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Cc: Prof. Dr. Laura Van Broekhoven, Director, Pitt Rivers Museum

**Re: FORMAL CULTURAL REPARATIONS CONSULTATION PROCESS: STAGE ONE -
MAPPING VALUES**

Dear Marina,

Thank you for consulting with Pitt Rivers Museum leadership and colleagues to confirm September 11, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. UK time and 3:00 p.m. Kenya time as the official date for us to begin formal discussions on the co-design of a Cultural Reparations consultation process concerning the Museum's Nandi holdings and their relationship to Koitaleel Samoei, the Maotik families, and the wider Nandi community.

I do want to inform you that our team had already worked to secure participation for your previously proposed date of Tuesday, July 14, 2026. This included the Kenya-based stakeholders identified in previous correspondence, representatives of the Maotik families, and members of our Cultural Reparations team. We nevertheless recognize the importance of having the appropriate Pitt Rivers leadership present and will accommodate the September date.

Since December 1907, the Pitt Rivers Museum has held and benefited institutionally from Nandi cultural assets collected by Alfred Claud Hollis in the immediate aftermath of the British colonial war against the Nandi and the 1905 killing of Koitaleel Samoei and members of the Maotik leadership. The Maotik families understand these and related unidentified holdings as spoils of war and part of the Museum's continuing inheritance of colonial violence.

In the spirit of regeneration, we appreciate your willingness to help address this inherited institutional harm and to co-design our collective pursuit of Cultural Reparations, centering the Maotik families, the descendants of Koitaleel Samoei, the Nandi people and Global Africans.

Given the time before our meeting, we ask that the Museum provide the following information so that all parties can enter the formal consultation prepared:

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1. Proposed date for physical (in person) research visit and inventory review of all available provenance records for holdings connected to Koitaleel Samoei, the Maotik families, the Nandi people, Nandi County, Alfred Claud Hollis, and related colonial collections;
2. Materials concerning the Rethinking Relationships project, its work in Kenya, and the former Living Cultures initiative;
3. Documentation of the Museum's consultation, repatriation, rematriation, return, or shared-stewardship work with African communities including the Maasai communities; Pitt Rivers Museum and University of Oxford policies governing restitution, ancestral remains, community consultation, cultural authority, and shared stewardship;
4. The ICOM, Museums Association, and other professional standards informing the Museum's approach; and
5. Reports, evaluations, or institutional reflections identifying lessons learned from these processes and the scope of the Museum's decision-making authority.

These materials will help us understand how Pitt Rivers' leadership and established practices have approached this work historically and currently, identify areas of alignment with the Cultural Reparations Framework™, and prepare for substantive discussion concerning acknowledgment, provenance, cultural authority, appropriate repair and regeneration.

Thank you for offering to send the Zoom invitation. Our team will provide the meeting link on behalf of the Maotik families. As the directly affected descendants, it is important that they host the meeting space and are visibly centered in the process. Please let me know the best way to send the zoom and who it should be sent from your team.

Warm Regards,

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CC Government of Nandi County
CC Musuems of Kenya
CC Kaburwo Council of Elders/CC Dr. Godfrey Sang