**CANNABIS AFRICANA**

**1. Cannabis production/trade**

* **History** of cannabis production/trade by the individual, and in community.
  + What has been your experience with cannabis production/trade? When did you start and why/how? What were you doing before cannabis? Why switch? [structural (agro-ecological; socio-economic) and institutional (e.g., risk; uncertainty) factors]
  + What do you think about cannabis? Changes in your and others’ views over time? [different meanings of cannabis [e.g. cultural]. Cannabis as ‘drug’, the ‘label drug’]
* **Livelihoods/benefits/risks** [pull/push factors, incl livelihoods crises, compensation?]
  + What benefits, if any, does cannabis provide to producers/traders’ households, and in what ways does it do so?
  + Do you do other crops/goods, aside from cannabis? What do you do with the cannabis income? [links between cannabis and legal economies? Cannabis income for social and economic improvements?].
  + What makes a successful cannabis farmer/entrepreneur?
  + Risk: How do others think about what you do? Are you concerned about police?
* **Land** (access)/**environment** (harms) and cannabis.
  + SA: Do land reform/policies address the needs of cannabis producers?
  + Where do you plant? How get land? (clearing forest?) How cannabis affects environment/forest? Herbicide use? Use of wildlife/forest reserves?
* **Organisation** of production/trade
  + Work as individual or in a group and how? Where does production/trade take place? Scale of cannabis production/trade (how many people, hectares, routes?)
  + **Class/gender/generation**: Who produces and trades in cannabis? What different roles do women/young people play, in your view? Why/not play these roles?
  + Do you have an association of (cannabis) farmers/traders or a way to mobilise?
  + Any role of concealment, protection or violence in your cannabis related work?
* **Cannabis markets**:
  + Prices: How much do you make from cannabis? Price per bag/weight? Prices/incomes along supply chain & over time? Why change of prices? Different varieties/grades?
  + Supply chains: How to make it ready for sale and consumption? How many actors before drugs are with user? What are the relationships that count? Role of trust?
  + Seasonality: When do you plant/harvest/transport/supply and how often a year?
  + Credit: How do you get capital to invest in cannabis?
  + What varieties/grades of cannabis are grown/exchanged, reasons for their choice and history of production/trade? Any preferred varieties?
* **Law and policy’s impact** on cannabis livelihoods.
  + How do you interact with government/state?
  + If government provided an alternative to cannabis, would you (and your community) be interested? Why/not? [perceptions re alternative livelihoods)
  + Your views on legal cannabis (incl for medical and scientific purposes). SA: Perceptions on the new policy and inclusivity [explore entry requirements].
  + SA: What would be considered an inclusive legal cannabis sector?

**2. Cannabis consumption *[Traders/consumers/Community Elders/Musicians/Activists]***

* What names are given to cannabis by local communities, and their meanings?
* Sources of cannabis/where do supplies come from?
* Who are the users — buyers and consumers of cannabis?
* Why use? Different cultures of consumption [Example - to get power, courage, and therapeutic, social, and sacred functions]
* Forms of consumption [Smoking as a cigarette; pipes; burning dry leaves in a bowl; drawing fumes through water in a horn etc].
* Patterns of consumption [When/where/why does consumption take place?]
* How is cannabis perceived among different categories of users?
* Relationship between **cannabis consumption and development**/**livelihoods** [e.g –links between cannabis consumption and *idleness/unemployment/performance enhancement/coping* on one hand, and *underdevelopment* on the other; cannabis and mental health, insanity, healing etc].
* Perceptions of policy, law enforcement and what changes wished for?

**3. Societal perceptions on cannabis and its effects**

* Perceptions on cannabis and its effects on their communities
* Role of cannabis in people’s livelihoods
* How does cannabis link to other crops/commodity and livelihoods strategies?
* Perceptions on cannabis as a crop/trading item and its role in livelihoods.
* Explore relationship between land/agricultural laws/policies and cannabis [should cannabis producers benefit from land/agricultural support?]
* Should cannabis production/consumption be legal?
* Relationship between cannabis and development/crime etc.
* Different meanings of cannabis to African communities
* How best should the cannabis issue be addressed?
* Views on the legal market for medical and scientific purposes [Should the activities of smallholder producers/traders be legalised?]

**4. Law enforcement**

* Your and **history**/role in law enforcement? Your **org/unit’s** role?
* What are law enforcement officers’ **perceptions of cannabis**? What are their understandings of its effects (on individuals, society etc)? Relationship between cannabis and crime. Compared to other drugs and social issues?
* What is viewed as **“successful” in terms of cannabis control**? Cannabis laws/policies and what do they think needs changing? Costs of cannabis policing? Any priorities now or in future?
* What are law enforcement officers’ perceptions of **other state actors**, such as courts, and how they handle cannabis – do they feel supported?
* Perceptions on cannabis **production/trade/consumption and its relationship to development/livelihoods**? Views on relationship between cannabis consumption and development/livelihoods?
* Links between cannabis policing and **human rights** [Rights of those arrested etc]?
* Perceptions of **policy change and legalisation** of cannabis, in country, elsewhere?

**5. Policy on cannabis**

* Your work and cannabis? What done before? What is role of your org/unit?
* Perception of cannabis (compared to other drugs and social issues, incl links between cannabis and development, health, crime etc.
* Effects of cannabis on development and rural/urban livelihoods: Is cannabis a threat to development or does underdevelopment promote cannabis economies? Link between cannabis production/trade and political and socio-economic inequalities?
* Explore relationship between cannabis [production/trade] and land and agrarian policies [Should land/agrarian policies accommodate small cannabis producers]
* Does cannabis play a role, if any, in the lives of some community members? [Is the role positive, negative, etc].
* Alternative suggestions towards those involved in cannabis economies?
* Link between cannabis and the environment [positive, negative, none]
* SA: Explore the development models in the cannabis sector [Inclusion of small producers or dominated by corporate businesses].
* Policy/LE: Assessment of current laws and policies on cannabis control [positives and challenges, changes over time]; Cost and effectiveness of law enforcement [Financial, material and human resources]? Should the activities of small cannabis producers/traders be legal [SA: beyond medical and scientific purposes]?
* SA: Explore the link between the legal system and cannabis [Court cases, etc]
* SA: Explore the legal market for medical cannabis and hemp [the development model, licensing processes, entry requirements and inclusivity – are the policies inclusive?]