the discussion of the Draft United Nations declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas as a central theme.

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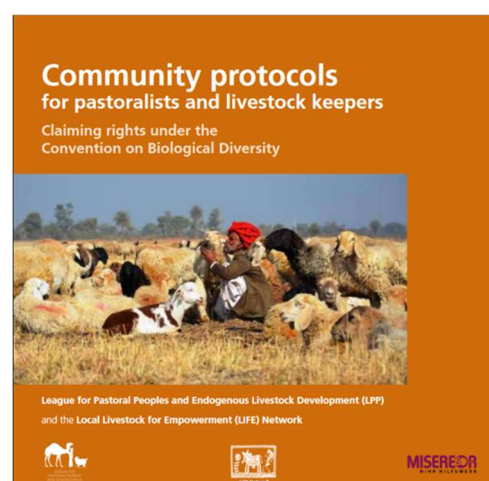
## Publications 2018

Community Protocols for pastoralists and livestock keepers. Claiming rights under the Convention on Biological Diversity. Edited by Paul Mundy.

### Blogs

at [www.ilse-koebler-rollefson.com](http://www.ilse-koebler-rollefson.com)

A brief encounter with the camel culture of Saudi Arabia – and how camels replaced cattle during climate change some 5000 years ago <http://www.ilse-koebler-rollefson.com/?p=1224>



Out of Australia (2): Camel dairying – a kinder approach to milk production?

<http://www.ilse-koehler-rollefson.com/?p=1205>

Out of Australia (1): On the tracks of the Afghan Cameleers <http://www.ilse-koehler-rollefson.com/?p=1172>

Vegetarianism/veganism not an option for people living in non-arable areas!

<http://www.ilse-koehler-rollefson.com/?p=1160>

“Local breeds only give, they don’t take” – Interview with Dra. Maria Rosa Lanari

<http://www.ilse-koehler-rollefson.com/?p=1126>

Community Protocols: “Giving livestock back its soul” <http://www.ilse-koehler-rollefson.com/?p=1115>

Pastoralists and India’s Biological Diversity Act <http://www.ilse-koehler-rollefson.com/?p=1091>

Livestock: The good, the bad, the ugly! <http://www.ilse-koehler-rollefson.com/?p=107>



## About LPP

LPP is registered as a non-profit, tax-exempt organization under German law. Donations are tax-deductible.

### Financial

The League's income in 2018 was about € 75.394,22 and expenditures amounted to € 67.473,37. Details are given below. (The accounts of the Misereor funded project were audited by a professional chartered accountant from Heidelberg)

Euros	Funds at end of 2017	Income 2018	Expenditure 2018	Income – Expenditure 2018	Funds at end of 2018
Society	14.565,47	33.650,63	15.793,02	17.857,61	32.423,08
Projects	24.738,62	41.743,59	51.680,35	-9.936,76	14.801,86
Total	39.304,09	75.394,22	67.473,37	7.920,85	47.224,94

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### Mission

LPP provides technical support, advisory services and advocacy for pastoral societies and other small-scale livestock keepers to help them pursue their own vision of development and to stand their ground in the face of unfavourable policy environments and alienation of their pasture grounds. LPP is also a resource organization for holistic and people-centred livestock development and promotes the concept of endogenous livestock development relying on indigenous knowledge and institutions, local animal genetic resources and feed. The well-being of domesticated animals is a secondary but important focus of its work.

### Background

LPP was established in 1992 by a small group of veterinary and other concerned professionals confronted with the crisis situation of camel pastoralists in Rajasthan. Efforts to alleviate their situation set into motion a mutual learning process and a series of measures such as action research, projects related to animal health (including ethnoveterinary approaches) and marketing, as well as training and capacity-building. This has resulted in the establishment of the independent local organization Lokhit Pashu-Palak Sansthan (LPPS) which now represents a key partner and provides infrastructural support for activities in India.

## Philosophy

Taking our cues from pastoralists, we believe in the interconnectedness between the well-being of people and their domesticated animals. By conceptualizing animals as machines, industrialized animal production systems sever one of the few remaining links between humans and the natural world. We regard animals as fellow creatures on this planet and not as subjects. The ultimate goal of our effort is human well-being.

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