

## **PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET**

Ethics clearance reference number:

Research permission reference number (if applicable):

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Promote information privacy protection awareness among community members in South Africa.

### **Dear Prospective Participant**

My name is Dr H.Abdullah and I am doing research within the School of Computing at the University of South Africa. We are inviting you to participate in a study entitled "Promoting information privacy protection awareness among community members in South Africa".

### **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY?**

The objective of this study is to promote information privacy protection awareness among community members in South Africa. The primary focus of this study is using awareness material as an educational medium to increase information privacy protection. The study will include online/offline awareness material.

### **WHY AM I BEING INVITED TO PARTICIPATE?**

You are invited to participate in the research study as you have been identified by the student that is enrolled with the Project 32, Module HRCOS82; at the School of Computing. The research study will consist of 40 participants.

### **WHAT IS THE NATURE OF MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS STUDY?**

The study will enhance information privacy protection awareness amongst your community in South Africa. Your viewpoint on information privacy protection awareness amongst your community will contribute to form a holistic viewpoint of information privacy protection awareness amongst all communities within South Africa.

The study be in the form of a questionnaire. The duration will be 30 minutes and will include questions regarding information privacy protection amongst your community.



## **CAN I WITHDRAW FROM THIS STUDY EVEN AFTER HAVING AGREED TO PARTICIPATE?**

Participating in this study is voluntary and you are under no obligation to consent to participation. If you do decide to take part, you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a written consent form. You are free to withdraw at any time and without giving a reason.

## **WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF TAKING PART IN THIS STUDY?**

The possible benefits to those who participate in this study are as follows:

- You are given the opportunity to participate in a formal research project of the School of Computing.
- You are given the opportunity to potentially participate in future research publications should you request to do so and should the quality of your research report warrant it.

## **ARE THERE ANY NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR ME IF I PARTICIPATE IN THE RESEARCH PROJECT?**

No negative consequences have been identified in the research study. All participation will be anonym.

## **WILL THE INFORMATION THAT I CONVEY TO THE RESEARCHER AND MY IDENTITY BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL?**

You have the right to insist that your name will not be recorded anywhere and that no one, apart from the researcher and identified members of the research team, will know about your involvement in this research. Your name will not be recorded anywhere and no one will be able to connect you're to the answers give. Your answers will be given a code number or a pseudonym and you will be referred to in this way in the data, any publications, or other research reporting methods such as conference proceedings. A report of the study may be submitted for publication, but participants will not be identifiable in such a report.

## **HOW WILL THE RESEARCHER(S) PROTECT THE SECURITY OF DATA?**

Hard copies of your answers will be stored by the researcher for a minimum period of five years in a locked cupboard/filing cabinet on UNISA premises for future research or academic purposes; electronic information will be stored on a password protected computer. Future use of the stored data will be subject to further Research Ethics Review and approval if applicable. Hard copies will be shredded and/or electronic copies will be permanently deleted from the hard



drive of the computer through the use of a relevant software programme.

**WILL I RECEIVE PAYMENT OR ANY INCENTIVES FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS STUDY?**

No.

**HAS THE STUDY RECEIVED ETHICS APPROVAL?**

This study has received written approval from the Research Ethics Review Committee of the School of Computing. A copy of the approval letter can be obtained from the researcher if you so wish.

**HOW WILL I BE INFORMED OF THE FINDINGS/RESULTS OF THE RESEARCH?**

If you would like to be informed of the final research findings, please contact Dr H.Abdullah on [abdulh@unisa.ac.za](mailto:abdulh@unisa.ac.za). Should you require any further information or want to contact the researcher about any aspect of this study, please contact Dr H.Abdullah on [abdulh@unisa.ac.za](mailto:abdulh@unisa.ac.za). Should you have concerns about the way in which the research has been conducted, you may contact the School of Computing's Ethical Committee on [ethics-help@unisa.ac.za](mailto:ethics-help@unisa.ac.za).

Thank you for taking time to read this information sheet and for participating in this study.

Thank you.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

