

APPENDIX A



LETTER OF INFORMATION

Title of the Research Study: Constructing consistent scenarios using novel crowdsourcing method with advanced impact analysis

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Good Day

Thank you for volunteering to participate in this research. I am a student at Durban University of Technology, studying towards Phd: Information Technology. The title of my research study is: **Constructing consistent scenarios using novel crowdsourcing method with advanced impact analysis**, with research ethics clearance number: **IREC 067/24**. My supervisors are Prof O Olugbara, Dr. A Singh and Prof SO Ojo. The aim of the research is to explore the use of cross impact analysis methods for the construction of consistent scenarios and to identify driving factors through crowdsourcing data collection techniques. On completion of the thesis, the findings will be published and made available in the library, or results can be requested via email

The survey is available online via the link provided on the social media platform, X. The survey is a researcher developed tool that should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. It is expected that 7 expert participants will complete the survey.

Please be advised that participation in the study is voluntary and there is no undue influence in completing the online survey. There are no foreseeable risks or discomforts to participants. Your anonymity as well as confidentiality is assured as the survey does not collect any personal details. You are at liberty to withdraw at any time by closing the website application. All responses to questionnaires will be used for statistical purposes only. There is no remuneration for participation, nor are any costs incurred.

The data collected will be stored in an offsite database as well as in the cloud of the webhost.

Should there be any queries, please contact the researcher (robynt@dut.ac.za), my supervisor (031 373 5597) or the Institutional Research Ethics administrator (031 373 2375). Complaints can be reported to the Acting Director: Research and Postgraduate Support on researchdirector@dut.ac.za.

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