

INFORMATION FOR RESEARCH PARTICIPANTS
YOU WILL BE GIVEN A COPY OF THIS INFORMATION SHEET

Research Project: Urban Energy Transformations in South Africa

I would like to invite you to participate in this research project based at the University of Cape Town in partnership with universities in the UK. You should only participate if you want to; choosing not to take part will not disadvantage you in any way. Before you decide whether you want to take part, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what your participation will involve. Please take time to read the following information and to ask if anything is unclear or if you would like more information.

What is the purpose of the study?

This study is looking to understand how energy in South African cities can be governed in more sustainable and equitable ways. A team of researchers from UK universities, the University of Cape and the NGO Sustainable Energy Africa are interested in how to support municipalities to transforming energy governance.

Why have I been chosen?

We would like to hear your views of how energy is currently governed in South Africa cities and how it could be governed differently in the future

What will participation involve?

If you agree to take part, we will arrange a short interview of approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour in a place most convenient for you.

The interview will be recorded with your permission, but I will take notes and your words may be reproduced in text. Any text will be anonymised such that you can not be identified from your words in any reports that I produce from the research.

You are very welcome to receive a copy of my reports and publications, and to be in contact with me to hear personally about the findings. Information will be handled in accordance with the terms of the UK Data Protection Act 1998. The research data will be stored securely at the University Exeter for 2 years, and will then be destroyed.

It is up to you to decide whether to take part or not. If you decide to take part you are still free to withdraw the information you have provided at any time, without giving a reason. If you do decide to take part you will be given this information sheet to keep.

Please note that:

- You can decide to stop the interview at any point
- You need not answer questions that you do not wish to
- The interview may be electronically recorded, with your permission.
- The recording will then be transcribed and anonymised; You will not be identifiable in any of the research reports.

Contact details are provided overleaf

Contact Details

If you have any questions or require more information about the study, please contact me using the following contact details: **Jon Phillips, Department of Geography, Amory Building, Rennes Drive, University of Exeter, Exeter, UK, EX4 4RJ. Email: j.phillips3@exeter.ac.uk. Phone: TBC.**

If this study has harmed you in any way, you can contact the lead researcher for further advice and information: **Dr Federico Caprotti, Department of Geography, Amory Building, Rennes Drive, University of Exeter, Exeter, UK, EX4 4RJ. Email: f.caprotti@exeter.ac.uk**