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Perspectives on Pastoralism Film Festival at the Tropentag 2019

On 17 September, the Coalition of European Lobbies for Eastern African Pastoralism (CELEP) – in particular its members the Association for AgriCulture and Ecology (Agrecol), the German Institute for Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture (DITSL) and Vétérinaires Sans Frontières (VSF) Belgium – will present the Perspectives on Pastoralism Film Festival. This forms part of this year’s Tropentag conference, organised by the Universities of Kassel and Göttingen at the University of Kassel.

The Perspectives on Pastoralism Film Festival aims to deepen understanding of how diverse peoples across the world gain their livelihoods from extensive livestock production. The relationships of pastoralist people and animals and their food production systems reflect an intimate intertwining of culture, economy and ecology in harsh environments such as drylands and mountains. In such environments, livestock mobility plays a key role.

Films from different perspectives

Pastoralism is a rational and economically viable land-use system that can generate significant returns in dryland and mountainous regions, but widespread misunderstanding about pastoralism has often left it underprotected, undervalued and a victim of uninformed policies. However, this livelihood system is ideally suited to the climatic and economic uncertainties of our turbulent century. This film festival showcases visual media that will spark dialogue, inspire debate and complement the presentation of research at the Tropentag conference. Films of different genres - documentary, narrative and animated, made by pastoralists (participatory video) and/or about pastoralists – offer insights into issues important to them.

About CELEP

The Coalition of European Lobbies for Eastern African Pastoralism (CELEP) is an informal advocacy coalition of European organisations, groups and experts working in partnership with pastoralist organisations, groups, and experts in Eastern Africa. They collaborate to encourage their governments in Europe and Africa and the EU to explicitly recognise and support pastoralism and pastoralists in the drylands of Eastern Africa.

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Programme:

- 19h00 Welcoming remarks (Amphitheatre, University of Kassel, near Holländischer Platz)
- 19h30: Short films from Niger, Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania, India, France, Spain, Ireland and Mongolia
- 21h45: Feature film: *Shepherdess of the Glaciers* (India, 2015, 1 hour 13 minutes) by Stanzin Dorjai and Christiana Mordelet

For more information on the programme and the films: [www.pastoralistfilmfestival.com](http://www.pastoralistfilmfestival.com)

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