Rangeland Restoration Awards 2026

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ABOUT HIM

- Rangeland management practitioner with more than a decade of experience in land rights, conservation, and community development
- Champions youth-led rangeland restoration by integrating pastoral knowledge, seasonal mobility, and traditional ecological practices
- Serves as Co-Chair of the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) East and Southern Africa Working Group and supports indigenous peoples' conservation initiatives across Africa

THE LAND HE RESTORES

- Community rangelands, grazing lands, shrublands, cross-border pastoral landscapes of Sidok and Loyoro in Kaabong District
- Includes wildlife dispersal areas that contribute to biodiversity conservation and ecosystem resilience

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS

Restored Community Rangelands

- Led the reseeding of more than **2,300 hectares** of communal rangelands and restoration of **100 hectares** of degraded grazing land

Strengthened Community Capacity

- Trained over **1,800 pastoralists** in pasture seed production, reseeding, and sustainable soil and water conservation practices

Empowered Local Restoration Leaders

- Established **160 community pasture champions** with skills in pasture establishment, seed harvesting, storage, and hay making

Supported Pastoral Livelihoods

- Improved dry-season forage availability for more than **12,000 livestock**, strengthening productivity and household resilience

Advanced Community Land Stewardship

- Promoted sustainable rangeland governance and community awareness of land rights to reduce resource conflicts and improve long-term pasture management