

ANNEX 6: Structured Interviews - Informed Consent Letter

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Subject Advisor Profiling Study: South Africa

Dear Subject Advisor / District Official / Provincial Official

You are invited to participate in an interview as part of a national Subject Advisor Profiling Study. The study has been commissioned by the Department of Basic Education (DBE), in partnership with the National Education Collaboration Trust (NECT) and the Zenex Foundation. The Centre for the Advancement of Science and Mathematics Education (CASME) have been appointed to undertake the research. The study broadly seeks to outline the size and shape of the Subject Advisory service in South Africa.

The study aims to better understand the roles, functions and competencies of Subject Advisors, as well as explore their day-to-day work routines, and how this compares with their job expectations articulated in guiding policies and other documents. The research also seeks to identify Subject Advisors' professional development needs, and whether they access, and are satisfied with, available professionalization initiatives.

The qualitative component of the research involves interviewing all GET Subject Advisors (Mathematics and English FAL) and other relevant district and provincial officials. As an identified **Subject Advisor/ District Official / Provincial Official**, we would greatly appreciate it if you would agree to be interviewed. It is anticipated that the interview will take approximately one hour to complete. The information that you provide will be stored safely and treated confidentially. All collected information will be analysed and synthesised into a report to be presented to the DBE and will be made available to stakeholders including yourself.

You will not incur any costs as a result of your participation in this process, and your voluntary contribution to this research that aims to improve the quality of education research is highly valued.

For more information on this study, please contact:

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DECLARATION OF CONSENT

I..... (name of interviewee) hereby confirm that I understand the nature of this research, and consent to participating in the interview, to having the interview audio recorded, and other related processes.

I understand that participation in the interview is voluntary and my inputs will remain confidential.

SIGNATURE OF INTERVIEWEE

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