APPENDIX B

Consent Protocol for individual interviews


The aim of this study is to examine how African Indigenous Science can be integrated in the national school curriculum to improve teaching and students' comprehension and application of science principles to their immediate environment. The information will be used for my PhD thesis and will also be presented in the form of conference presentations, journal articles, working papers and book chapters. The reason that I would like to speak with you is because of your wealth of theoretical as well as practical experiences working in the classroom setting as a lecturer/professor and seeing the challenges that students grapple with as far as science pedagogy is concerned.

I would like to confirm your agreement to participate in this research. If you do not wish to take part, please feel free to say so. If you agree, and there are any topics that come up during the course of the interview that you do not want to discuss, please just say so. If at any point attrition arise (you decide that you do not wish to continue with the interview), please let me know and we will stop immediately. In that case I will not use any of the information you have provided. All the data you have given to me will be deleted and not used any more in the study. However, I request that you give rationale for withdrawal from the study.

Participation in this study may involve answering/addressing the attached questions/topics.

I would like to have your permission to record the interview. The audio file will not have your name attached to it, and will only be listened to and transcribed by myself. If you wish, I will provide you with a copy of the audio recording and/or the transcript. I will keep the audio files for three years after the study is completed; they will then be deleted. Transcripts with no name attached may be kept for five years after the study is completed (in case a follow up study is warranted). If you are in any way uncomfortable with the interview being recorded, please just say so; in that case I will just take notes during the interview.

All information contained in this interview is confidential and anonymous. Only I know the names of the people who are being interviewed, and there will be only one copy of these names, which I will keep under lock and key/saved as an encrypted file.

Any reports I write for this study will ensure that you are kept anonymous. For example I might speak in a general way, saying that a particular issue was reported by several of the people interviewed. Or I might quote you by saying that one individual interviewed said.......
Any reports I write for this study will ensure that you are kept anonymous. For example I might speak in a general way, saying that a particular issue was reported by several of the people interviewed. Or I might quote you by saying that one individual interviewed said……. In no instance would anyone reading the study be able to guess that you are the person who was interviewed. Also, pseudo names will be used to further protect your identity.

If after the interview has been concluded you would like any follow-up information, or a summary of some of the research results so far, please indicate by providing your e-mail or mailing address below.

One copy of this consent protocol and letter of introduction will be left with you for your records. If you have any questions about your rights as a participant in this research, you can contact the Office of Research Ethics the University of Toronto at ethics.review@utoronto.ca or 416-946-3273.

Please read the consent protocol carefully. If you agree to participate, please sign below.

I, ___________________________, agree to participate in an interview for the project on Integration of African Indigenous Science in Faculties Higher Education in Uganda.

I, ___________________________, agree/ do not agree to this interview being recorded (please check appropriate response).

I would like a summary of the research results to be sent to me at: ___________________________

Date: 1/9/2011

Signature: ___________________________
ADM 154/212/01

August 18, 2011

The Resident District Commissioner
Kampala District

This is to introduce to you Mr. Akena Francis Adyanga a Researcher who will be carrying out a research entitled “Integrating African indigenous science in Faculties of Higher Education in Uganda” for a period of 03 (three) months in your district.

He has undergone the necessary clearance to carry out the said project.

Please render him the necessary assistance.

By copy of this letter Mr. Akena Francis Adyanga is requested to report to the Resident District Commissioner of the above district before proceeding with the Research.

Alenga Rose
FOR: SECRETARY, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Copy to: Mr. Akena Francis Adyanga
Our Ref: SS 2605

Mr. Francis Akena Adyanga
P.O Box 143
KITGUM

Dear Mr. Akena,

RE: RESEARCH PROJECT, “INTEGRATING AFRICAN INDIGENOUS SCIENCE IN FACULTIES OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN UGANDA”

This is to inform you that the Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (UNCST) approved the above research proposal on July 15, 2011. The approval will expire on December 15, 2011. If it is necessary to continue with the research beyond the expiry date, a request for continuation should be made in writing to the Executive Secretary, UNCST.

Any problems of a serious nature related to the execution of your research project should be brought to the attention of the UNCS1, and any changes to the research protocol should not be implemented without UNCST’s approval except when necessary to eliminate apparent immediate hazards to the research participant(s).

This letter also serves as proof of UNCST approval and as a reminder for you to submit to UNCST timely progress reports and a final report on completion of the research project.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Nabbuto
for: Executive Secretary

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