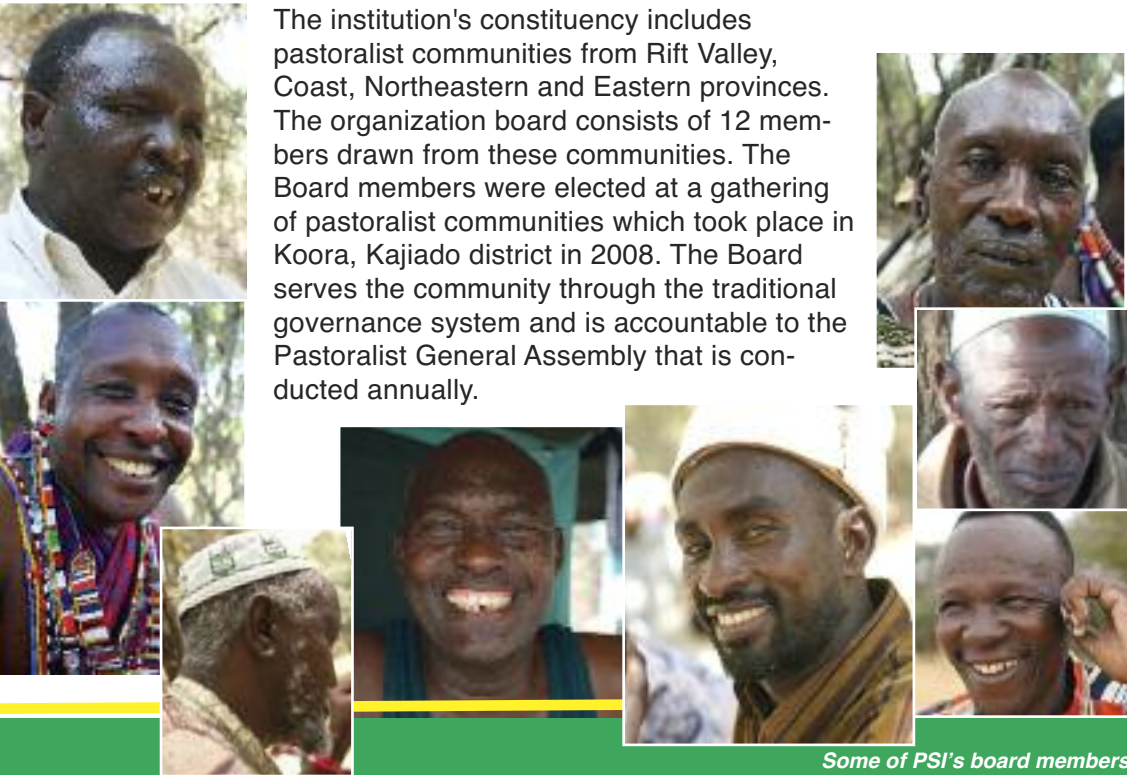




THE PASTORALIST SHADE INITIATIVE

The Pastoralist Shade Initiative engages like-minded institutions and other actors through gatherings, forums and debates where issues affecting pastoralist communities are discussed and positions agreed. All our agendas, programmes and activities are planned and implemented through pastoralist linkages within Kenya and across our borders.



The institution's constituency includes pastoralist communities from Rift Valley, Coast, Northeastern and Eastern provinces. The organization board consists of 12 members drawn from these communities. The Board members were elected at a gathering of pastoralist communities which took place in Koora, Kajiado district in 2008. The Board serves the community through the traditional governance system and is accountable to the Pastoralist General Assembly that is conducted annually.

Some of PSI's board members



VISION

A national and regional institution that acts as a platform for the voices of pastoralists to be heard.

MISSION

To promote pastoralism through forging alliances between pastoralist groups in Kenya and neighbouring countries and furthering the understanding of the dynamics, strengths and resilience of pastoralism as a livelihood and culture.

VALUES

Our core values are transparency, accountability, fairness, tolerance and respect for diversity.

OBJECTIVES

- To bring together pastoralist communities in an inclusive process that engages with government and other actors to achieve and maintain peace using traditional conflict resolution methods.
- To connect pastoralists with policy makers so that they better understand the value of the pastoralist livelihood and economy.
- To push for pastoralist entitlements through pro-pastoralist policies and financial allocation from the government and other actors.
- To promote sustainable development in pastoralist areas and eradicate dependency on food aid and other handouts.
- To engage policy makers and other actors in creating an enabling environment for pastoralists to market their goods.

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