



To His Majesty: Osie Adza Tekpor VII:

Peace and Blessings to you. We want to thank you for your letter and your warm wishes for the success of the International Network of Scholars and Activists for Afrikan Reparations (INOSAAR). As well, your account of the extraordinary history of the Avatime kingship and the people of the kingdom is enlightening and praiseworthy, and the story of the historical formation of the Avatime people is impressive.

Your information about the freedom struggles and proud determination of the people to fight against slavery and keep their liberty and dignity is one that is not readily known in Euro-American scholarship, and thus seminal, groundbreaking knowledge for academics as well as activists and a source comfort to those of us in the African diasporas whose ancestors were captured and forcibly dragged across the Atlantic to the hell of chattel slavery in the Caribbean and the Americas.

Our long struggle for freedom and equality, restitution, atonement, transitional justice, and reparations for the violence of enslavement, theft of Africans' labor, and subsequent colonialism and racist oppression is well-known. The INOSAAR initiative grows out of this historical commitment to rectification of these cosmic injustices. We think that the initiatives you are proposing are crucial to the entire world-wide movement for Afrikan Reparations, and we are in solidarity with you on that agenda.

We first of all, hope that you will consider linking the GAFRIC to our INOSAAR collaborative. In that way, you can share the three practical initiatives to which you are committed to developing while at the same time benefiting from the international exposure and potential resources of the membership of the INOSAAR network. We see this action as a vital step in your quest to establish the Global Afrikan Reparatory Justice Action Research and Learning Community Centers (GARJARLCC).

As you are aware, we plan to hold our culmination conference in Porto-Novo, Republic of Bénin in September, 2018. We would be honored if you (or a representative of the GAFRIC) would consider attending and sharing your

innovative approach to reparatory justice with the international community in attendance. Please know, your Majesty, that we are available for further communication with you or your representatives at any time.

In Solidarity,

Dr. Joyce Hope Scott, Dr. Nicola Frith