# Informed consent form

This document is a consent form that also provides a information on the research project titled *Decoupling IT? A Global Comparative Ethnography of the Role of IT in the Mitigation of the Climate Crisis*. The project is funded by European Research Council (ERC) for 5 years (1st Nov 2022 to 31st Oct 2027) and will be carried out by the researchers of the IT University of Copenhagen (ITU), Denmark. The fieldwork will be conducted in Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Iceland, and Kenya. This consent form is for **Bangladesh** only.

**About the project**

There is a link between economic growth and carbon emissions. Considering that world GDP is growing, breaking this link will be crucial to achieving climate goals. Decoupling economic growth from carbon emissions is the answer. How to do it is the question. Some see IT and technologies playing a big role. But not everyone agrees. Against this background, the EU-funded Decoupling IT project will study how sociocultural change is generated in the spaces between IT, climate change and capitalism. Specifically, it will shed light on how IT professionals and enterprises articulate climate change as a problem in demand of IT-generated change. While both climate change and IT are manifested in globally diverse ways, their interrelationship must be studied. The project carries out investigations across various 'climate-IT-hubs,' each uniquely confronting climate change yet conceptually linked. Within the scope of this project, Bangladesh is recognized as one of these hubs.

**Who is involved in the project?**

The research in Bangladesh is carried out and fieldwork is conducted by **Dr. Hasib Ahsan**, *Post-Doctoral Researcher* at the IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Support is provided by **Professor Dr. Steffen Dalsgarrd** who is the *Principal Investigator (PI)* of the DecouplingIT project and the deputy head of the Business IT department, IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Furthermore, input from researchers based at other climate-IT hubs may also be incorporated.

**How the research will happen**

The data collection will involve participant observations, semi-structured interviews, focus group discussions, informal conversations etc. Related pictures, short videos, audio recording of the interviews may be collected with the consent of the informants. The research will consider individuals' and organisations' experiences and perspectives as well as organisational priorities, practices, and policies. All participants and the organisations involved in the research will remain anonymous with pseudonyms used.

**Further information**

If you would like more information about the study, please contact the project lead in Bangladesh, Dr. Hasib Ahsan (hash@itu.dk) or principal investigator and overall project lead Professor Dr. Steffen Dalsgaard (sdal@itu.dk)

**Consent Form for Semi-Structured Interviews**

- I agree to participate in this study entitled *Decoupling IT? A Global Comparative Ethnography of the Role of IT in the Mitigation of the Climate Crisis*
- I agree I have had the nature and purpose of the study explained to me by the researcher.
- I agree to be quoted without attribution (quoted anonymously)
- I agree that my participation is voluntary and that I may withdraw at any time.
- I understand that I may decline to answer any questions during the interview.
- I understand that my interview will be recorded for reviewing and transcribing.
- I understand that my participation will have no direct benefit for me and that I will not be paid or compensated for my participation.
- I understand photograph or picture, or video can be taken if I provide consent.

## Signature

| Participant's name: | Researcher's name: Hasib Ahsan |
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| Participant's signature: | Researcher's signature: |
| Date and location: | Date and location: |