

# Pastoralist Summit

Grinter Hall Room 404, University of Florida  
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM (EST), 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM (WAT)

Saturday  
**July 26**  
2025

## Agenda

8:30 – 9:00

**Arrival and registration**

9:00 – 9:15

**Welcome:** Leo Villalón, Professor of Political Science and Coordinator of the Sahel Research Group (SRG), and Interim Director of the Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida

**Why this summit?** Gbola Adesogan, Associate VP and Director of Global Food Systems Institute, UF/IFAS

9:15 – 10:15

### **Session 1: Challenges facing Sahelian pastoralists**

Chair: Renata Serra, Instructional Professor, Center for African Studies at University of Florida

**The Nigeria situation (via Zoom):** Alhaju Baba Ngelzarma and or Alhaji Bello Gotomo, President, Myetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria

**The Senegal situation:** Abdoulaye Kane, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Florida

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**Coffee break**

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## Session 2: Solutions from the past and present

Chair: Leo Villalón, SRG/CAS

### Why grazing reserves failed and how they can be effective *(via Zoom)*

Junaidu Maina, former Chief Veterinary Officer, Nigeria

**Lessons from the past: “How the US 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> century Range Wars ended”** Todd Thrift, Professor, Dept. of Animal Sciences, University of Florida

10:45 – 12:00

**Preventing Farmer-Herder Conflicts and Deaths with Strategic Supplementation and Milk Collection from Pastoralists *(via Zoom)***  
Muhammadu Damakka Abubakar, L&Z Integrated Farms Nig Ltd., Nigeria

### AI tool to reduce farmer-herder conflicts *(via Zoom)*

Winners of the Nigerian Livestock Transformation Hackathon

**The Nigerian Presidential Livestock Reforms Implementation Committee recommended solutions to the farmer-herder conflicts *(via Zoom)***

Professor Demo Kalla, member of the committee and professor at Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, Nigeria

## Discussion and Final reflections

led by Leo Villalón, Professor of Political Science and Coordinator of the Sahel Research Group, and Interim Director of the Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida

12:00 – 12:30