

From Initialled Instruments to **Signed Implementation**

The Moroto Commitment: Resolving Okukaraba / Akibut
and Securing the Uganda-Kenya Bilateral Agreements.



**CROSS-BORDER
LEADERS' DIALOGUE**

**11TH KARAMOJA CULTURAL
FESTIVAL, MOROTO**

11 SEPTEMBER 2026

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The value created during the Nairobi negotiations

THE EXPIRED FRAMEWORK

The 2019 MoU covered Karamoja, Sebei, Turkana, and West Pokot. It expired and could no longer answer emerging mobility, security, and resource pressures.

REPLACEMENT MANDATE



Safe and orderly cross-border mobility for peaceful coexistence.

THE NAIROBI OUTPUT

Successfully produced two linked instruments, negotiated and initialled by the First Deputy Prime Minister (Uganda) and the Cabinet Secretary for EAC, ASALs and Regional Development (Kenya) in September 2024.

CURRENT STATUS:

Built and initialled. Awaiting Joint Presidential Signature.

THE REQUIRED OUTCOME FOR THIS MORNING'S DIALOGUE

1. CONFIRM THE INSTRUMENTS

Record what Uganda and Kenya negotiated and initialled in Nairobi, and establish what awaits signature.

2. PREPARE IMPLEMENTATION

Confirm the six transhumance routes, responsible institutions, and the six-month commencement period.

3. RESOLVE OKUKARABA / AKIBUT

Record both Government positions, close remaining issues, and agree on the customary settlement pathway.

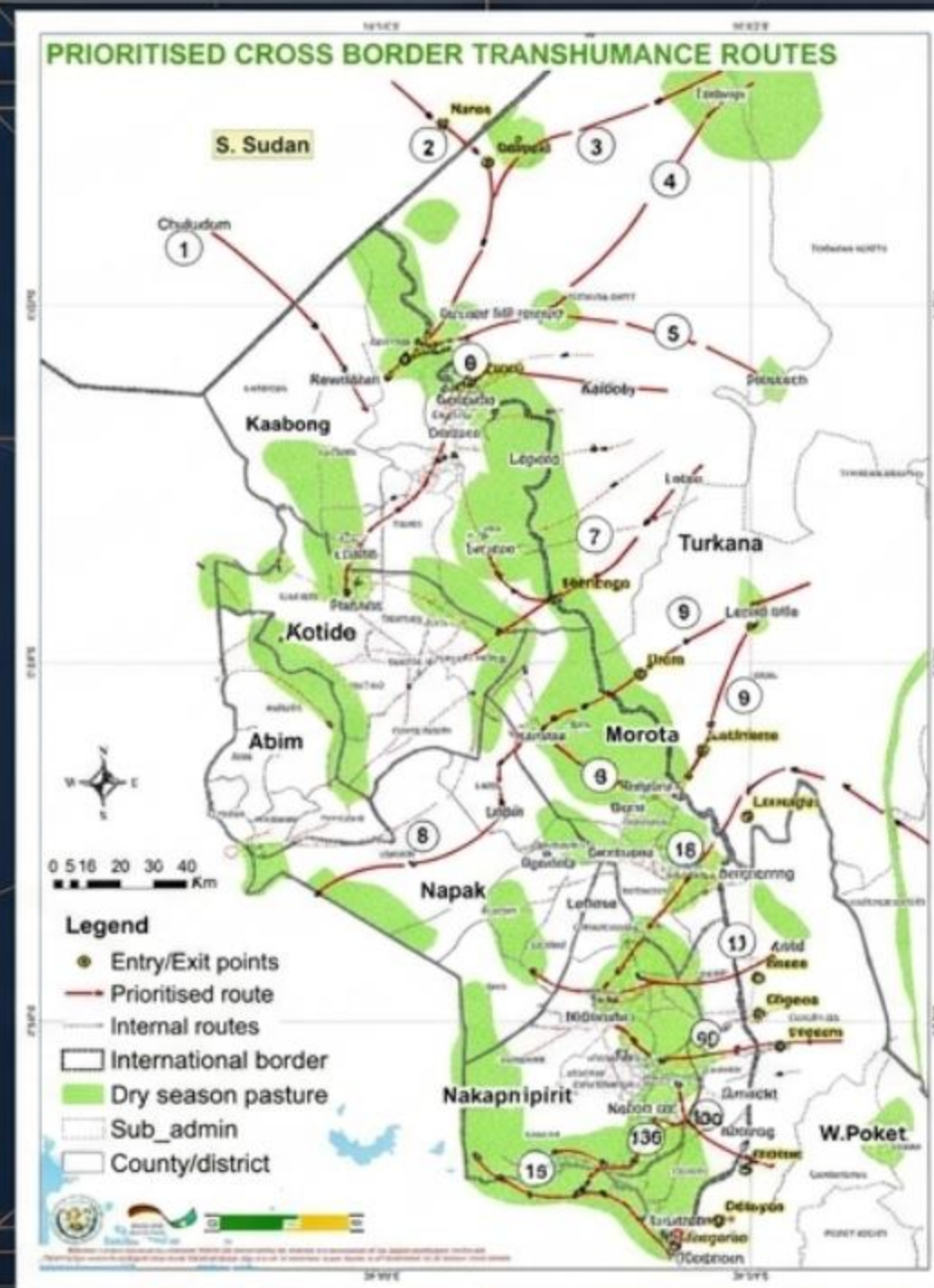
REQUIRED OUTCOME BY 11:15

A dated route to final signature, implementation, and settlement, with a named institution responsible for every outstanding action.

Two distinct instruments solving different cross-border challenges

	AMENDED MoU	RESOURCE SHARING AGREEMENT
PRIMARY FOCUS	Diplomatic and administrative framework for Karamoja, Sebei, Turkana, and West Pokot.	Equitable access to water and pasture, with formal roles for customary institutions.
KEY MECHANISMS	Boundary delimitation, Inter-State Fusion Unit, Joint Technical Steering Committee.	Six transhumance routes, joint border patrols, coordinated disarmament.
COMMENCEMENT CLOCK	Takes effect immediately upon Presidential signature.	Takes effect six months after signature (allowing time to map grazing areas, secure corridors, and activate community structures).

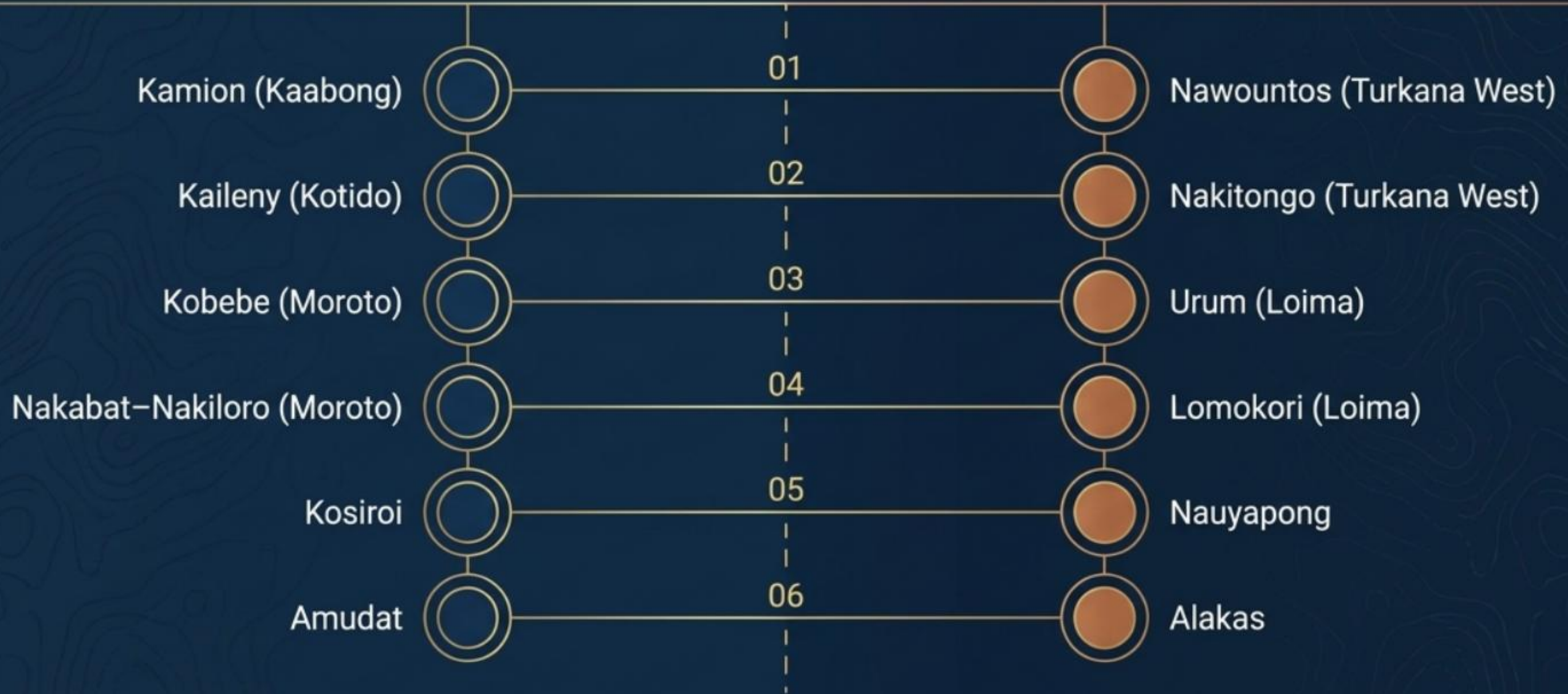
PRIORITISED CROSS-BORDER TRANSHUMANCE ROUTES



Technical teams and local authorities must formally verify all location spellings prior to official gazettelement.

Mapping the six designated corridors of coexistence

The RSA designates these specific corridors to guarantee the safe, regulated movement of pastoralists and their herds.



The four operational functions driving route security

1. Joint Technical Steering Committee

Cross-ministry oversight by Uganda's EAC Affairs institutions and Kenya's ASALs institutions.

2. Inter-State Fusion Unit

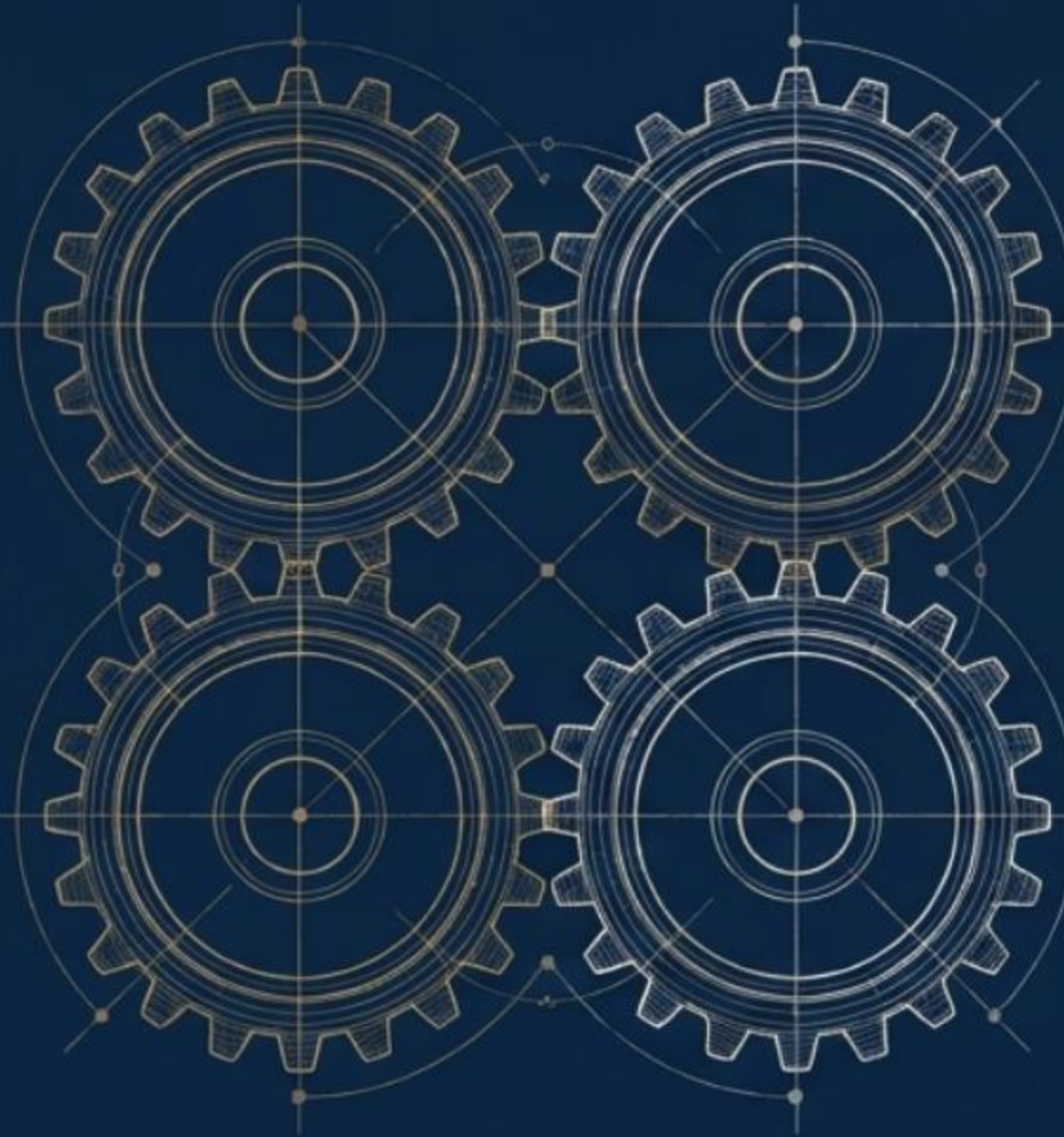
Shared intelligence, threat monitoring, and coordination of joint investigation teams.

4. Coordinated Disarmament

Synchronised military and police action against illegal firearms.

3. Joint Border Patrols

Operational enforcement along the six designated corridors.



All four functions must operate together. If one mechanism stops, the routes become unsafe and unpredictable.

The sequence to signature is blocked by an unresolved justice gap



THE BLOCKAGE: THE MARCH 2022 KILLINGS

Five Ugandan personnel (three geologists, two UPDF soldiers) were killed during a state-authorised mineral survey in Lotisan. Uganda's Executive Order No. 3 requires accountability, compensation, and guarantees. A formal Government response from Kenya to Uganda's compensation computation remains outstanding, jamming the entire sequence.

An audit of the state response to the March 2022 incident

COMPLETED MATTERS	OUTSTANDING VARIABLES
✓ Kenyan security forces neutralised the known perpetrators (Feb-Mar 2024). ✓ Three rifles were successfully recovered. ✓ 32 detained Turkana herdsman were released after convictions were set aside by the Court Martial (April 2024). ✓ Special Presidential Envoy engaged Uganda regarding the detainees.	○ Kenya's formal response to Uganda's compensation computation. ○ Legal disposition of the 10 herdsman who remain in Kitale Prison. ○ Reparation mechanisms for the five bereaved families. ○ The Okukaraba / Akibut reconciliation prayers.

TAKEAWAY: Formal processes have addressed criminal accountability, but reconciliation between families, communities, and states is incomplete.

Harmonising state accountability with customary reconciliation

STATE JUSTICE

AUTHORITY

Executive Order No. 3 and state law.

VALUE FRAMEWORK

Attorney-General-guided computation.

CORE PURPOSE

Accountability, deterrence, and state guarantees.

CURRENT CONSTRAINT

Intergovernmental correspondence has not yet closed the compensation gap.



OKUKARABA / AKIBUT

AUTHORITY

Clan elders and the akiriket.

VALUE FRAMEWORK

Agreed ex gratia customary token.

CORE PURPOSE

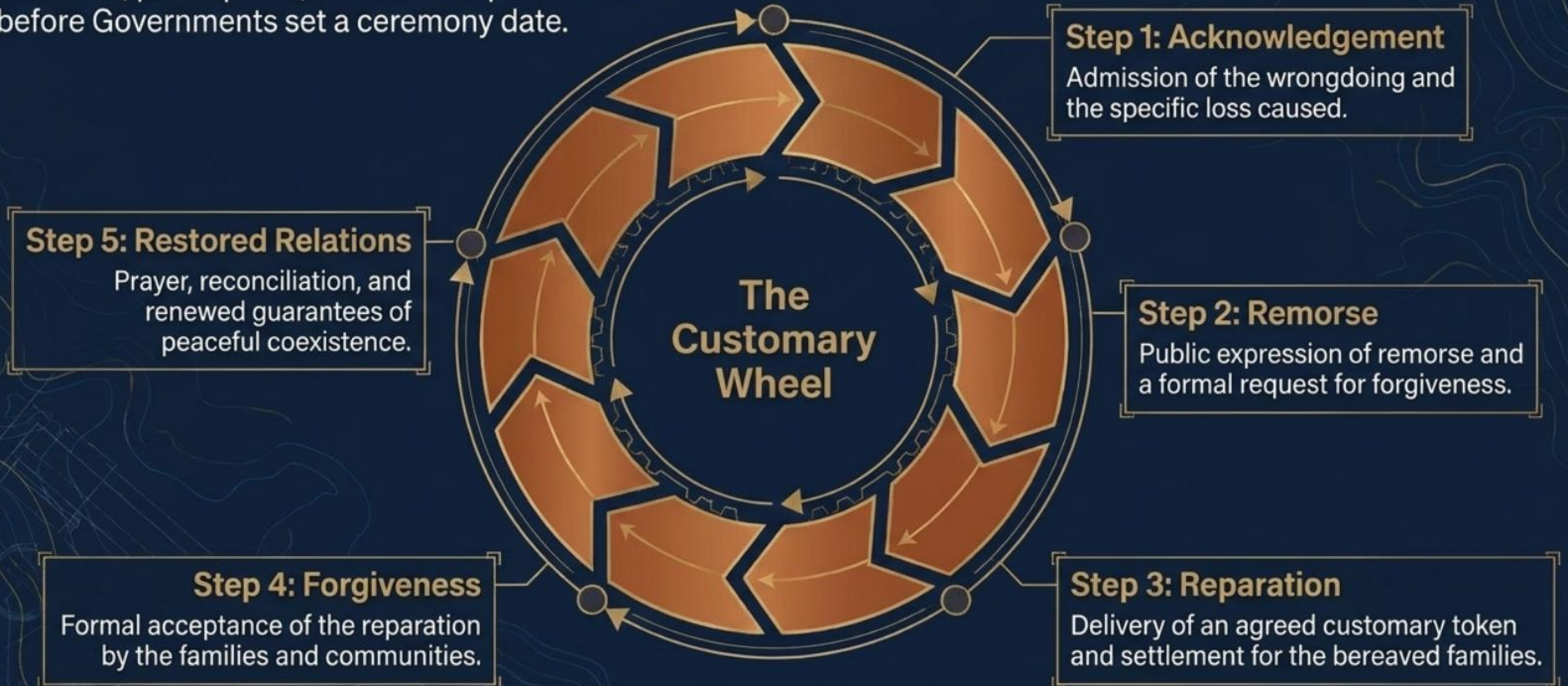
Acknowledgement, remorse, forgiveness, and restored relations.

CURRENT CONSTRAINT

The ceremony lacks an agreed, state-sanctioned pathway.

The rigorous anatomy of Okukaraba / Akibut

Elders must confirm the correct Ateker form, officiants, participants, and ritual requirements before Governments set a ceremony date.

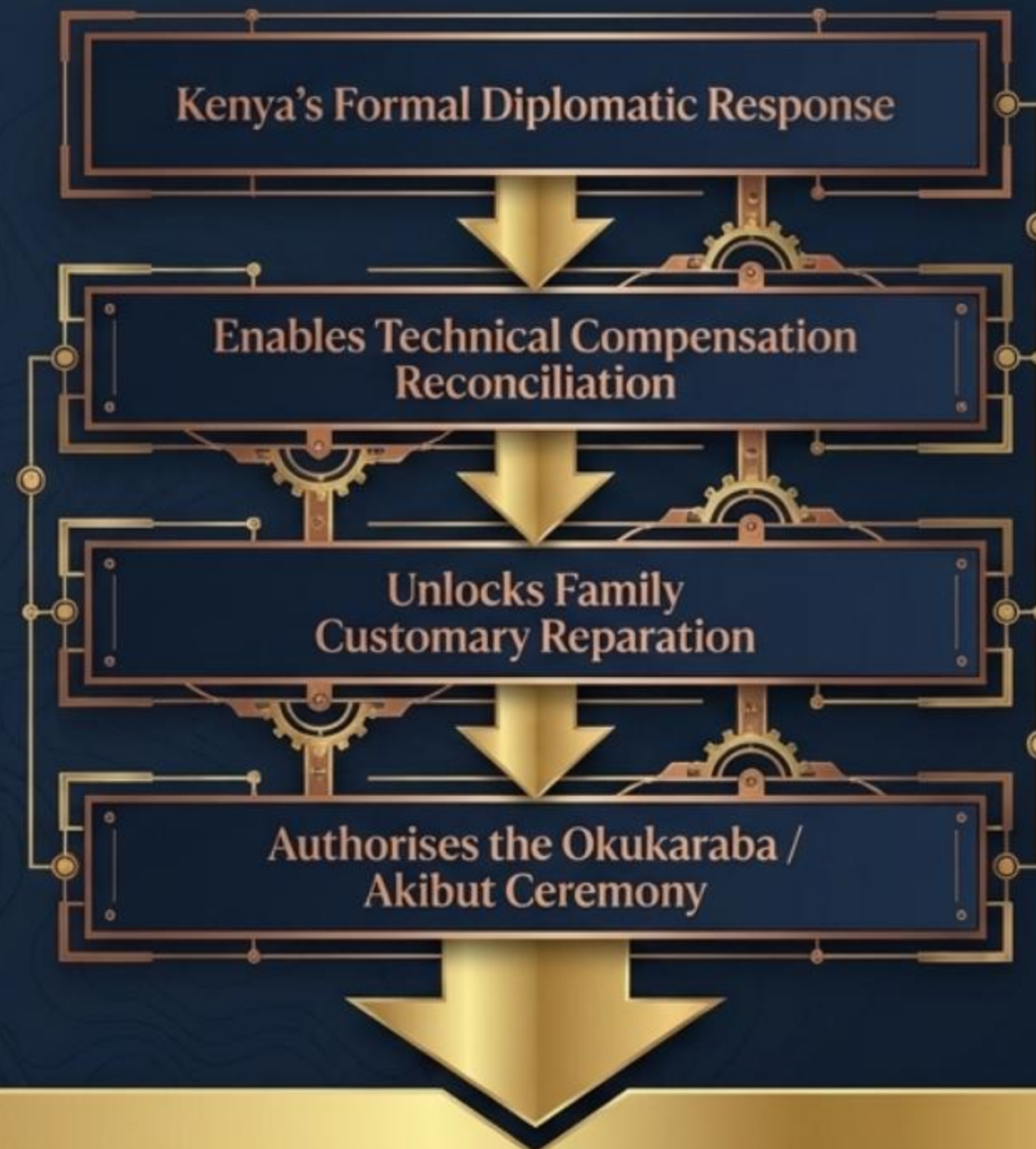


Unlocking the impasse requires parallel state and cultural tracks



SYNTHESIS INSIGHT: The dialogue can assign owners and dates immediately. Neither track has to wait for the other to begin.

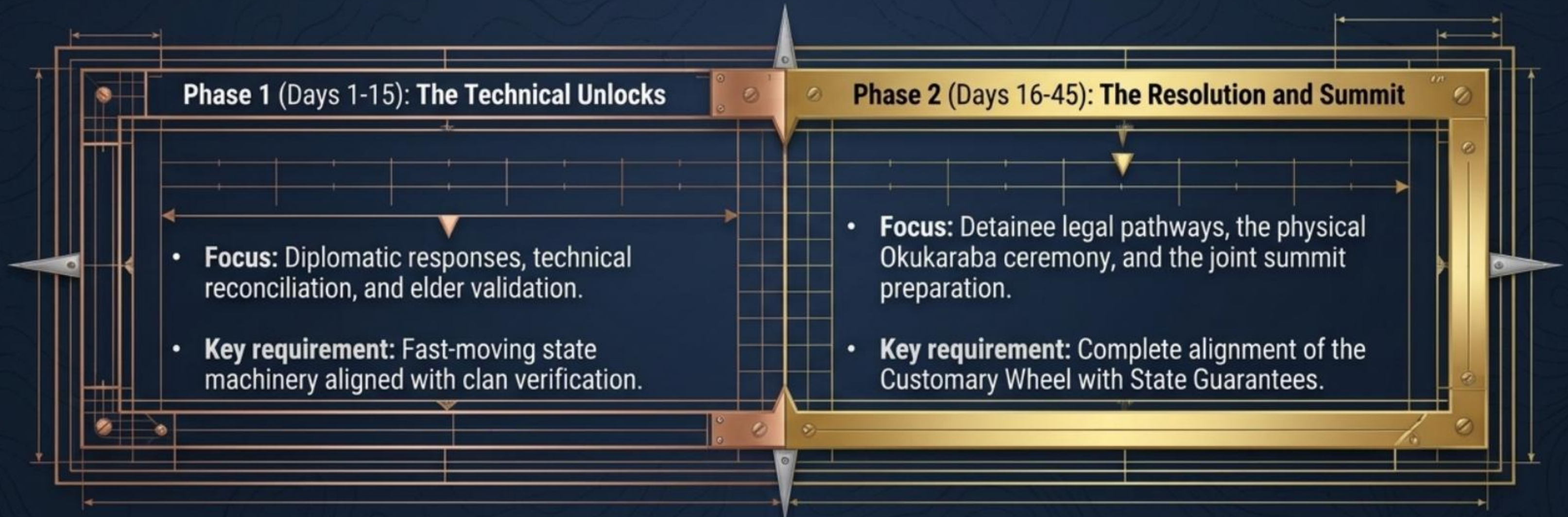
Resolving the sequence dependencies



By adopting a parallel framework, we condense what would otherwise take years of linear waiting into a structured 45-day timetable.

Opens the Door to Presidential Signature.

The 45-day timetable to Presidential Signature



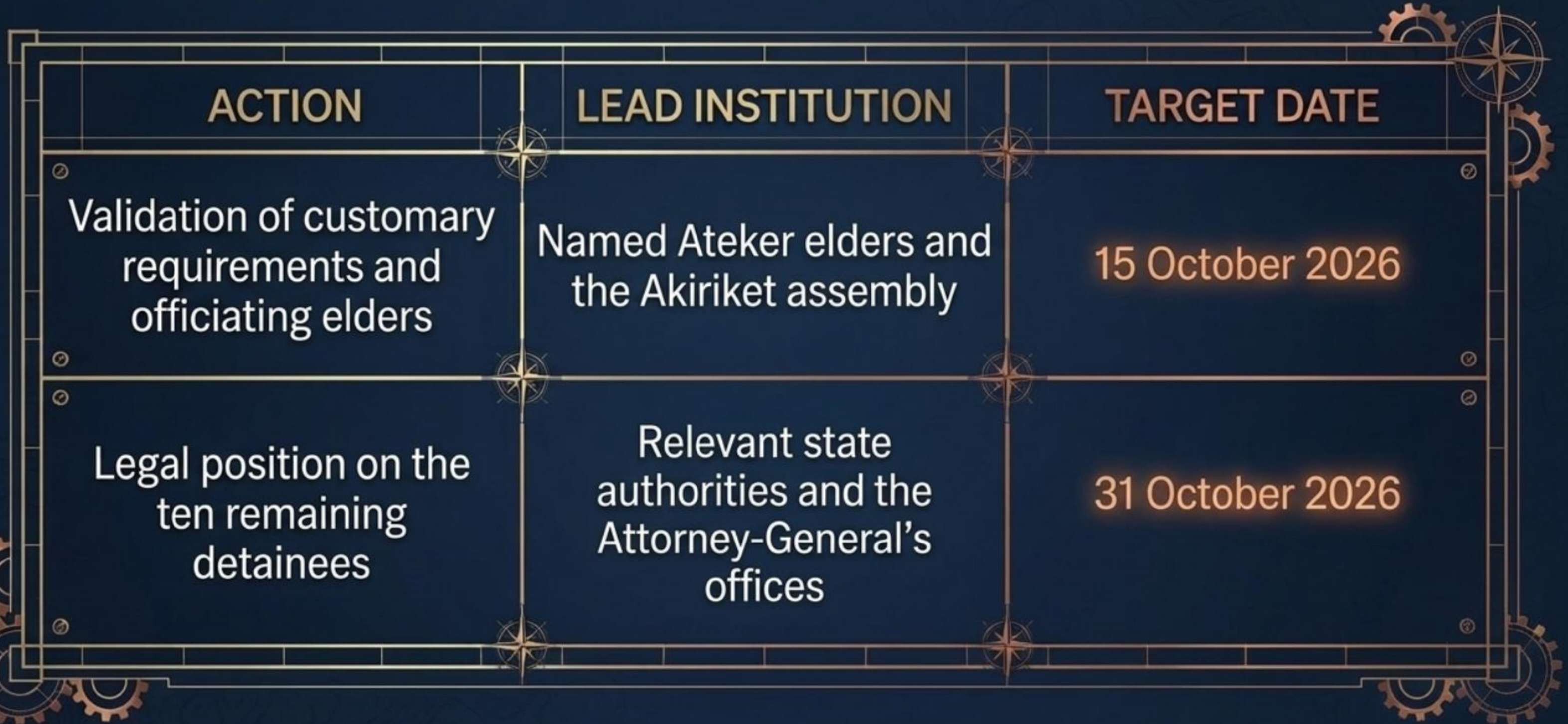
The next three slides require direct floor commitments from this assembly to populate the Master Action Ledger

Floor Commitments: State and Technical Reconciliation

ACTION	LEAD INSTITUTION	TARGET DATE
Kenya's formal diplomatic response	Office of the President, Republic of Kenya	30 September 2026
Joint technical compensation reconciliation	Uganda–Kenya joint technical teams	15 October 2026

Dates remain proposals until formally adopted or amended by this plenary.

Floor Commitments: Customary Process and Legal Status



ACTION	LEAD INSTITUTION	TARGET DATE
Validation of customary requirements and officiating elders	Named Ateker elders and the Akiriket assembly	15 October 2026
Legal position on the ten remaining detainees	Relevant state authorities and the Attorney-General's offices	31 October 2026

Floor Commitments: The Final Reconciliations

ACTION	LEAD INSTITUTION	TARGET DATE
Okukaraba / Akibut reconciliation ceremony	Both Governments jointly, with the Elders' Council	Date agreed by 31 October 2026
Joint Presidential Summit and signature	Offices of both Heads of State	Target agreed by 31 October 2026

The action matrix governing the next forty-five days

Both tracks report to one follow-up mechanism. Dates remain proposals for immediate adoption or amendment by the dialogue.

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Okukaraba / Akibut ceremony	Governments and elders	Date agreed by 31 Oct
Presidential Summit & Signature	Offices of both Presidents	Target agreed by 31 Oct

The Moroto Commitment

A signed route from agreement to implementation.

- ☐ A dated route to conclude Okukaraba / Akibut.
- ☐ Named institutions for every outstanding action.
- ☐ A target date for the Presidential Summit and signature.
- ☐ A signed record for the afternoon high-level dialogue.

For adoption, assignment, and immediate follow-up. Let Moroto be remembered as the moment unfinished conflict turned into permanent cross-border brotherhood.