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Special session discusses pasture management, climate change

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A special session brought together practitioners, leaders from pasture-relevant communities, researchers from the Entebbe-based Langata Complex for Sustainable Agriculture, and civil society experts to discuss the importance of pasture management during a recent meeting of the Uganda Pasture Network (UPN) in Jinja. The meeting was held to discuss the current status of pasture management in the country, with a focus on its implications for climate change and sustainable development.

The session was facilitated by the Uganda National Network for Human Rights (UNNHHR), which is working to promote the rights of farmers and pastoralists to access and manage their lands and resources.

The discussions highlighted the importance of pasture management in ensuring food security and livelihoods, especially for marginalized communities.

A key message was the need for a holistic approach to pasture management, taking into account the cultural and social contexts of the people who depend on it.

The session also emphasized the role of research and innovation in developing strategies to address the challenges posed by climate change.

The participants called for greater investment in pasture research and extension services, as well as the strengthening of partnerships among stakeholders to promote sustainable pasture management practices.

The session concluded with a call for action, urging everyone to take responsibility for ensuring that pasture management practices are equitable, effective, and sustainable.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Türk, at the Rafah crossing, Egypt, November 2023.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 75: Our shared values and path to solutions

On 10 December 2023, the United Nations marked the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), which was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 10 December 1948.

The UDHR is a cornerstone of international human rights law, setting out a universal standard of human rights for all members of the human family.

The declaration recognizes the inherent dignity and worth of every individual and the equal and inalienable rights of all human beings.

The UDHR outlines a range of civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights, and it provides a framework for the progressive realization of rights.

The UDHR is not just a document; it is a living instrument that is constantly interpreted and applied by states and international organizations.

The UDHR has been incorporated into national laws and international agreements, and it is a key reference point for judicial decisions, human rights regulations, and policies.

The UDHR is a powerful tool for promoting human rights, ensuring justice, and protecting the rights of individuals and communities.

The UDHR is a beacon of hope, a reminder of the power of unity and solidarity, and a source of courage and inspiration.

The UDHR is a reminder that we are all human beings, all entitled to the same basic human rights, and that we have a shared responsibility to protect and promote these rights.

The UDHR is a testament to our collective commitment to creating a world that is fair, just, and equitable for all.

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