



# Master's Thesis Topic

## Assessing the feasibility of organic certification of livestock kept by pastoralists in northern Kenya

### Framework

The study is part of the project "Value chain development through branding pastoralists' smallstock in Marsabit County, Kenya" funded by the Christensen Fund. The Center for Research and Development in Drylands (CRDD) in Marsabit, Kenya is the Kenyan project partner.

### Content

The MSc student will initialise a co-inquiry process together with pastoralists and other stakeholders to determine how requirements for organic certification of pastoral livestock and requirements for group certification can be met. These activities profit from our contacts with about 100 pastoral community groups in the Rendille area that engage in livestock keeping and trade.

### Timing

Thesis preparation: Preferably 15 of May – 30 of June, 2019  
Fieldwork in Kenya: Preferably July to September 2019

### Prerequisites

Strong interest in collaboration with pastoralists and other stakeholders; Application of a mixed method approach including qualitative and participatory methods; Fluency in English.

### Funding

Costs of fieldwork (translator and local transport) and international travel are covered by the project.

### Supervision

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If you are interested, please send your application (CV, transcript of records, motivation letter) to [b.Kaufmann@ditsl.org](mailto:b.Kaufmann@ditsl.org), or ask for further information.