



## Day 1 Programme Schedule

8:00 am - 9:00 am | Breakfast & Tea

9:00 am - 11:00 am	<p><b>Maru Manthan: Inaugural Ceremony</b></p> <p>Celebrating the IYC'24 Celebrating Women leaders Water Convention</p>	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Context Setting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome Address: Sh. Sushila Ojha, Chairperson, Urmul Seemant</li> <li>Maru Manthan primer: Sh. Meenakshi Batra, Chairperson, Desert Resource Centre</li> <li>Remarks by Shantanu Roy Sinha, State Lead, Foundation for Ecological Security</li> </ul> <p><b>Lamp lighting &amp; Celebration of International Year of Camelids'24</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Journey of camel cultures and production systems: Dr. Sumant Vyas, ICAR - CAZRI</li> <li>International Year of Camelids'24 Address: Sh. Takayuki Hagiwara, FAOR in India</li> </ul> <p><b>Address by Honoured Guests</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guest of Honour Address: Dr. Endrias Geta, Honourable Minister of State, Ministry of Lowlands &amp; Irrigation, Ethiopia (Virtual Address)</li> </ul> <p>Two days overview and Vote of Thanks : Swapni Shah, COO Unnati</p>
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11:00 am - 11:30 am	<p><b>Inauguration of exhibition</b></p> <p>" Thar's Tapestry: Unveiling Innovations &amp; Heritage"</p>	
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11:30 am - 12:00 noon | Tea Break

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	<p><b>Maru Dialogues I:</b></p> <p><b>Futureability of desert bioregions - Probables &amp; Certains</b></p> <p>A cross-sectional discussion to unbox the issues, paradigms, and trajectories for bioregions driven by various vantage points - society, ecology, policy, and people</p>	<p><b>Dialogue initiation participants/community inputs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Satish Sharma, Consultant FES (Retired Assistant Conservator Forest)</li> <li>Sh. Solomon Kando, Ministry of Lowland &amp; Irrigation, Ethiopia (Virtual)</li> <li>Sh Jora Ram Bishnoi, President, Camel Herders Association, Rajasthan</li> <li>Sh Kapil Shah, Managing Director, Jatan Trust</li> <li>Sh. Rahul Ghai, Shiv Nadar University (Moderator)</li> </ul>
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1:30 pm - 3:00 pm | Networking Lunch

### Deep Dives in Desert bioregion: Shape of Certainities - Embracing Probabilities

3:00 pm - 4:15 pm	<p><b>Main Stage: Maru Dialogues II</b></p> <p><b>Shape of Certainities: Stories of Commons' Ecosystems and innovations around rejuvenation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commons &amp; impact strategy of Marudhar Mein Jal Swalamban strategy: Unnati</li> <li>Commons Strategy working with communities &amp; Governments: FES</li> <li>Using legal pathways for protection and conservation: Sh. Sumer Singh Bhati</li> <li>Conservation of Banni Grasslands: Camel Breeders Association, Kutch</li> </ul> <p>Synthesis and Way Forward by : Dr A. Sahoo, Director, ICAR - National Research Centre on Camels</p>	<p><b>Inside Hall: Maru Dialogues III</b></p> <p><b>Embracing Probabilities: Innovative desert production systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bahulaverse model for bioregional agri-dairy: Sh Aakriti Srivastava, Founder Bahula Naturals</li> <li>Ecosystem enabling using DRE technologies: Sh Prashanth Bhardwaj, Program Manager, Selco Foundation</li> <li>Mountain Desert value chain Rangyul FPO, Sh Ahmad Ali, Kargil</li> <li>Technological innovation in Dairy Value Chain, Dr. Sudhindra Tatti</li> </ul> <p>Synthesis and Way Forward by : Dr. Manoj Mishra, National Policy Advisor, FAO in India</p>
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4:15 pm - 5:00 pm | Tea and Conversations

5:00 pm - 6:15 pm	<p><b>Setting Action Agenda for Water Commons</b></p> <p><b>A participatory workshop</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participatory selection of priority issues (Activity)</li> <li>Nomination of core committee to work on relevant issues</li> <li>Finalization of the short, medium, and long-term action plan as well as systems for the functioning of the network</li> </ul>	<p><b>Maru Dialogue IV: Promise of Natural Fibres for Desert Bioregions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sh. G S Bhati, Executive Director, Central Wool Development Board</li> <li>Col. Ravindra Yadav, Director (AH &amp; F), NRAA</li> <li>Sh. Manu Sharma, Director Innovations, Desert Resource Centre</li> <li>Dr. Avijit Das, Principal Scientist, ICAR - NINFET</li> <li>Dr Vinod Kadam, Principal Scientist, ICAR - CSWRI</li> <li>Sh. Prerna Agarwal, Founder, Samakhya Alternatives (Moderator)</li> </ul>
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6:15 pm	<p>Storytelling: Dhola Maaru narrative in context of Pastoral setting: Harivallabh Vohra</p> <p>Sounds of Resilience: Music and Tales from the Heart of the Desert: Mangi Bai, Mir Rajjaq, Kheta Khan</p>	
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8:00 pm onwards | Welcome Dinner



## Day 2 Programme Schedule

06:00 am - 08:00 am	<b>Camel ride/Milking Camel/Fodder Collection/Sheep Shearing</b> <i>(Please register on day 1 (9th Feb) at the registration counter for the morning activities)</i>	
Morning Session		
9:00 am - 11:00 am	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Main Stage:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Theme I : Sharing of Knowledge Systems by Community</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water traditions, Sh. Chatar Singh Jam</li> <li>• Grasses and grasslands traditions, Sh. JP Singh</li> <li>• Biodiversity traditions, Representative - BNHS</li> <li>• Rainfed Agriculture traditions, Sh. Dilip Bidawat</li> <li>• Pastoralism traditions</li> </ul> <p>Synthesis by: Dr. VP Singh, Director, Animal Husbandry Statistics, Gol</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Inside Hall:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Round Table on Global Desert Alliance</b> Driving the innovations, knowledge and accelerated p2p learning</p> <p>Chaired by Dr. Bhaskar Chatarjee Moderated by: Anand Bolimera, Hon. Director PHIA</p> <p>Key inputs by: FAO, MILLS, Selco Foundation, Urmul Seemant, FES, Unnati, HIAL, PHIA, CEEP, WASSAN, CAZRI, IYRP- SA, NIDAN, NRAA, Dept of Animal Husbandry, Bahula, Samakhya, Urmul Khejari, ASAR, The Locavore</p> <p>(Institutional participation only)</p>
11:00 am - 11:30 am   Tea Break		
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	<b>Launch of Desert Dialogues as a travelling series of policy dialogues and initiation of Global Desert Alliance process:</b> <b>First Desert Dialogues: Dr. Bhaskar Chatarjee in conversation with Sh. Ajit Choudhary, Development Sector Commentator</b>	
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm   Networking Lunch		
2:00 pm - 03:30 pm	<p><b>Maru Dialogues V</b></p> <p><b>At the Crossroads: Deserts, Renewable Energy and Climate Action</b></p> <p>Start of the panel with community sharing &amp; Voices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sh. Gitanjali Angmo, Co Founder, Himalayan Institute of Alternatives, Ladakh</li> <li>• Sh. Priya Pillai, Programme Director, ASAR</li> <li>• Sh. Parth Jagani, ERDS, Jaisalmer</li> <li>• Sh. Simran Grover, Chief Executive, CEEP (Moderator)</li> </ul>	
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm   Tea and Conversations		
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	<p><b>Maru Manthan 2024 Closing ceremony, Community Felicitation &amp; Way forward</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience Sharing by participants</li> <li>• Towards IYRP'26: Sh. Vivekanandan ji, Co-Chair RISG-SA</li> <li>• Felicitation of community members and awarding solar machines to the community</li> <li>• Pastoral Yatra, Overview by Dimpal &amp; Suraj</li> <li>• Maru Manthan Way Forward Address: Dr Ashok Dalwai, Chairperson, Doubling Farmers' Income Body</li> <li>• Vote of Thanks, Anshul Ojha, Desert Resource Centre</li> </ul> <p>Culmination of Maru Manthan 2024</p>	
7:00 pm onwards   Closing Dinner		



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