



Beirut, 3 November 2003

Mr. Frederick Lyons
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Support to Iran by the UNDP Drylands Development Centre

Dear Mr. Lyons,

We have truly appreciated the participation of our Iranian colleagues in the *Regional Workshop on Integrated Drylands Development*, organized by our Centre on 16-18 October 2003 in Lebanon. The case study from Iran highlighted good practices, opportunities and challenges for the revival of nomadic pastoralism in the country. The presentation was well received by the audience and generated a rich discussion on mobile pastoralism in the drylands.

As promised earlier, we would like to update you on the global UNDP/GEF project "*Enabling Sustainable Dryland Management Through Mobile Pastoral Custodianship*". The development of this project was launched about one year ago, and it was agreed during the consultation process (CRIC1 Meeting, Rome, November 2002; COP6/CCD, Havana, September 2003; and above workshop) to include Iran in the project. About ten countries from Africa, Asia and Latin America will participate in the project; a stakeholders' workshop will be held in Nairobi in February 2004 to finalize the project document.

In this context, we would like to confirm our support to Iran's efforts towards sustainable drylands development. This support will be channeled through the "Programme of Catalytic Support to Implement the UN Convention to Combat Desertification in West Asia and North Africa", which is implemented by the Centre and funded by the Government of Finland. It will be provided in the form of policy advisory services, technical backstopping and funding (\$100,000) of activities in Iran under the above-mentioned UNDP/GEF project. This Finnish co-financing will complement the expected GEF, international and national funding for the project.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for additional information.

Best regards.



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25th October 2004

Dear Mr Pinto,

Re: World Initiative for Sustainable Pastoralism

The Horn of Africa Pastoralist Communication Initiative (PCI), which is based in Ethiopia, is a collaboration between DFID, UNOCHA and the Institute of Development Studies, UK. It works to develop communication between pastoralists and those who have power and resources in governments and development agencies. Based on a simple concept of citizen's voice and institutional responsiveness the approach is to develop knowledge among the various actors about the perspectives of others and to facilitate and mediate their interaction.

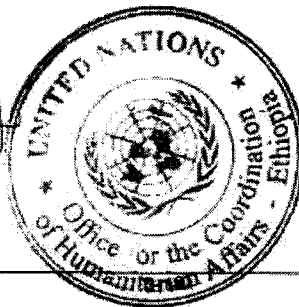
PCI is planning to organise a Global Pastoralist Gathering in January 2005 in East Africa. This event will bring together pastoralists from around the world, partly to find common ground and create alliances and also to look at how they can better engage with governments and other powerful institutions. As a major part of this meeting pastoralists present have the opportunity to learn about WISP and work together with WISP planners to challenge and give advice on the initiative, particularly around ways in which pastoralists can be involved in its design, decisions and continuous management. The meeting will also explore how WISP can provide pastoralists with opportunities to talk directly with powerful institutions. In this way the meeting will be key in ensuring continued input from pastoralists in the WISP process, and thus its continued usefulness to pastoralists.

For this meeting PCI has budgeted US\$154,000. After the meeting PCI looks forward to continued relations with WISP through supporting pastoralist communities to become full partners to WISP, assuming we are asked to provide this role by pastoralist communities interested in engaging with WISP.

We look forward to our continued collaboration,

Yours sincerely,

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Our Ref: WISP-MSP

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Dear Sir,

Ref.: World Initiative for Sustainable Pastoralism (WISP)

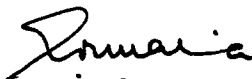
IUCN – The World Conservation Union Eastern African Regional Office is very pleased to be associated with this MSP. We feel we can bring important insights into some of the biodiversity aspects of pastoralism which are so important to both pastoralist livelihoods as well as to the sustainable management of their lands, including, where appropriate the restoration of such landscape. This we feel is particularly important as we feel that the conservation aspects of pastoralism tend to be underrated and downplayed. After all pastoralists depend, probably more than any other land user group, on the natural resource assets for their livelihoods.

This project will also contribute directly to the IUCN vision – A just world that values and conserves nature. While our mission is – to influence, encourage and assist societies throughout the world to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature, and to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable.

As it is likely that we will be the implementing agency, we will collaborate closely with the WISP partners in the different regions for the duration of the project. We estimate that during the three year life of the project we will be able to provide an in kind contribution of at least US \$50,000. However this may increase depending on whether certain of our other and related projects come on line

I hope that the GEF secretariat will approve this important project which we hope will really set the stage for sustainable pastoralism to be more responsibly recognized across the world

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr. Pinto,

RE: World Initiative for Sustainable Pastoralism

The *Reinforcement of pastoral civil society in East Africa* (PCS-EA) programme, jointly implemented by the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) and Resource Conflict Institute (RECONCILE), is a 15-20 year strategy to build the capacity of pastoral civil society groups to influence policy in favour of poverty reduction in pastoral areas of East Africa. In partnership with pastoral civil society organisations, NGOs and donor projects, phase 1 of the programme (2002-2006) is focusing on two key objectives: (i) improving policy makers' and development practitioners' understanding of pastoral production systems; and (ii) building the capacity of pastoral leaders to articulate to the "outside world" how these systems work. The total budget comes to UK£900,000 over four years.

Central to achieving these objectives are on-going activities to enable pastoral citizens better understand the dynamics of their own livelihoods systems in relation to the broader policy environment in order that they can identify their own solution to current problems, challenge outsiders' perceptions of pastoralism and advocate in an informed and authoritative manner on policy issues of concern to them. Current activities include the design of a training course on *Pastoralism and Policy in East Africa*, collaborative action-research on the economics of pastoralism in East Africa and a variety of networking and communications tools, all of which contribute directly to WISP's objectives and certain of the MSP outputs (e.g. outputs 1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 3.3, and 3.5).

Since our involvement in the preparatory phase of the WISP, the programme has kept its partners informed of the WISP process through its newsletter, and hopes to sponsor the participation of pastoral civil society groups from East Africa in the next WISP event planned for January 2005 in Ethiopia. Their participation in this event will ensure the WISP process responds to their needs, while also enabling the PCS-EA programme to continue its collaboration with WISP beyond the meeting in January.

Yours sincerely,

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Objet: Projet "instauration d'une gestion durable des terres arides par le pastoralisme mobile". 08 NOV 2004

J'ai l'honneur de porter à votre connaissance que, les parcours au Maroc, d'une superficie de 53 millions d'hectares dont 20 millions aménageables, constituent la principale ressource fourragère pour les petits ruminants. Cependant, ils ne cessent de se dégrader sous l'effet de nombreux facteurs anthropiques et climatiques entraînant ainsi des mutations des systèmes d'élevage extensif qui se manifestent par la réduction de la mobilité du cheptel, la déstructuration de la société pastorale et l'extension d'autres spéculations notamment l'arboriculture.

Pour faire face à cette situation, le Ministère de l'Agriculture, du développement Rural et des Pêches Maritimes (MADRPM) a entrepris un certain nombre d'actions visant à protéger les ressources pastorales et à lutter contre la désertification, notamment par la mise en œuvre du projet de développement des parcours et du projet de la conservation de la biodiversité par la transhumance dans le haut atlas. Il a aussi initié une réflexion pour la refonte du foncier agricole et pastoral.

Le projet "instauration d'une gestion durable des terres arides par le pastoralisme mobile", auquel ce département a donné son appui depuis les premières phases de son élaboration, constitue une initiative qui s'inscrit parfaitement dans le sens des préoccupations du MADRPM et permettra certainement :

- un meilleur échange d'expériences et d'informations avec les pays ayant la même problématique ;
- une amélioration des approches préconisées pour la relance de la mobilité du cheptel ;
- une meilleure sensibilisation des décideurs et des différents acteurs à la sauvegarde des écosystèmes pastoraux par la relance de la mobilité du cheptel ;

➤ une meilleure organisation des populations concernées.

Vu ce qui précède, je vous précise que ce Département appuie ce projet et s'engage à contribuer à sa mise en œuvre à hauteur de 36.000 \$EU (correspondant aux salaires des cadres chargés du suivi du projet).

En vous faisant parvenir, ci-joint, une fiche technique sur le projet en question, je vous prie de croire, Monsieur le Représentant, à l'expression de ma haute considération.

**MONSIEUR LE REPRESENTANT RESIDENT
DU PROGRAMME DES NATIONS UNIS
POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT AU MAROC**

Pour le Ministre de l'Agriculture, du
Développement Rural et des Pêches Maritimes
Le Secrétaire Général

Signé: Moha MARGHI



Ministerio de Salud y Ambiente
Secretaría de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sustentable

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BUENOS AIRES, 29 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2004.-

Dra. Maryam Niamir-Fuller
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De mi mayor consideración:

Me dirijo a usted en carácter de punto focal U.N.C.C.D. para la República Argentina e integrante del Proyecto World Initiative for a Sustainable Pastoralism (WISP), a efectos de comunicarle que este Punto focal brindará amplio respaldo al citado proyecto.


Es de destacar que los objetivos y actividades propuestos son concordantes con los objetivos del Programa de Acción Nacional de Lucha Contra La Desertificación que se encuentra en ejecución en nuestro país, especialmente en apoyo de las poblaciones trashumantes de la región altoandina.

Asimismo la República Argentina es integrante del Programa de Acción Subregional de Desarrollo Sustentable de la Puna Americana, "P.A.S Puna", el cual se encuentra en proceso de búsqueda de financiación hacia organismos concurrentes para el desarrollo de proyectos como aquellos dirigidos a la ganadería Nómada o Trashumante.

Ratificando el respaldo ofrecido hago saber que este Punto Focal, a través de la Dirección de Conservación del Suelo y Lucha contra la Desertificación de la Secretaría de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sustentable, brindaría un cofinanciamiento en especie como contraparte al Proyecto WISP.

Para este compromiso, se asignaría recursos humanos de la esta área a mi cargo a fin de trabajar parte de su tiempo en actividades relacionadas con el Proyecto, estimándose el monto de esta actividad en veinte mil dólares estadounidenses (u\$s 20.000. -) para cada uno de los tres años de duración del mismo.

Saludo a usted muy atentamente.-


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