**Guidelines for Informed Consent Form**

**Institutional Review Board**

**American University of Central Asia**

All the applications submitted to the IRB must contain an appropriate consent forms consonant with the risks involved. The Principal Investigator is responsible for obtaining the appropriate informed consent forms from participants of the research prior to study implementation. The language used in the form should be comprehensible and the age of the participants should be taken into consideration.

Below is the template of the informed consent form that we recommend the principal investigators to use. In case if you wish to use your own form, please make sure you include all the required elements written here.

# Informed Consent Form

**Study Title:**

**Principal investigator:**

PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY. YOUR SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION. YOU MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE TO GIVE YOUR CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH. IF YOU DESIRE A COPY OF THIS CONSENT FORM, YOU MAY REQUEST ONE AND WE WILL PROVIDE.

Please be informed that the participation in the research is voluntary, and you have the right to withdraw at any time, without prejudice, should you object to the nature of the research. You are entitled to ask questions and to receive an explanation after your participation.

# Description of the Study:

*Give short description of the study in 3-4 sentences.*

# Purpose of the study:

*Give an explanation of what the research is intended to achieve*

# Possible Risks:

*Let the participants know what risks they might experience if any*.

# Possible Benefits:

*Inform the participants about the possible benefits from participation in your study.*

# Compensation for your time:

*Please keep in mind that compensation for participation in research is not a benefit to the participant as it intended to cover the expenses the one can have in order to be able to participate (e.g. travel expenses). However in some cases it might be used as an incentive for participation.*

# Confidentiality:

*Give information on what actions will be taken to protect the confidentiality of the data. The participants should be informed on who will or may have access to the data they will provide and on the possible release of private information to the interested parties.*

# Opportunities to Question:

Any technical questions about this research may be directed to:

# Principal investigator:

**Contacts:** tel.: ; email

Any questions or concerns regarding the ethics of the study can be voiced to AUCA Institutional Review Board (IRB) at irb@auca.kg.

# Opportunities to withdraw at will:

If you decide now or at any point to withdraw this consent or stop participating, you are free to do so at no penalty to yourself. In this case you will not receive compensation fee for your time.

# Opportunities to be Informed of Results:

Provide information on when and how can the participants get an access to the results.

# Date: dd/mm/yyyy

**Signature of Participant**

**Signature of Person Obtaining Consent**