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‘Anyone with an interest in pastoral development – whether policy-maker, practitioner, pastoralist or investor – will find important lessons in this book. It shows how the institutional landscape shaping investment in Eastern Africa’s drylands is becoming ever more complex – and that pastoralists themselves are key players in this. Investment strategies will only succeed if they are rooted in a thorough understanding of pastoral livelihoods and societies. This book is a welcome and timely addition to that body of knowledge.’ – *Hon. Mohamed Elmi, former Minister of State for Development of Northern Kenya and other Arid Lands*

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