# Picture 7Appendix III: Project Information sheet

Transforming Universities for a Changing Climate

Information Sheet

The sheet is intended to provide background information on the project and your participation in the research. If you would like any further information, contact details are provided at the end.

**Background to the Project**

Transforming Universities for a Changing Climate is a research project investigating the role that higher education can play in addressing the challenges of climate change. The project is a partnership between researchers in five countries – Brazil, Fiji, Kenya, Mozambique and the United Kingdom (UK) – and is funded by the UK’s Economic and Social Research Council (a public body committed to improving quality of life through social science research and innovation), as part of the Global Challenges Research Fund. It is led by University College London in the UK, and the lead institution in Kenya is Kenyatta university.

The project involves qualitative and quantitative studies and setting up participatory action research (PAR) groups in twelve universities in Brazil, Fiji, Kenya and Mozambique. These groups will involve staff, students and local community members, as well as other relevant stakeholders, in Kenya. The purpose of these PAR groups is to develop and monitor an intervention in each institution, through regular and collaborative meetings with stakeholders from diverse roles and positions within and outside universities.

The Transforming Universities for a Changing Climate project has passed through ethical approval at University College London, and also in National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI). Ethics are at the heart of PAR approaches and should be embedded throughout the activities and the research: please do not hesitate to raise any ethical questions that you see arising either with the research team or during the research interviews and Participatory Action Research meetings.

**What will happen to the research**

The results of this research will be used in different ways. We will be producing reports for the universities who have participated in the research, and will work with them to develop their current provision. We will also disseminate the results through conferences and seminars with other universities in the country who haven’t participated in the research. We will also publish the findings in reports, academic journals and blogs to

reach people in other countries who are researching similar topics, or who are engaged in action around climate change or improving university systems around the world.

Any interview, focus group or other participatory research data will only be used for research purposes.  It will not be used in a manner which would allow identification of your individual responses.  At the end of the project, anonymised research data will be archived at the UK Data Archive in order to make them available to other researchers in line with current data sharing practices.

**Contact details**

The lead researcher for Kenya is [Dr. Jackline Nyerere](mailto:nyerere.jackline@ku.ac.ke?subject=Contact%20Dr.%20Jackline%20Nyerere), Senior Lecturer, Kenyatta University, and the research assistants are [Jeremy Kaburu and Rachel Okinyi](mailto:rachelokinyi@gmail.com?subject=Contact%20Rachel%20Okinyi) .

Please contact us if you have any further questions on this research.

**Data Protection Privacy Notice**

The controller for this project will be University College London (UCL). The UCL Data Protection Officer provides oversight of UCL activities involving the processing of personal data, and can be contacted at [data-protection@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:data-protection@ucl.ac.uk)

This ‘local’ privacy notice sets out the information that applies to this particular study. Further information on how UCL uses participant information can be found in our ‘general’ privacy notice:

For participants in research studies, click [here](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/legal-services/privacy/ucl-general-research-participant-privacy-notice)

The information that is required to be provided to participants under data protection legislation (GDPR and DPA 2018) is provided across both the ‘local’ and ‘general’ privacy notices.

The lawful basis that will be used to process your personal data are: ‘Public task’ for personal data. Your personal data will be processed so long as it is required for the research project. If we are able to anonymise or pseudonymise the personal data you provide we will undertake this, and will endeavour to minimise the processing of personal data wherever possible.