



RESOLUTIONS
OF THE 11th EDITION
KARAMOJA CULTURAL EVENT
(KCE 2026)

*Endorsed by the High-Level Leaders Dialogue & Formally Read at Naitakwae Grounds, Moroto
District
on Saturday 12th September 2026*

PREAMBLE

We, the leaders, elders, women, youth, children, civil society organizations (CSOs), and cross-border representatives from the nine districts of Karamoja and neighboring communities of Kenya (Turkana) and South Sudan, gathered in Moroto District during the 11th Edition of the Karamoja Cultural Event (KCE 2026);

Recognizing that Karamoja continues to enjoy relative peace following the voluntary disarmament of Karachunas under the presidential amnesty, and acknowledging the pivotal role played by disarmed youth, women, elders, and local leaders in spearheading peacebuilding, community security, and cattle tracking;

Deeply concerned by the severe drought and acute hunger situation affecting households across Karamoja due to prolonged dry spells, failed agricultural seasons, dried water sources, and declining pasture, which severely impacts food and nutrition security, especially among women and children;

Expressing profound appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Uganda, Members of Parliament, the Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development (MGLSD), the Ministry of Karamoja Affairs, UNICEF, CSOs, and development partners for their prompt emergency humanitarian relief, social protection measures, and continued investments in education, healthcare, child protection, and water infrastructure;

Noting with grave concern that pockets of insecurity persist in hard-to-reach shared rangelands (including Kobebe, Nakonyen, Lochor Apolon, Naimairei, Kalongolemuge, Sidok, Lolelia, and Sinyu), alongside cross-border tensions with the Turkana, rising human-wildlife conflicts (in Karenga, Kaabong, and Kotido), climate-induced drought, and unfulfilled disarmament promises;





Reaffirming previous declarations and resolutions, including KCE Abim 2022, Napak 2023, Karenga 2024, Nakapiripirit 2025, the Kobebe 2025 declaration, the 10th KCE 2025 commitments, and the Karamoja Youth Summit 2026;

Building upon the outcomes of the Youth Dialogue, Children's Parliament, Women's Dialogue, Elders' Dialogue, and Cross-Border Leaders' Dialogue, the High-Level Leaders' Assembly hereby adopts and endorses the following commitments and thematic resolutions for immediate implementation.

COMMITMENTS

1. Commitments of the Youth

- **Spearheading Regional Peace & Security:** Youth commit to continue leading the regional peace movement through peace committees, animal tracking, holding dialogues, disciplining errant peers, and collaborating closely with government, security forces, and development partners.
- **Annual Regional Youth Summit:** Youth agree to organize and conduct the Karamoja Regional Youth Summit annually on a rotational basis across all (nine) districts of Karamoja.
- **Inclusion of Youth with Disabilities:** Youth commit to ensuring meaningful inclusion and representation of Youth with Disabilities (PWDs including persons living with albinism) in all decision-making spaces and youth platforms.
- **Environmental Restoration:** Youth commit to actively promote environmental restoration and tree planting, provided they are supported with sustainable alternative livelihoods.

2. Commitments of Children (Children's Parliament)

- **Advocacy for Child Rights and Education:** Children commit to raising their voices before government, Members of Parliament, and development partners to advocate for access to quality education, healthcare, child protection, nutrition, and a safe environment.
- **Resisting Harmful Cultural Practices:** Children commit to resisting child marriage, forced marriage, defilement, and customary practices that objectify girls (such as Natinya or 8-cow compensation for broken virginity in Rupa).
- **School Retention & Peer Support:** Children commit to encouraging their peers to stay in school and supporting the Go back to school campaigns.





3. Commitments of Women

- **Eradicating Child Labor in Extractives:** Women commit to conducting widespread community sensitization against child labor in mining sites and encouraging mothers to prioritize their children's education.
- **Focusing on Sustainable Livelihoods:** Women commit to focusing on economic self-reliance through PDM, VSLAs, and GROW funds over restrictive traditional expectations
- **Cross-Border Peaceful Coexistence:** Women commit to actively building peace and cross-border commercial opportunities with Turkana women, while actively engaging local leaders on peace and security issues.
- **Sustaining Peace & Cascading KCE Resolutions:** Women commit to continuing Karachuna sensitization, advocating for women's representation on District Security Committees, and cascading KCE resolutions to rural pastoralist women via radio talk shows and community meetings.

4. Commitments of Elders

- **Community Mobilization for Education:** Elders commit to spearheading regional campaigns to mobilize all Karamojong children to ensure all Karamojong children are enrolled and retained in school.
- **Institutional Education Oversight:** Elders commit to establishing Elders' Clan Education Committees at district and regional levels and creating an Elders Cultural Education Centre to evaluate educational quality.
- **Eradicating Harmful Cultural Practices and Land Disputes:** Elders resolve to strictly prohibit FGM, eliminate negative cultural blessings, punish domestic violence offenders, and lead peaceful community-level resolution of land and boundary disputes.
- **Establishing Karamoja Cultural Union:** Elders unanimously commit to forming the Karamoja Cultural Union and establishing a unified cultural leader for Karamoja.
- **Championing the Karamoja Education Trust (KET):** Elders commit to embrace, champion, and mobilize communities across all nine districts to support the Karamoja Education Trust (KET) as a unified regional platform for advancing education, evaluating learning quality, and building human capital for Karamoja's learners

5. Commitments of Cross-Border Leaders

- **Inaugurating Ateker Structures:** Leaders commit to inaugurating and domesticating national chapters of the Ateker Leaders Council (ALC) in Uganda and South Sudan, while engaging Ethiopia regarding Nyangatom participation.





- **Officiating ADR Rituals ("Akibut"):** Customary "Akiriket" and clan leaders commit to confirming customary requirements and officiating the "Akibut" blood settlement ceremony to achieve reconciliation between Uganda and Kenya, Turkana and Karimojong, and the bereaved families of slain geologists.
- **Fostering Remorse and Forgiveness:** Leaders commit to preparing customary and formal leaders from Turkana and Karimojong to acknowledge past wrongdoings, demonstrate remorse, ask for forgiveness, and host the final national ceremony in Moroto.
- **Inclusive Cross-Border Engagement:** Leaders commit to engaging Turkana County leadership to absorb the Pokot community into the Ateker Leaders Council and joint regional development initiatives.

RESOLUTIONS

Theme 1: Peacebuilding, Security, Regional Coexistence & Pastoral Mobility

- **Bilateral Agreements & Presidential Summit:** Urge the Governments of Uganda and Kenya to fast-track the final signing and execution of the bilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Cross-Border Resource Sharing Agreement (CBRSA) and call for an urgent Presidential Summit in Moroto to celebrate final conflict closure.
- **Legal Release of Detainees:** Expedite legal and administrative avenues to release the 10 Turkana herdsmen currently detained in Kitale prison to facilitate community integration and blood settlement.
- **Shared Rangeland MoUs & Economic Spaces:** Establish community-level MoUs for shared grazing grounds (Kobebe, Nakonyen, Lochor Apolon, Naimare, Kalongolemuge, Sidok, Lolelia, Sinyu) and create joint markets and joint mining sites to promote peaceful interaction.
- **Pastoral Mobility Protection:** Protect pastoral mobility and pasture access from political instrumentalization, establishing clear resource-sharing agreements and accessible redress mechanisms.
- **Fulfilling Disarmament Commitments:** Call on the government to urgently fulfill disarmament promises—including compensation, logistical support, and skilling—to prevent mistrust among disarmed youth.
- **Gazetting Karamoja Cultural Union:** Complete the inventory of Karamoja clans to constitutionally establish and gazette the Karamoja Cultural Union as the structural anchor for the Ateker Leaders Council (Uganda Chapter).





Theme 2: Land Governance, District Boundaries & Communal Tenure Security

- **Resolving District & Sub-County Boundary Disputes:** Mandate the Ministry of Local Government (MoLG) and Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MLHUD) to urgently conduct peaceful, participatory boundary re-demarcation for disputed inter-district and inter-sub-county borders across Karamoja to eliminate inter-community conflicts.
- **Communal Land Registration & Customary Titling:** Systematically support communities to register and title communal lands through Customary Land Associations (CLAs) to protect traditional grazing territories from illegal land grabbing and speculative acquisition.
- **Protection Against Land Grabbing:** Prohibit the arbitrary alienation or privatization of communal rangelands, water points, and mineral-rich lands without the explicit, free, prior, and informed consent of traditional elders and local communities.
- **Review of Game Reserve Boundaries:** Direct government to review and re-adjust game reserve and protected area boundaries (including Pian Upe and Karenga) to allow communities access to fertile agricultural lands and seasonal water sources.
- **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) for Land Conflicts:** Empower traditional Elders' Councils and Local Council courts to utilize customary dispute resolution mechanisms in resolving land and boundary controversies prior to court litigation.

Theme 3: Education, Skilling & Human Capital Development

- **Coding & Grant-Aiding Community Schools:** Government should immediately code and grant-aid all 150 community primary schools across Karamoja to improve infrastructure, teacher availability, and learning materials.
- **Affirmative Action for Boarding & Teachers:** Implement affirmative action for Karamojong primary and secondary teacher recruitment and training, establish boarding facilities in all schools to retain vulnerable learners (especially girls), and increase Universal Primary Education (UPE) / Universal Secondary Education (USE) capitation grants to at least UGX 40,000 per child.
- **Endorsing and Strengthening the Karamoja Education Trust (KET):** We resolve to embrace and support the Karamoja Education Trust (KET) as a common regional platform for consolidating scholarship opportunities, advancing quality education, and driving human capital development for Karamoja's learners. We call upon the Government, local communities, development partners, civil society organizations, the private sector, the diaspora, and all friends of Karamoja to work with and support KET as an enduring institution for generations to come





- **Mineral Revenue Scholarships:** Fund government scholarships using regional mineral revenues and consolidate all fragmented scholarship opportunities under a transparent collective trust body (Karamoja Education Trust).
- **School Infrastructure & Skilling Hubs:** Open primary schools in every parish and secondary schools in every sub-county, fence all schools for safety, and establish at least one vocational institute per constituency with expanded trades (e.g., ceramics, driving).
- **Girl Child Protection & Support:** Enforce re-admission policies for teenage mothers post-delivery and direct the Ministry of Karamoja Affairs and partners to provide sanitary pads to prevent girls from dropping out.
- **Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs):** Establish specialized learning institutions and assign sign language interpreters in all health centers and public facilities to support PWDs.

Theme 4: Protection of Children & Women (Ending Harmful Practices & Exploitation)

- **Moroto Remand Home Completion:** Complete the construction and operationalization of the Moroto District Remand Home to ensure appropriate care, protection, and rehabilitation for children in conflict with the law.
- **Eradicating Child Labor in Mining:** Strictly enforce child protection laws, prosecute perpetrators exploiting children in mining areas, and train artisanal miners in modern, safe technologies to reduce child labor.
- **Child Trafficking Prosecution:** Strengthen multi-agency intelligence and law enforcement to identify, arrest, and prosecute perpetrators of child trafficking.
- **Zero Tolerance Against FGM:** Enforce zero tolerance against FGM through continuous community sensitization, elder sanctions, support for returnees, and urging EALA's speedy passage of the East African Community Female Genital Mutilation Bill 2025.
- **Abolishing Forced/Child Marriage & Harmful Practices:** Ban child/forced marriage and work with clan leaders to eliminate harmful compensation practices like Natinya (8 cows for broken virginity in Rupa).
- **Rehabilitation of Street Children:** Retrieve Street children from Kampala, Kotido, and Moroto municipalities, provide rehabilitation, and re-enroll them into formal education.

Theme 5: Responsible Extractives, Natural Resources & Environmental Sustainability

- **Community-Investor MoUs & CSR Enforcement:** Enforce compulsory MoUs between mining investors and local communities to ensure Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) compliance, community benefit-sharing, and protection of local market protection.





- **Formalizing & Equipping Artisanal Miners:** Support the formation of artisanal mining associations, issue location and trading licenses, and equip miners with protective gear and machinery (makata).
- **Mineral Weighbridges & Environmental Safety:** Install weighbridges for all minerals leaving Karamoja to track resource output and revenue and enforce measures to prevent water source contamination from mining.
- **Afforestation & Climate Resilience:** Mandate every household in Karamoja to plant trees to combat climate change, supported by youth-led environmental restoration programs.
- **Water-for-Production & Irrigation Infrastructure:** Construct comprehensive water-for-production infrastructure, desilt major dams (such as Kobebe in Moroto and Longoromit in Kaabong), and build irrigation schemes to combat prolonged droughts, food insecurity, and malnutrition.
- **Enhanced Livelihood Funding:** Increase Parish Development Model (PDM) allocations from UGX 1 million to UGX 5 million per beneficiary/group, while expanding community access to VSLAs and GROW funds.

Theme 6: Tourism Development & Human-Wildlife Conflict Management

- **Fair & Prompt Wildlife Compensation:** Establish effective, transparent, and prompt government mechanisms to compensate victims and families affected by Human wildlife conflicts in Karenga, Kaabong, Kotido, Abim, and Pian Upe.
- **Direct Tourism Benefit-Sharing:** Direct revenue from tourism into local community development, specifically supporting regional health, education (tourism scholarships), and agricultural infrastructure.
- **Human Wildlife Conflict:** Assist commercial and block farmers along wildlife corridors with fencing to prevent crop destruction and facilitate exposure visits for women in wildlife corridors to adopt successful co-existence models.

ENDORSEMENT & SIGN-OFF

These 11th Edition Resolutions have been unanimously adopted and endorsed by the representatives of the respective dialogues during the High-Level Leaders Dialogue on 11th September 2026, for formal presentation on 12th September 2026 at Naitakwae Grounds, Moroto District.



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