2026 CULTURAL WEEK PROGRAMME

16th – 20th November 2026

Theme: "Rooted in Heritage, United in Culture for Peace, Creativity and Compassion"

Monday, 16th November 2026 – Day 1

Dress Code: Kitenge Wear - Mandatory for all staff and Students.

Tuesday, 17th November 2026 – Day 2

Dress Code: Sportswear - Your favourite sports team - Mandatory for all staff and Students

18th November 2026 – Day 3, Official Opening Ceremony

Dress Code: Traditional/Cultural Wear - Mandatory for all staff and Students

Date	Time	Activity	Venue	Responsibility	Person in Charge & Contact
18th November 2026	8.00 AM – 9.00 AM	Arrival & Registration	University Conference Hall	Organising Committee (Registration)	Bursuna Ejere
	OPENING CEREMONY (9.00 AM – 12.00 PM) – Master of Ceremonies: Prof. Makiya Ratemo & Mercy Kirumba				
	9.00 AM – 9.20 AM	Anthems (three – Kenya, EAC and Maasai Mara University; to be confirmed) – 60 students	University Conference Hall	MMU Music Club	Emmanuel Papa Ezekiel Otaro
	9.20 AM – 9.30 AM	Prayer	University Conference Hall	Traditional Prayer (Maasai); Islam (Student); University Chaplain	MCs
	ENTERTAINMENT – SONGS & DANCES (9.30 AM – 10.50 AM)				
	9.30 AM – 9.40 AM	University Choir – two songs	University Conference Hall	University Choir	TBC

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	9.40 AM – 9.50 AM	Shakerz Dance Crew	University Conference Hall	Secretary Academics	Denison Samuel Daido
	9.50 AM – 10.05 AM	Pokomo - Traditional dance	University Conference Hall	Pokomo Community	David Mbede
	10.05 AM – 10.20 AM	Samburu Students (ASSIN)	University Conference Hall	Samburu Students (ASSIN)	Kennedy Karani Onyiko
	10.20 AM – 10.35 AM	Pokot Team Culture (33 participants) – Pokot dance (Kwarakwara) and Chepolaleyoo	University Conference Hall	Pokot Team Culture	Lokeya Eric (Team Leader)
	10.35 AM – 10.50 AM	Maasai Dancers – cultural dances and horn blowing	University Conference Hall	Maasai Community	Fredrick Torinke (Chairperson)
	OPENING SESSION				
	10.50 AM – 12.00 PM	**Remarks by:** 1. President, SGC 2. Chairperson, Culture Week Organizing Committee 3. Dean of Students 4. DVC (ASA) 5. *Opening Remarks:* ***Vice-Chancellor.*** 6. *Guest Speaker –* ***Mr. Michael Pundo,*** *the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Kenya Cultural Centre, incorporating the Kenya National Theatre.*	University Conference Hall	Nadupoi Kishoyian	MCs: Prof. Makiya Ratemo & Mercy Kirumba
		Appeal for donations towards Christine Naini Pareiyo's wheelchair.	University Conference Hall	MCs: Prof. Makiya Ratemo & Mercy Kirumba	MCs: Prof. Makiya Ratemo & Mercy Kirumba
	12.00 PM – 12.30 PM	**Grand Parade of Communities** *All communities march in their traditional attire behind their banners, with drums, songs and ululations, from the University Conference Hall to the Main Gate and back to Ole Karei Grounds.*	University Conference Hall to Ole Karei Grounds	Secretary Entertainment; SGC; all communities	Amolo Washington, CS, Sports, Entertainment, and Gender.

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	12.30 PM – 1.30 PM	Health Break / Lunch		CS Health and Catering	CS, Health and Catering
	1.30 PM – 6.00 PM	**Cultural Exhibitions (concurrent)** 1. Pokot 2. Luo – photography exhibition 3. Abasuba – cultural exhibition 4. Maasai – bead work	Ole Karei Grounds (exhibition area)	Exhibiting communities	Lokeya Eric (Team Leader) (Pokot) Agwaro Geoffrey (Luo) Odhiambo Isaiah (Abasuba) Fredrick Torinke (Chairperson) (Maasai)
	1.30 PM – 2.00 PM	**Abasuba Community Showcase (approx. 20 participants)** 1. Traditional dance and music 2. Traditional fashion and attire showcase 3. Cultural drama / skit	Ole Karei Grounds	Abasuba Students (MMARAU Association)	Odhiambo Isaiah – kobshardk@gmail.com
	2.00 PM – 2.30 PM	Performance by students who are differently-abled	Ole Karei Grounds	Lucky Okinyi - 0728875613	Akwii Cynthia
	2.30 PM – 3.00 PM	**Popular Solo Performances by Students** 1. Alex Lengewa – Samburu cultural performance 2. Turkana – solo performance 3. Maasai – solo dances	Ole Karei Grounds	Amolo Washington, CS, Sports, Entertainment, and Gender.	Turkana contact – TBC Fredrick Torinke (Chairperson) (Maasai)
	CULTURAL FOLK SONGS BY COMMUNITIES (3.00 PM – 4.15 PM)				
	3.00 PM – 3.15 PM	GEMA (Gikuyu, Embu, Meru) – Folk songs (25 participants)	Ole Karei Grounds	GEMA	Roselinda Macharia (Chairperson)
	3.15 PM – 3.30 PM	Iteso - Folk song (Akwede)	Ole Karei Grounds	Iteso Community	Delmus Mwakha
	3.30 PM – 3.45 PM	Luhya folk songs (2) - MMU Music Club (60 students)	Ole Karei Grounds	MMU Music Club	Emmanuel Papa Ezekiel Otaro
	3.45 PM – 4.00 PM	Gusii - Folk songs (35 participants)	Ole Karei Grounds	Gusii United Student Association (GUSA)	Brian Borura (Secretary General, GUSA)
	4.00 PM – 4.15 PM	Samburu - Folk songs (at least 45 participants)	Ole Karei Grounds	Samburu Students (ASSIN)	Steve Lajaru

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	CULTURAL DANCES BY COMMUNITIES (4.15 PM – 5.15 PM)				
	4.15 PM – 4.30 PM	Kamba (Mwararu Kamba Nation) – Kilumi dance	Ole Karei Grounds	Mwararu Kamba Nation	TBC
	4.30 PM – 4.45 PM	Luo - Traditional dance (20 participants)	Ole Karei Grounds	MMU Luo Cultural Group	Agwaro Geoffrey
	4.45 PM – 5.00 PM	Luhya - Isukuti and Chinyimba	Ole Karei Grounds	Luhya Community	Ezra Chiloba Harison Imbiakha
	5.00 PM – 5.15 PM	Kuria - Traditional dance	Ole Karei Grounds	Kuria Community	TBC
	5.15 PM – 6.00 PM	**Unity in Diversity Mass Dance & Drum Jam** *All communities, invited dancers and the audience join in one grand finale of drums and dance.*	Ole Karei Grounds	Secretary Entertainment; SGC; all communities	Amolo Washington, CS, Sports, Entertainment, and Gender.
	6.00 PM – 7.00 PM	Kenyan Cultural Music Mix by DJ	Ole Karei Grounds	DJ & Amolo Washington, CS, Sports, Entertainment, and Gender.	DJ & Amolo Washington, CS, Sports, Entertainment, and Gender.

19th November 2026 – Day 4

Dress Code: Creative wear - Mandatory for all students

Date	Time	Activity	Venue	Responsibility	Person in Charge & Contact
19th November 2026	8.00 AM – 9.00 AM	Arrival	Ole Karei Grounds	Organising Committee	Bursuna Ejere
	9.00 AM – 5.15 PM	**Cultural Exhibitions (concurrent)** 1. Pokot 2. Luo – photography exhibition 3. Abasuba – cultural exhibition 4. Maasai – bead work	Ole Karei Grounds (exhibition area)	Exhibiting communities	Lokeya Eric (Team Leader) – (Pokot) Agwaro Geoffrey – (Luo) Odhiambo Isaiah – (Abasuba) Fredrick Torinke (Chairperson) – (Maasai)

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	9.00 AM – 9.40 AM	**Interdenominational Prayers & Religious Performances** 1. Catholic – MMUCA Choir (80 members) 2. SDA 3. Islam 4. CU	University Main Hall	Apostle Darmon Shunet	Nehemiah Kiplagat (Moderator, MMUCA Choir) SDA, Islam and CU contacts – TBC
	9.40 AM – 10.00 AM	**Community Sacred Songs** 1. Turkana – folk sacred, choral chanting and Turkana lullaby 2. Pokot – sacred song 3. Maasai – sacred song 4. Mijikenda – sacred song	Ole Karei Grounds	Turkana Students; Pokot Team Culture; Maasai Community	Turkana contact – TBC Lokeya Eric (Team Leader) Fredrick Torinke (Chairperson)
	CULTURAL FOLK SONGS BY COMMUNITIES (10.00 AM – 11.45 AM)				
	10.00 AM – 10.15 AM	Kuria - Folk songs	Ole Karei Grounds	Kuria Community	Delmus Mwakha
	10.15 AM – 10.45 AM	Nandi - Folk songs (female participants)	Ole Karei Grounds	Nandi Community	Brian Kiprugut
	10.45 AM – 11.00 AM	Maasai - Folk songs	Ole Karei Grounds	Maasai Community	Fredrick Torinke (Chairperson) Gibson Sananca (Secretary)
	11.00 AM – 11.15 AM	Luo - Folk songs (25 participants)	Ole Karei Grounds	MMU Luo Cultural Group	Agwaro Geoffrey
	11.15 AM – 11.30 AM	Pokot - Folk songs	Ole Karei Grounds	Pokot Team Culture	Lokeya Eric (Team Leader)
	11.30 AM – 11.45 AM	Turkana - Cultural folk songs	Ole Karei Grounds	Turkana Students	TBC
	CULTURAL DANCES BY COMMUNITIES (11.45 AM – 12.45 PM)				
	11.45 AM – 12.00 PM	Iteso - Folk dance (Akisuk)	Ole Karei Grounds	Iteso Community	Mungai Lenila Lengirikai – lenilalengirikai@gmail.com
	12.00 PM – 12.15 PM	Gusii - Traditional dance (with obokano)	Ole Karei Grounds	Gusii United Student Association (GUSA)	Brian Borura (Secretary General, GUSA)

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	12.15 PM – 12.30 PM	Samburu - Cultural dances	Ole Karei Grounds	Samburu Students (ASSIN)	Steve Lajaru
	12.30 PM – 12.45 PM	GEMA (Gikuyu, Embu, Meru) - Cultural dance	Ole Karei Grounds	GEMA	Roselinda Macharia (Chairperson)
	12.45 PM – 1.45 PM	Lunch Break		CS, Health and Catering	CS, Health and Catering
	1.45 PM – 2.15 PM	Mijikenda Dance Pokot	Ole Karei Grounds	Mijikenda and Pokot Communities	Nathan Kai – (Mijikenda) Lokeya Eric (Team Leader) (Pokot)
	THEATRE, DRAMA & SKITS (2.15 PM – 3.45 PM)				
	2.15 PM – 2.30 PM	Short Film (max. 10 minutes)	Ole Karei Grounds	MMU Theatre Troupe	Vivian Wanjiku (Secretary) Gideon Kibe (Chairperson)
	2.30 PM – 2.45 PM	Drama – University Choir	Ole Karei Grounds	University Choir	TBC
	2.45 PM – 3.00 PM	Kikuyu Praise Poetry (max. 15 minutes)	Ole Karei Grounds	MMU Theatre Troupe	Vivian Wanjiku (Secretary) Gideon Kibe (Chairperson)
	3.00 PM – 3.45 PM	Theatre – “Sandstorm” (Luo historical play, approx. 45 minutes); approx. 20 Drama Club members	Ole Karei Grounds	MMU Theatre Troupe	Vivian Wanjiku (Secretary) Gideon Kibe (Chairperson)
	3.45 PM – 4.15 PM	Mijikenda - Traditional Instrumental Performance	Ole Karei Grounds	MMU Mijikenda	Nathan Kai –(Mijikenda)
	MODERN DANCE TROUPES (4.15 PM – 5.15 PM)				
	4.15 PM – 4.30 PM	The Groove Dance Crew (14 members)	Ole Karei Grounds	Secretary Academics	Swinton Felix
	4.30 PM – 4.45 PM	Maasai - Modern dance	Ole Karei Grounds	Maasai Community	Fredrick Torinke (Chairperson
	4.45 PM – 5.00 PM	Shakerz Dance Crew (10 members)	Ole Karei Grounds	Secretary Academics	Denison Samuel Daido
	5.00 PM – 5.15 PM	Luo - Modern dance (15 members)	Ole Karei Grounds	MMU Luo Cultural Group	Agwaro Geoffrey

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	CULTURAL SONGS & DANCES (5.15 PM – 6.30 PM)				
	5.15 PM – 5.30 PM	Taita - Traditional dance	Ole Karei Grounds	Taita Community	Jillo Mohammed Issa
	5.30 PM – 5.45 PM	Pokomo - Traditional dance	Ole Karei Grounds	Pokomo Community	David Mbede
	5.45 PM – 6.00 PM	Pokot - Folk song	Ole Karei Grounds	Pokot Team Culture	Lokeya Eric (Team Leader)
	6.00 PM – 6.30 PM	**Luhya Community Showcase** 1. Traditional circumcision song 2. Folk song 3. Traditional dance	Ole Karei Grounds	Luhya Community	Ezra Chiloba Harison Imbiakha
	6.30 PM – 7.00 PM	Kenyan Cultural Music Mix by DJ	Ole Karei Grounds	Amolo Washington, CS, Sports, Entertainment, and Gender.	Amolo Washington, CS, Sports, Entertainment, and Gender.

20th November 2026 – Day 5

Dress Code: Traditional/Cultural Wear - Mandatory for all staff and Students

Date	Time	Activity	Venue	Responsibility	Person in Charge & Contact
16th November 2026	6.00 AM – 12.00 PM	**Food Festival - Cooking** *All participating communities – see Annex A.*	Food Festival Area (to be allocated)	Secretary Health and Catering; participating communities	Secretary Health and Catering Community contacts: see Annex A
	8.00 AM – 9.00 AM	Arrival	Ole Karei Grounds	Organising Committee	Bursuna Ejere
	9.00 AM – 5.00 PM	**Cultural Exhibitions (concurrent)** 1. Fine Art Team - cultural art paintings and drawings (preferred date 16th) 2. Luo - photography exhibition (5 participants) 3. Abasuba - cultural exhibition 4. Pokot - exhibition 5. Maasai - bead work	Ole Karei Grounds (exhibition area)	MMU Fine Art Team and exhibiting communities	Henry Owen (Chairman) (Fine Art) Agwaro Geoffrey – (Luo) Odhiambo Isaiah – (Abasuba) Lokeya Eric (Team Leader) – (Pokot) Fredrick Torinke (Chairperson) – (Maasai)

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	TRADITIONAL FASHION & ATTIRE SHOWCASE (9.00 AM – 10.00 AM)				
	9.00 AM – 9.15 AM	Turkana - Traditional fashion and attire	Ole Karei Grounds	Turkana Students	TBC
	9.15 AM – 9.30 AM	GEMA- Gikuyu, Embu and Meru traditional attire	Ole Karei Grounds	GEMA	Roselinda Macharia (Chairperson)
	9.30 AM – 9.45 AM	Maasai - Moran traditional dressing	Ole Karei Grounds	Maasai Community	Fredrick Torinke (Chairperson)
	9.45 AM – 10.00 AM	Luo - Traditional fashion and attire (5 participants)	Ole Karei Grounds	MMU Luo Cultural Group	Agwaro Geoffrey
	10.00 AM – 10.15 AM	Red Cross - First Aid Demonstration	Ole Karei Grounds	Redcross Maasai Mara University Chapter	TBC
	10.15 AM – 10.30 AM	Praise Poetry – University Choir	Ole Karei Grounds	University Choir	TBC
	10.30 AM – 11.00 AM	**Popular Solo Performances by Students** 1. Kuria - solo performance 2. Turkana - Solo Perfomance	Ole Karei Grounds	Amolo Washington, CS, Sports, Entertainment, and Gender.	TBC
	TRADITIONAL SPORTS & GAMES (11.00 AM – 12.00 PM)				
	11.00 AM – 11.20 AM	Luo - Traditional sports and games (15 participants)	Ole Karei Grounds	MMU Luo Cultural Group	Agwaro Geoffrey
	11.20 AM – 11.40 AM	Maasai - Stick fighting	Ole Karei Grounds	Maasai Community	Fredrick Torinke (Chairperson) Gibson Sananca (Secretary)
	11.40 AM – 12.00 PM	Turkana - Traditional sports and games	Ole Karei Grounds	Turkana Students	TBC
	12.00 PM – 2.00 PM	**Food Festival - Display** *All participating communities – see Annex A.*	Food Festival Area (to be allocated)	Secretary Health and Catering; participating communities	Secretary Health and Catering Community contacts: see Annex A
	2.00 PM – 2.30 PM	Exhibitions by students who are differently-abled – **Alphonse Ochieng & Christine Naini**	Ole Karei Grounds	Lucky Okinyi - 0728875613	Akwii Cynthia
	MARTIAL ARTS, ATHLETICS & ACROBATICS SHOWCASE (2.30 PM – 3.15 PM)				

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	2.30 PM – 2.45 PM	Karate Display – Karate basics, katas, demonstrations and self-defence (10 members)	Ole Karei Grounds	MMU Karate Club	John Mutiso (Chairperson) Pascal Odhiambo (Secretary)
	2.45 PM – 3.00 PM	Kamba (Mwararu Kamba Nation) – Kamba traditional acrobatics	Ole Karei Grounds	Mwararu Kamba Nation	TBC
	3.00 PM – 3.15 PM	Iteso - Athletics Showcase	Ole Karei Grounds	Iteso Community	Mungai Lenila Lengirikai lenilalengirikai@gmail.com
	3.15 PM – 4.15 PM	Physique / Fitness Modelling – Mr Flex	Ole Karei Grounds	MMU Body Builders Association	Ian Macharia (Chairman)
	4.15 PM – 5.00 PM	Kenyan Cultural Music Mix by DJ	Ole Karei Grounds	Amolo Washington, CS, Sports, Entertainment, and Gender.	Amolo Washington, CS, Sports, Entertainment, and Gender.
	BEAUTY PAGEANTRY (5.00 PM – 8.00 PM)				
	5.00 PM – 8.00 PM	1. Community contestants – Luo beauty pageantry (5 contestants) 2. Maasai – modelling 3. Mr & Miss Culture MMara_U 4. Miss Curvy 5. Mr and Miss Peace MMara_U 6. Mr and Miss Culture MMara_U 7. People's Choice Mr & Miss MMara_U	Ole Karei Grounds	Miss Maasai Mara University	Agwaro Geoffrey (Luo) Fredrick Torinke (Chairperson) –(Maasai) Prianna Wangaro,
	8.00 PM – 8.30 PM	Mr & Miss Maasai Mara University (grand finale and crowning)	Ole Karei Grounds	Miss Maasai Mara University	Prianna Wangaro,
	8.30 PM – 10.00 PM	Kenyan Cultural Music Mix by DJ	Ole Karei Grounds	Miss Maasai Mara University	Amolo Washington, CS, Sports, Entertainment, and Gender.
	10.00 PM onwards	Guest Performing Artist	Ole Karei Grounds	Amolo Washington, CS, Sports, Entertainment, and Gender.	Amolo Washington, CS, Sports, Entertainment, and Gender.

21st November 2026 - Day 6

Dress Code: Vintage

Date	Time	Activity	Venue	Responsibility

21st November 2026	8.00 AM – 12.00 PM	Donate Cultural Week Charity Proceeds (Wheel Chair) to Christine Pareiyo	University	Redcross Maasai Mara University Chapter

Master of Ceremonies (Opening Ceremony, 16th October): Prof. Makiya Ratemo & Mercy Kirumba

Master of Ceremonies (other sessions): Muyanga & Beckham Aseka

Other Side Activities:

- Donations Tent (all three days): donations towards supporting Christine Pareiyo, a first-year student, to purchase a wheelchair. **Responsibility**: Ms. Witny Nanjala Wekhanya, CS, Health, Catering and Special Needs.
- Cultural exhibitions and artifacts display run concurrently with other activities on all three days (see the exhibitions rows for exhibitors and contacts).

Annex A: Food Festival Participants – 20th November 2026

No.	Community / Group	Traditional Dishes	Person in Charge & Contact
1	Iteso	Elumuch; black ugali (cassava, sorghum, millet); traditional brew (Ebusaa)	Delmus Mwakha
2	Kuria	Kuria traditional dishes - pilau / rice, beans, chicken, fish, minced meat, liver, maize-flour ugali, fermented milk, tea	TBC
3	GEMA (Gikuyu, Embu, Meru)	Mukimo (njahi / minji), githeri, muthokoi, kamitu, njahi stew, ngwaci, nduma, gĩokwa, marigu, traditional vegetables, millet/sorghum ugali, ucuru, kienyeji chicken, goat meat	Roselinda Macharia (Chairperson)
4	Samburu (ASSIN)	Roast goat meat	Steve Lajaru
5	Marakwet	Rice, chicken, mutton, white ugali, black tea and other traditional dishes (20 students cooking)	Anita Jefferson
6	Keiyo Family	Ugali (maize / millet), beef, managu, sagaa, mursik, fresh milk (sotet milk gourd)	Nehemiah Kiplagat (Keiyo Family Coordinator)
7	Luo	Fish (tilapia, Nile perch, omena, fulu), beef, mutton, chicken, ugali, traditional vegetables, groundnuts, tea (30 participants)	Agwaro Geoffrey aguarogeophrey@gmail.com
8	Luhya	Chicken, fish, beef, mutton, omena, ugali, groundnuts, traditional vegetables, sweet potatoes, cassava, busaa – food list submitted; participation to be confirmed	Ezra Chiloba Harison Imbiakha
9	Pokot	Goat meat, blood, mursik, honey, busaa, millet / maize ugali – food list submitted; participation to be confirmed	Lokeya Eric (Team Leader)
10	Gusii	Goat, beef, chicken, sweet potatoes, bananas, sagaa / managu, milk, millet and maize ugali, busaa – food list submitted; participation to be confirmed	Brian Borura (Secretary General, GUSA)
11	Nandi	Traditional Nandi foods – goat meat, ugali (white and brown flour), rice, maziwa mala, fresh milk (10 participants cooking)	Joy Chebet Diana Kipkurui
12	Abasuba	Traditional food exhibition – fish, small fish, greens (saga, managu, mitoo), groundnuts, cassava, meat	Odhiambo Isaiah kobshardk@gmail.com
13	Turkana	Enguni, natap, ngakumon and nganapose (traditional soups); loket; ngakaa (porridge); akurung; ngakumuk (sour milk); Turkana wild fruits	TBC
14	Kamba (Mwararu Kamba Nation)	Muthokoi, beans, goat meat, sweet potatoes, cassava, nduma, wimbi, chicken, honey	TBC

15	Maasai	Roast and boiled meat (goat), fresh and sour milk	Fredrick Torinke (Chairperson) Gibson Sananca (Secretary)
16	Taita	Duck (bata) and chicken; goat meat and tripe (matumbo); arrow roots, sweet potatoes, cassava; rice, beans and maize/sorghum (mtama) ugali; coconut and mango; seasoned with cardamom, turmeric, paprika and ginger; lemongrass (mchaichai) tea; honey	Jillo Mohammed Issa
17	Pokomo	Rice pishori, fish and shrimps; crocodile meat, goat meat, beef and chicken; coconut-based dishes; ripe and raw banana; cassava; seasoned with cardamom, turmeric and paprika	David Mbede
18	Mijikenda	Coastal rice and pilau (with pilau masala, cinnamon, cloves and tamarind); coconut-based dishes; beef, fish and chicken; cassava; okra; seasoned with cardamom and turmeric	Nathan Kai (Chairperson)
19	Differently-abled students	Chapati and Chicken Stew.	