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2nd Edition Text Ninini?
Program Timelapse



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**21ST-25TH
SEPTEMBER 2026**
AT KIBALE RIVERSIDE CAMP

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Programme description

Text Ni Nini 2026 offers an explorative creative process grounded in the intimacy of the diary form, we explore 'text' through a layered: practice-based, multi-perspective and transdisciplinary approach. This exploration is designed & co facilitated by Ogutu Muraya, Gloria Kiconco, and Mariam Ibrahim Bactor, under the guidance of Iraa - the Granary. The intention is to create a collective study experience - interweaving stories, memories, criticality, embodiment, sense perception, puzzlement, worlding and ludic learning. We therefore invite and convene a shared experience, as an attitude of interacting with each other that puts emphasis on the importance of playfulness, curiosity, and an openness to surprise.

In this process, the diary or if you like the journal is seen as a starting point - a living archive, a deep listener, a true companion. And by being in a collective process, the diary form has the space to evolve into a polyvocal experience with other voices. For this reason and to hold space for our togetherness, consent and confidentiality, are principal to our sharing sessions – everything is a negotiation and a dialogue, a deeper dive, where the map is not the territory and the diary is not necessarily just an ego document.

"That's the thing with a diary, though. In order to record your life, you sort of need to live it...Out in the world where it's so beautiful and complex and painful that sometimes you just need to sit down and write about it."

Diarist David Sedaris

'How do you push a river back to its source?' Is this year's provocation: the second book in a diary series. Book one framed the first provocation that came in 2024 – 'How do you observe a stone that is about to strike you?'. This diary series is part of Ogutu Muraya's long-term literary performance practice; an ongoing symbiosis between reading, writing and publishing as staging. The diary entries form a fragmented chronicle that evokes the crisis of imagination and the crisis of care, and the sincere quest for metamorphosis.

Day 1 – Sunday 20/09/2026 (Travel Day)	Day 2 – Monday 21/09/2026	Day 3 – Tuesday 22/09/2026
• 7:00–8:00am: Pick-up at City Square, packed breakfast • 1:00pm: Packed lunch • 7:00pm: Collective dinner at camp site • Activities: Journaling during journey, facilitators share childhood snacks & stories, introduction to Maabara principles, timeline of turning points (Past/Present/Future), Zine-making with Gloria Kiconco • 11:00pm: Lights out	• 7:00–8:00am: Breakfast at the Lodge • 8:00–8:15am: Ice breaker – Gloria Kiconco (harvesting) • 8:15–10:00am: Writing workshop – Zine making • 10:00–10:30am: Bio break • 10:30am–1:00pm: Workshop continues – Zine making • 1:00–2:00pm: Lunch • 2:00–2:15am: Ice breaker – Kalimba discussion (Rhythm circle) • 2:15–4:00pm: Timeline exercise – The continuum with Ogutu Muraya (Past/Present/Future/Liminal) • 4:00–5:00pm: Evening tea, snacks, stories – The Five Senses with Mariam • 7:00pm: Collective dinner at camp site • 11:00pm: Lights out	• 7:00–8:00am: Breakfast at the Lodge • 8:00–8:15am: Ice breaker – Gloria Kiconco (freewriting) • 8:15–10:00am: Writing workshop – Blackout text • 10:00–10:30am: Bio break • 10:30am–1:00pm: Workshop continues – Timeline exercise - The Past • 1:00–2:00pm: Lunch • 2:00–2:15am: Ice breaker – Kalimba discussion (Rhythm circle) • 2:15–4:00pm: Forest walk with Junior (five senses grounding) • 4:00–5:00pm: Evening tea, snacks, stories • 7:00pm: Collective dinner at camp site • 11:00pm: Lights out

Day 4 – Wednesday 23/09/2026

- **7:00–8:00 am:** Breakfast at the Lodge
- **8:00–8:15am:** Ice breaker – Mariam Bactor
- **8:15–10:00 am:** Writing workshop – Body Scan (with co-facilitators)
- **10:00–10:30 am:** Bio break
- **10:30am–1:00pm:** Workshop continues – Timeline exercise - The Present
- **1:00–2:00pm:** Lunch
- **2:00–2:15 am:** Ice breaker – Kalimba discussion (Rhythm circle)
- **2:15–4:00 pm:** Workshop continues with Ogutu Muraya
- **4:00–5:00 pm:** Evening tea, snacks, stories
- **7:00pm:** Collectively made barbeque-style dinner
- **11:00pm:** Lights out

Day 5 – Thursday 24/09/2026

- **7:00–8:00 am:** Breakfast at the Lodge
- **8:00–8:15am:** Ice breaker – Gloria Kiconco (visual freewriting)
- **8:15–10:00 am:** Writing workshop – Reflection session with cohort
- **10:00–10:30 am:** Banana-making activities
- **10:30am–1:00pm:** Workshop continues – Banana making
- **1:00–2:00pm:** Lunch
- **2:00–2:15 am:** Ice breaker – Kalimba discussion (Rhythm circle)
- **2:15–4:00 pm:** Workshop continues – Timeline exercise - The Future with Ogutu Muraya
- **4:00–5:00pm:** Evening tea, snacks, stories
- **6:00pm:** Early dinner
- **7:00pm:** Storytelling session around the fire with Ogutu
- **11:00pm:** Lights out

Day 6 – Friday 25/09/2026

- **6:30–7:30 am:** Breakfast before game drive
- **7:00–10:00 am:** Visit game park & game drive
- **10:00–10:30 am:** Bio break during drive
- **10:30am–1:00 pm:** Return from game drive
- **1:00–2:00 pm:** Packed lunch from Lodge
- **2:00–2:15 am:** Ice breaker – Kalimba discussion (Rhythm circle)
- **2:15–4:00 pm:** Workshop continues – Timeline exercise – The Liminal
- **4:00–5:00pm:** Evening tea, snacks, stories

Day 7 – Saturday 26/09/2026

- **Venue:** On the road to Kampala from Kibale
- **Activities:** Departure day

ARRIVAL TRAVEL TO KIBALE ,
JOURNALING & CHECK INS
AND SETTLING INTO KIBALE

SUNDAY 20.09.2026

BLACKOUT TEXT, TIMELINE
EXERCISE-THE PAST, FOREST
WALK

TUESDAY 22.09.2026

BANANA MAKING, TIMELINE
EXERCISE-THE FUTURE,
STORYTELLING WITH
OGUTU

THURSDAY 24.09.2026

DEPARTURE CHECK OUTS &
TRAVEL TO KAMPALA

SATURDAY 26.09.2026

MONDAY 21.09.2026

ZINE MAKING, TIMELINE
EXERCISE-THE CONTINUUM
& FIVE SENSES

WEDNESDAY 23.09.2026

BODY SCAN, TIMELINE
EXERCISE-THE PRESENT,
BARBEQUE DINNER

FRIDAY 25.09.2026

GAME DRIVE, TIMELINE
EXERCISE- THE LIMINAL

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