Rangeland Restoration Awards 2026

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Community Elder, Environmentalist and Education Champion

From Bute Ward, Wajir County, Northern Kenya



ABOUT HIM

- Respected community elder, environmentalist, and former educationist from Bute Ward, Wajir County
- Has championed community-led rangeland restoration for more than 40 years
- Continues to mentor young people, promote peacebuilding, and advocate for sustainable pastoralism

THE LAND HE RESTORES

- Comprises savanna grasslands, shrublands, and Acacia woodlands
- Community-owned grazing lands managed under customary tenure systems
- Supports camels, cattle, goats, sheep, wildlife, and pastoral livelihoods

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS

Restored Degraded Rangelands

- Led community efforts to restore **78,000 hectares** of degraded rangelands in northern Kenya

Mobilized Local Communities

- Trained and engaged **367 community members** in sustainable land management and restoration practices

Strengthened Sustainable Grazing

- Promoted rotational grazing and indigenous grass reseeding to improve rangeland productivity and resilience

Improved Land and Water Management

- Advanced soil conservation and water-harvesting practices across community grazing lands

Strengthened Community Governance

- Supported community-led stewardship through the Council of Elders and Community Land Management Committees