

Pastoralist Focal Points to the Coordination Committee of the Committee on World Food Security

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<p>Originally from Tessaoua in the Maradi region of Niger, Moussa Kane Safouratou has devoted her efforts to defending the rights of pastoral communities, and particularly the rights of women pastoralists.</p> <p>Safouratou is an active member of AREN (Association pour la Redynamisation de l'Élevage au Niger) and since 2007 she has served as Vice President of the West Africa Network of Pastoralists and Breeders (RBM) where she is committed to take better account of the concerns and voices of women in decision-making bodies, with the ultimate goal of achieving genuine autonomy for women pastoralists in West Africa.</p>	<p>Lalji was born into a traditional pastoral family. In 1988, he joined Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (INDIA), thus beginning his career as community organizer. In 1994, Lalji became a founding member of MARAG (Maldhari Rural Action Group) where he worked for the rights the Maldhari people (pastoralists of Gujarat Province). Lalji is also the Convener Maldhari (Pashu Palak) Maha Sabha Lalji and is thus responsible for the Indian network of Pastoralist in more than 10 states.</p> <p>At the international level, in 2007, he participated in the WAMIP World Pastoral Gathering and was elected as a WAMIP counselor and treasurer. Here he also participated on the Segovia Declaration writing committee.</p> <p>At the Neleni Declaration World Summit on Food Sovereignty, Lalji represented pastoralists and played an important role as a pastoralist leader. He has been a facilitating team member in the IPC and part of the Global Drafting Committee and is also a Facilitating Civil Society Organization Member for the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) (FAO).</p> <p>In 2010, Lalji blended his community leadership skills and international experience by leading a dedicated team in the coordination of the Global Gathering of Women Pastoralists with support from IFAD, WAMIP, ILC, IUCN-WISP and LPP.</p>