

<p>WORLD GATHERING OF NOMADIC & TRANSHUMANT PASTORALISTS</p> <p>Spain</p> <p>From 8-16 September 2007</p>	<p>PRESS RELEASE</p> <hr/> <p>Tel: +34 915 192 194 or +34 921 445 480 Mobile: 630 43 80 93 Fax: +34 913 896 273 E-mail: prensa@nomadassegovia2007.org Web: http://www.pastos.org</p>
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NOMADIC PASTORALISTS FROM 40 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES ASK TO ATTEND THE WORLD GATHERING IN SEGOVIA

The Pastoral Committee which is supervising the organisation of the World Gathering of Nomadic and Transhumant Pastoralists, due to take place in La Granja, Segovia, from 8 to 16 September 2007, met yesterday in Valsaín (Segovia) to reach a decision on the numerous requests from people in Africa, America, Asia and Europe to participate in this gathering.

Valsaín, Segovia, 25 July 2007

The international committee which is supervising the gathering has been forced to put a nomination procedure into place for the participants due to the volume of requests received to attend the World Gathering of Nomadic and Transhumant Pastoralists, due to take place in Segovia from 8 to 16 September. This will ensure that representation of the different geographical regions in the world is more balanced. The World Gathering was called by networks which bring together various pastoralist associations and communities from different parts of the world and is supported by the United Nations and the Spanish Government.

Representatives of the most important networks of pastoralist associations from all over the world will come together today at the aforementioned Pastoral Organising Committee meeting, due to take place in Valsaín (Segovia). The participants include; Chachu Ganya from Kenya, a representative from the World Alliance of Mobile Indigenous Peoples (WAMIP), Tafghi Farvar from Iran, Susanne Gura (League for Pastoral People- LPP), Jean Debayle from the French Pastoralist Association, Lionel Martorell from Red Pastor; Ligallo from Pastores de la Sierra de Maestrazgo (Pastoralists from the Maestrazgo Mountain Range, Teruel) and Fernando García-Dory, the coordinator of RedPastor,

Some of the members of this international committee were not able to attend the gathering because they had problems obtaining a visa; this was the case for Djibo Bagna, President of Plataforma Rural in Niger and Tom Loquang from Uganda. The Masai representative from Kenya was also unable to attend because of a regional meeting in his country.

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The NGO Transhumancia y Naturaleza (Transhumance and Nature), with the help of RedPastor and other NGOs, is organising the “World Gathering of Nomadic and Transhumant Pastoralists” which will take place from 8 to 16 September at La Granja de San Ildefonso (Segovia) and will bring together about 300 representatives from nomadic communities. It will be a unique opportunity for pastoralists from all over the world to exchange experiences and look for solutions. For more information please visit:

The following institutions have collaborated in the World Gathering of Nomadic and Transhumant Pastoralists:

Ministerio de Presidencia del Gobierno (Prime Minister’s Office)
Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación (Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food)
Ministerio de Medio Ambiente (Department of the Environment)
Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores (Department of Foreign Affairs)
Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional (AECI) (Spanish Agency for International Cooperation)
CENEAM – Organismo Autónomo de Parques Naturales (Autonomous Organisation for National Parks)
Fundación Biodiversidad (Biodiversity Foundation)

Institutions which have been involved in events related to the World Gathering of Nomadic and Transhumant Pastoralists:

Autonomous Community of Madrid
Ayuntamiento de Madrid (Madrid City Council)
Diputación Segovia (Segovia Regional Council)
Ayuntamiento de Segovia (Segovia City Council)
Ayuntamiento de La Granja de San Ildefonso (La Granja de San Ildefonso Town Council)
Christensen Fund
WATU Acción Indígena (WATU Indigenous Action)
Fundación Félix Rodríguez de la Fuente (Félix Rodríguez de la Fuente Foundation)