## Information Sheet and Consent to Participate in Research

Date: 27 May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam.

My name is Lucy Mbali from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, School of Arts, department of African languages. I am a master’s candidate in IsiZulu studies. I can be contacted on 071 037 7058 or email: 217058510@stu.ukzn.ac.za .

You are being invited to consider participating in a study that involves research on **Indima Edlalwa Ezobuchwepheshe Ukuqhakambisa Iqhaza Elibanjwa Ubuciko Bomlomo Empilweni Yabantu** The aims and purpose of this research is to to explore the role of different types of oral literature in human life and the impact of technology in them. The study involves completing the provided research questions which will be in isiZulu by filling a Google form. The study is completely anonymous; therefore, it does not require you to provide your name or any other identifying information. The number of expected participants is 6 where 3 will be students and 3 will be lecturers. All the participants must be people who know isiZulu and be studying and teaching in isiZulu department. The estimated time to answer questions will be 20-30 minutes per participant.

I hope that the study will create the benefits of providing knowledge, and the essential information about the impact of technology in the oral literature. This research will also help the creatives especial the youth about the changes that technology has brought into our oral literature and art at large. The study will also benefit the language practitioners that are involved in oral literature about the changes that the technology has brought into our indigenous languages. This study would not give any direct benefits to the participants but will be able to contribute to the board of knowledge about impact of technology in our oral literature as indigenous people.

This study has been ethically reviewed and approved by the UKZN Humanities and Social Sciences Research Ethics Committee approval number is HSSREC/00006762/2024. The study also received the gatekeeper’s permission from the Registrar as attached. Prior to participating in the study there is an information document and consent from that you will need to sign.

In the event of any problems or concerns/questions you may contact my supervisor at 072 203 2190 email Mazibukog@ukzn.ac.za or the UKZN Humanities & Social Sciences Research Ethics Committee, contact details as follows:

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The participation in this research is voluntary and if a participant wants to withdraw from participating, they have the right to do so, and nothing will be used against them. However, it must be noted that this will result in the delay of collecting relevant information as there is a replacement that must be made, so that the necessary information be collected. It must be noted that any misbehavior or lack of willingness to participate from the participants that the researcher might observe can result in the interview being stopped.

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**CONSENT (Edit as required)**

I………………………………………………. have been informed about the study entitled, **Indima Edlalwa Ezobuchwepheshe Ukuqhakambisa Iqhaza Elibanjwa Ubuciko Bomlomo Empilweni Yabantu**by Lucy Mbali.

I understand the purpose and procedures of the study which have been explained.

I have been given an opportunity to answer questions about the study and have had answers to my satisfaction.

I declare that my participation in this study is entirely voluntary and that I may withdraw at any time without affecting any of the benefits that I usually am entitled to.

If I have any further questions/concerns or queries related to the study, I understand that I may contact the researcher at 071 037 7058 or emailed her at 217058510@stu.ukzn.ac.za or lucyakhona@gmail.com

If I have any questions or concerns about my rights as a study participant, or if I am concerned about an aspect of the study or the researchers then I may contact:

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**Signature of Participant Date**

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**Signature of Witness Date**

**(Where applicable)**

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**Signature of Translator Date**

**(Where applicable)**

**QUESTIONAIRE LINK**

**Please click on the link below to fill in the questionaire.**

[**https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeF1KMuT1aktwgzNNIjrhwEGiGBVaUc4QIJtozI8HgTyM1DbA/viewform?usp=sf\_link**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeF1KMuT1aktwgzNNIjrhwEGiGBVaUc4QIJtozI8HgTyM1DbA/viewform?usp=sf_link)