**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET – Cannabis Africana: Drugs and Development**

The Universities of Bristol and IFRA-Nigeria would like to invite you to take part in our research project*.* Before agreeing to take part, please read this information sheet carefully and let us know if anything is unclear or you would like further information.

**Who is undertaking the study?**

Dr Gernot Klantschnig (University of Bristol) is the principal investigator for this study. The Nigerian investigator of the study is Ediomo-Ubong Nelson (IFRA-Nigeria).

**Who is funding the research?**

The project is funded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). This is an independent academic research project.

**What is the purpose of the study?**

Our project aims to develop a deeper understanding of cannabis in Nigeria, focusing not only on its ‘traditional’ uses, but on its contemporary growth as an economic cash crop and source of livelihoods in a global context where drug policy is ever-changing. Emphasis is on examining the historical and contemporary place of cannabis in rural and urban settings. The wider project focuses on four countries, that is, Nigeria, Kenya, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

**Why have I been invited to take part?**

You have been invited to take part because of your knowledge and expertise about cannabis, its meanings, and roles in people’s lives or its control.

**Do I have to take part?**

No, participation is optional. If you decide to take part, you will be given a copy of this information sheet for your records and will be asked to complete a participation consent form. If you change your mind at any point during the study prior to publication of the project’s research outputs, you will be able to withdraw your participation without having to provide a reason. You can contact the researcher conducting this interview or the principal investigator.

**Is the research confidential?**

The research is confidential, and interviewees will not be identified.

**What does taking part involve?**

The interview will be conducted following common academic conventions. It will be an audio-recorded conversation about the topic of the research and take about 45-60 minutes. You will be asked questions about the (1) history of cannabis, production, trade and consumption in your area, (2) its role in rural and urban livelihoods, and about (3) policy responses and effects.

**What are the benefits and risks of participating?**

There are no financial benefits to taking part. Your participation will benefit the advancement of scientific knowledge and it is hoped to lead to positive change in the fields of policy and society. Some risks of participation, such as breaches of confidentiality do exist in rare cases (for instance if the interview would indicate that someone is in immediate danger). These risks are being minimised by following the strictest ethical and risk averse research procedures prescribed by our universities.

**How do I find out more information?**

You can visit the project site on [https://cannabisafricana.blogs.bristol.ac.uk/](https://cannabisafricana.blogs.bristol.ac.uk/%20) or contact the research team at [gernot.klantschnig@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:gernot.klantschnig@bristol.ac.uk) or [degreatnelson@yahoo.com](mailto:degreatnelson@yahoo.com).

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| **PRIVACY NOTICE - Cannabis Africana: Drugs and Development**  This privacy notice is for individuals participating in the **Cannabis Africana: Drugs and Development in Africa** project. It sets out the ways in which the University of Bristol gathers, uses, stores, and shares your data. |

**What will happen to my data?**

Your involvement in the study will remain confidential. Only anonymised data/findings (not personal or identifying information) will be available to research staff and national bodies which monitor whether research studies are conducted properly. Your data will be anonymised, meaning that it will be given an identification number and any identifying information about you will be removed. Therefore, it will not be possible to identify you by name from any aspect of documentation or reporting for this research study. At the end of the study our anonymised interview will be made “Open Access”. This means that it will be stored in an online database so that it is publicly available.

**What is open access?**

Open access means that data are made available, free of charge, to anyone interested in the research, or who wishes to conduct their own analysis of the data. We will therefore have no control over how these data are used. However, all data will be anonymised before it is made available and therefore there will be no way to identify you from the research data.

**Why open access?**

Open access of research data and findings is considered best research practice and is a requirement of many funding bodies and journals. As a large proportion of research is publicly funded, the outcomes of the research should be made publicly available. Sharing data helps to maximise the impact of investment through wider use and encourages new avenues of research.

**Questions, concerns and right to complain**

If you have any questions about this participant information sheet or concerns about how your data is being processed, please contact the Principal Investigator at gernot.klantschnig@bristol.ac.uk in the first instance.

If you are unhappy with the way in which the University has handled your personal data, you have a right to complain to the Research Governance Team at [research-governance@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:research-governance@bristol.ac.uk).

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