

WYHA PROJECT
Phase of Network Consolidation
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- In this final phase our main objective is the organization of an international congress of pastoralists from High Asia.
- Until the first WYHA congress be initiated a provisional network will be structured and will be operative on-line to decide on the organization of the congress, collaboratively with the project manager and funders.
- It will be therefore necessary that the pastoralists attending this congress do so as representatives nominated from the community dialogues.
- Each region, as described in the figure “Mapping of Community Dialogues”, shall be represented by at least 1 representative. A greater representation would depend on the available budget and anycase should be firstly looking at a proportionality based on the importance of the pastoral/agro-pastoral community or its cultural value (number of herders, extension, cultural contribution).
- The goal of the congress will be to formally establish and validate the World Yak Herders Association, agree on the internal governance and define its next steps and actions.

Guidelines

1. We strongly recommend the city of Leh as a very adequate location to host the first WYHA Congress. This recommendation is based in the India's readiness to create a supra-local yak herders network, and the importance of Ladakh as a key landscape in the High Asia biocultural region. Additionally, direct flights connect Leh to Delhi.
2. We think that the first World Yak Herders Congress shouldn't be just a “technical meeting”, but a cultural event too. In this sense, we propose the celebration of a cultural festival in parallel, with the leit-motiv of food. This first High Asia Food Festival would include different exhibitions and shows: food, artworks, handicraft, dance, music, and oral traditions. The partners and funding institutions will be requested to support organization of the events.
3. Additionally, the first WYHA will include a minimum representation of supporters: funders, institutions, global and regional network of pastoralists, facilitators, besides the project management team.

Map of the WYHA for Community Dialogue process

- **COUNTRIES** to be involved
- **PLACES** of community dialogues to be organized
- **Indigenous communities** to be engaged

