

**Rethinking Environment and Development in an Era of Global Norms:  
Exploring international politics of justice on carbon forestry and hydropower**

**CONSENT FORM FOR INTERVIEWEES**

[to be read aloud to adult participants]

**Introduction**

My name is [name of researcher]. I am from the University of East Anglia, UK. I would like to invite you to participate in a study conducted by us in partnership with [name of local partner organisation]. We are funded by UK government and research council. We have chosen a small number of NGO workers and activists to take part in the study, representing different types of organisations working in the country, and you were selected.

**Purpose of the study**

The purpose of the study is to explore how international environmental policies and principles are translated at national and subnational level and to what extent those policies address the issues faced by poor and marginalized people. We work alongside partners in Nepal (South Asian Institute for Advanced Studies), Uganda (the Ugandan Coalition for Sustainable Development) and Sudan (the Manaseer Council). This interview aims to find out how you and your organisation seek to represent local people's concerns and the strategies used to influence policies, implementation and outcomes. It will result in a policy brief and academic publications which we will share with you before they are published.

**Rights to refuse or end participation in the study**

You are in no way obliged to participate in this study. If you decide not to participate in this study or decide to withdraw from the study at any time, it will not adversely affect you in any way. If you do agree to join this study, you can refuse at any time to answer any question that you do not want to discuss, and you can stop the interview.

**Study procedures**

I will spend up to two hours asking questions about the work you and your organisation do regarding development and the environment.

**Confidentiality**

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**Risks**

In case some questions make you feel uncomfortable, you may refuse to answer them or you can stop the interview at any time. You should also feel free to contact us afterwards, should you change your mind at a later stage.

**Benefits**

If you agree to participate in the study, you will not gain any direct personal benefits. However, the information you provide may help us develop recommendations for enhancing the benefits local people derive from environmental policy and management.

**Do you have any questions?**

The interview is also an opportunity for you to ask us/me any questions. You can also speak to me or our research partners at the [name of local partner organisation, name of specific researcher, address and phone number]. Do you want to ask me anything about the study now?

**Agree to participate**

The project information was read and explained to me clearly. Anything I did not understand was explained to me and all my questions were answered.

**Respondent agrees to participate in the study:**            ☐ Yes   ☐ No

Signature of interviewer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of study participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Or: Verbal consent given: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time and Place

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I will arrange to call or visit you at a time convenient to you. I will spend up to two hours with you asking questions about the work you and your organisation do regarding development and the environment.

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**Appointment**

I will come back/call at a time convenient to you. I will spend 1-2 hours with you to ask the questions I described.

Date and time of first appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

