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THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND CO-ORDINATION ACT (No.8 of 1999)

# THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND COORDINATION (CONSERVATION OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND RESOURCES, ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES AND BENEFIT SHARING) REGULATIONS, 2023

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IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 147 of the Environmental Management and Co-ordination Act, No. 8 of 1999, the Cabinet Secretary responsible for Environment, upon recommendation of the Authority, and upon consultation with the relevant lead agencies, makes the following Regulations-

THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND CO-ORDINATION (CONSERVATION OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND RESOURCES, ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES AND BENEFIT SHARING) REGULATIONS, 2023

## NO MARGINAL NOTE

#### **PROVISION**

#### PART I-PRELIMINARY

1. Short title and commencement.

These Regulations may be cited as the Environmental Management and Coordination (Conservation of Biological Diversity and Resources, Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing) Regulations, 2023 and shall come into force on such date as the Cabinet Secretary may by notice in the Gazette appoint and different dates may be appointed for different provisions.

2. Interpretation

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"access" means obtaining, possessing and using genetic resources conserved, whether derived products and, where applicable, intangible components, for purposes of research, bio-prospecting, conservation, industrial application or commercial use;

"access permit" means a permit that allows a person to access genetic resources issued under regulation 4;

"benefit sharing" means the sharing of benefits that accrue from the utilization of genetic resources;

"competent national authority" means the authority be responsible for granting access or, as applicable, issuing written evidence that access requirements have been met and be responsible for advising on applicable procedures and requirements for obtaining prior informed consent and entering into mutually agreed terms;

"Community Protocols" .....

"Digital Sequencing Information".....

"endangered species" means any species which is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range (due to man-made or natural changes in the environment);

"exotic species" means any species of plant or animal or microorganism (life form) whose natural range does not, or did not in the past, exist in a specific part of, or the whole of, Kenya and which out-competes all other life forms.

"genetic resource" means any genetic resource of plant, animal, microbial or the origin containing functional units of heredity;

"habitat" means the place or type of site where an organism or population naturally occurs and includes areas colonized by introduced organisms;

"local community" means a community in whose location biological diversity

resources are situated and includes a community of interest;

"holotype" means the single specimen chosen for designation of a new species;

"intangible components" means any information held by persons that is associated with or regarding genetic resources within the jurisdiction of Kenya;

"inventory" means a detailed list, report or record of resources, or the process of making such a list, report or record;

"material transfer agreement" means an agreement negotiated between the holder of an access permit and a relevant lead agency or community on access to genetic resources and benefit sharing;

"mutually agreed terms" means an agreement between the providers and users of genetic resources and/or traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources;

"natural environment system" means relatively intact ecosystems of unique value, such as perennial and seasonal wet lands, highly diverse aquatic ecosystems, or ecosystems promoting a high concentration of rare and unusual species;

"Prior informed Consent" means an international operation procedure for exchanging, receiving and handling notification and information by a competent authority;

"Provider" means either a lead agency or a local community depending on where the resources to be accessed are located and the tenure regime in that specific land; and

"threatened species" means any species of plant or animal which is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or significant portion of its range.

## 3. Objectives

## The objectives of these regulations shall be to-

- (a) Provide mechanisms to protect and prevent exploitation of endangered and threatened plant and animal species;
- (b) Provide for access to and the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources
- (c) Provide for the consultation of local communities and other stakeholders in the process of accessing genetic resources for research, commercial and other purposes;
- (d) safeguard access to traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources heldby local communities in conservation of biological resources; and
- (e) To domesticate relevant provisions of international conventions and protocols.

## 4. Application.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of regulation 4(2), this Regulations shall apply to-
- (a) the conservation of all biological resources in Kenya, whether or they are found in their natural environment;
- (b) access to genetic resources and the fair and equitable sharing of efits derived from their utilization;
  - (c) approved research activities that relate to genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge with genetic resources; and
    - (d) Commercialization and bio-trade in genetic resources.
    - (e) Any digital sequence information relating to Kenya's genetic resources
  - (2) These Regulations shall not apply to-

- (a) The exchange of genetic resources, their derivative products, or the intangible components associated with them, carried out by members of any local Kenyan community amongst themselves and for their own consumption;
- (b) access to genetic resources derived from plant breeders in accordance with the Seeds and Plant Varieties Act; and
- (c) human genetic resources

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## PART II-CONSERVATION OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

5. Environmental
Impact Assessment
License

A person shall not engage in any activity that relates to access to genetic resources and biodiversity that may-

- (a) have any adverse impact on any ecosystem;
- (b) lead to the introduction of any exotic species;
- (c) lead to the unsustainable use of natural resources; and
- (d) operate a facility for the conservation of any species outside its natural habitat, without an Environmental Impact Assessment License issued by the Authority under the Act.

- 6. Conservation of The Authority shall, in consultation with the relevant lead agencies-threatened species
  - (a) Impose bans, restrictions or similar measures on the access and use of any threatened species in order to ensure its regeneration and maximum sustainable yield;
  - (b) Issue approvals for the establishment and maintenance of facilities for the recovery and rehabilitation of threatened species; and
  - (c) Determine full recovery and rehabilitation measures of threatened species to ensure its restoration into its natural habitat.

- 7. Inventory of biological diversity
- (1) The Authority shall, in consultation with the relevant lead agencies, establish and maintain an inventory of all biological and genetic resources of the country.
- (2) The Authority shall, every five years, in consultation with relevant agencies, undertake an assessment of the status of such resources.
- (3) The inventory shall include a register of threatened, endangered and rare species of plants and animals.
- (4) The inventory and the register shall be kept regularly updated by the Authority in between the five year period.
- (5) The inventory shall be a public record and shall be accessible, in a manner prescribed by the Authority.
- 8. Indigenous and
  Local community
  biodiversity
  measures
- (1) The Authority shall in consultation with relevant stakeholders develop guidelines for the recognition of traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources and practices in the management and conservation of biological resources.
- (2) Every County Environment Committee shall develop a community biodiversity register comprising of indigenous and local community practices for conserving biodiversity and uses of various biological resources.
- (3) The County Environment Committee shall in consultation with indigenous and local communities in the County develop and submit to the Authority community protocols for user engagement of biological resources.

(4) The Authority shall partner with local communities and incorporate their traditional knowledge and practices in the conservation of biological resources.

- 9. Monitoring
- (1) The Authority shall, in consultation with the relevant lead agencies, monitor the status and the components of biological diversity in Kenya and identify activities and processes that threaten the sustainability of the country's biological resources.
- (2) The Authority shall take corrective measures including any enforcement actions to deal with any threats to the country's biodiversity or components to it.

PART III - ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES

- 11. Application for an Access permit
- (1) Any person who intends to access genetic resources in Kenya shall apply to the Authority.
- (2) An application under (1) above shall-
- (a) state the purpose of seeking an access permit;
- (b) be in the form set out in the First Schedule;
- (c) be accompanied by evidence of Prior Informed Consent, Mutually Agreed Terms, from interested persons and relevant lead agencies, and a research clearance certificate and any other clearances as applicable from the relevant lead agency;
- (d) stipulate the specific locality to be undertaken
- (e) Material Transfer Agreement, where applicable; and,
- (f) be accompanied by such as fees set out in the Second Schedule.
- (3) Every applicant issued with an access permit in accordance with these regulations shall strictly comply with the terms of that permit.
- (4) Where purpose for which the permit was issued changes, the applicant shall notify the Authority and apply for a new access permit.
- (5) Any person who violates the provisions of this regulation commits an offence.

12. Prior consent & Mutually Agreed

**Terms** 

- informed (1) The Authority shall guide the applicant on the relevant genetic providers' from whom prior informed consent is to be obtained
  - (2) An applicant seeking to access genetic resources shall obtain prior informed consent from the provider of the genetic resources.
  - (3) The terms of such consent shall be agreed between the applicant and the genetic provider and developed into Mutually Agreed Terms
  - (4) The applicant shall submit to the Authority the Prior Informed Consent and the Mutually Agreed Terms in the prescribed 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Schedules.

- 13. **Publication** application access permit.
- of (1) The Authority may, upon receipt of the application, give notice thereof by publication in a local newspaper with national coverage or in such other manner as the Authority may consider appropriate at the cost of the applicant, specifying-
  - (a) the name and other particulars of the applicant;
  - (b) Location

for

- (c) the activity to be undertaken for which the access permit is required; and
- (d) the time within which representations or objections in respect of the proposed access permit may be made to the Authority.

- 14. Determination of an access permit
- (1) The Authority shall process an application for an access permit within 30 working days from the date of the receipt of that application.
- (2) The decision of the Authority on (1) above shall be made in writing.
- (3) Where applicable the Authority shall publicize applications in at least one newspaper of national circulation, save that the cost for such publication shall be borne by the applicant.
- (4) Where the application submitted is incomplete or an issue has been raised by the Authority, the provisions of (1) above shall not apply.
- 15. Issuance or Decline to grant an access permit
- (1) The Authority shall, on receipt of comments on the proposed application for access to genetic resources, review the application and if satisfied that the activity to be carried out shall promote the sustainable management and utilization genetic resources, issue an access permit specific to each locality.
- (2) Where the Authority has reasonable grounds to decline issuance of an access permit, it shall inform the applicant of the reasons of such decline in writing.
- (3) A person aggrieved by the decision of the Authority may appeal to the Tribunal in accordance with its regulations.

16. Communication of decision.

The Authority shall, within sixty days of receipt of an application for an access permit, determine the application and communicate its decision in writing to the applicant.

- 17. Validity & Nontransferability of an access permit.
- (1) An access permit shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issue and shall not be transferable.
- (2) Upon expiry, an access permit may be renewed for a further period of one year only upon payment of the fee prescribed in the Second Schedule and upon such terms and conditions as the Authority may deem necessary to impose.
- 18. Terms, conditions of an access permit.
- (1) An access permit shall contain such terms and conditions as the Authority may deem necessary to impose.
- (2) In addition to such terms and conditions as may be contained in an access permit, the following conditions shall be implied in every access permit-
  - (a) Duplicates and holotypes of all genetic resources collected shall be deposited with the relevant lead agency.
  - (b) Records of all intangible components of plant genetic material collected shall be deposited with the Authority.

- (c) Reasonable access to all genetic resources collected shall be guaranteed to all Kenyan citizens whether such genetic resources and intangible components are held locally or abroad.
- (d) All agreements entered into with respect to access of genetic resources shall be strictly for the purposes for which they were entered into.
- (e) The furnishing of biannual and annual reports to the Authority on the status of research, including all discoveries from research involving genetic resources and/or intangible components thereof.
- (f) The holder of an access permit shall inform the Authority of all discoveries made during the exercise of the right of access granted under the access permit.
- (g) The holder of an access permit shall provide the following reports—
- (i) A semi-annual status report on the environmental impacts, conservation status and sustainable use of any ongoing collection of genetic resources or intangible components thereof;
- (ii) A final status report on the environmental impacts, conservation status and sustainable use of collection of genetic resourcesor intangible components thereof, in the event that the collection is of duration of three months or less.
  - (h) The holder of an access permit shall abide by the laws of the country.
- (3) The Authority may, on its own volition or on the application by an access permit holder, vary the conditions of an access permit.
- (1) The Authority may suspend, cancel or revoke any access permit issued under these Regulations where the holder thereof is in contravention of any of the conditions issued on the access permit or those implied under these Regulations, or of the agreements concluded pursuant to its grant.
- (2) The Authority shall, before suspending, canceling or revoking an access permit, give a written notice of its intention to suspend, cancel or revoke the permit to the holder thereof, and shall accordingly invite the holder to make presentations within thirty working days from the date of such notice.
- 19. Suspension, cancellation, of access permit.

(3) Where the Authority suspends, cancels or revokes a permit, it shall communicate such order suspending, cancelling or revoking the permit to the holder of the access permit in writing.

20. Register of access permits.

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- (1) The Authority shall keep, manage and update a register of all access permits which it has granted, and the register shall be a public record accessible to any person upon request.
- (2) The authority shall upload the access permits to the Access and Benefit Sharing Clearing House Mechanism of the Nagoya Protocol to be documented as the Internationally recognized Certificate of Compliance (IRCC).

## PART IV- MATERIAL TRANSFER AGREEMENTS

(1) A person shall only transfer genetic resources outside Kenya upon execution of a Material Transfer Agreement



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## Material Transfer Agreement.

- (2) A Material, Transfer Agreement shall, address, as a minimum the issues included in Schedule to this regulation.
- (3) A Material Transfer Agreement shall be executed by the applicant on the one partand the provider of the genetic resource
- (4) Upon execution, the user of a Material Transfer Agreement shall file the Material Transfer Agreement with the Authority.
- (5) A person exporting a genetic resource shall be required to declare the resource at the port of departure and produce a copy of the Material Transfer Agreement.
- (6) An exporter of a genetic resource shall deposit a holotype of the material being

exported either with the entity granting an Material Transfer Agreement or any depository gazetted by the Authority for storage of such holotypes in Kenya.

(7)Any person who seeks to transfers any genetic resources outside Kenya otherwise other than in accordance these regulations commits an offence and shall be liable, upon conviction to a fine not exceeding Kshs.2,000,000 or a jail term not exceeding five years or both.

## **PART V - BENEFIT SHARING**

- 22. Application of Part. This Part shall apply subject to the laws in force relating to intellectual property rights.
- 23. Benefits sharing. (1) Benefit sharing shall include both monetary and non-monetary benefits.
  - (2) Monetary benefits include-
    - (a) Access fees or fee per sample collected or acquired;
    - (b) up-front payments;
    - (c) milestone payments;
    - (d) payment of royalties;
    - (e) license fees incase genetic resources are to be utilized for commercial purposes;
    - (f) fees to be paid to trust funds supporting conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity;
    - (g) salaries and preferential terms where mutually agreed;
    - (h) research funding;
    - (i) joint ventures;
    - (j) joint ownership of relevant intellectual property rights;
  - (3) Non-monetary benefits include—
    - (a) Sharing of research and development results;
    - (b) Recognition;

- (c) collaboration, co-operation and contribution in scientific research and development programmes, particularly biotechnological research activities;
- (d) participation in product development;
- (e) admittance to ex-situ facilities of genetic resources and to databases byparticipating institutions;
- (f) transfer to Kenya of genetic resources of knowledge and technology under fair and most favorable terms, including concessional and preferential terms where agreed, in particular, knowledge and technology that make use of genetic resources, including biotechnology, or that are relevant to the conservation and sustainable utilization of biological diversity;
- (g) strengthening capacities for technology transfer to Kenya;
- (h) institutional capacity building;
- (i) human and material resources to strengthen the capacities for the administration and enforcement of access regulations;
- (j) training related to genetic resources with the full participation of Kenya and where possible, in Kenya;
- (k) access to scientific information relevant to conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, including biological inventories and taxonomic studies;
- (l) institutional and professional relationships that can arise from access and benefit sharing agreements and subsequent collaborative activities, and
- (m) Joint ownership of relevant intellectual property rights.

#### PART V- MISCELLANEOUS

- 24. Confidentiality
- (1) The Authority may, on the request of an applicant of an access permit, hold some information relating to access to genetic resources as confidential.
- (2) Where an access permit is granted, information held as confidential under paragraph (1), with respect to the relevant applicant, shall not be accessible to a person inspecting the register of access permits in accordance with regulation 17.
- 25. Transition

A person carrying out any activities involving access to genetic resources immediately before the coming into force of these Regulations shall, within six months from the coming into force thereof, take all necessary measures to ensure full compliance with these Regulations.

26.	Dispute Resolution	The Authority shall encourage the use of Alternative Dispute resolution in disputes	
		arising under these regulations	

- 27. Offences A contravention or failure to comply with any of the matters provided in these Regulations shall constitute an offence.
- 28. Penalties Any person convicted of an offence under these Regulations, for which no penalty is specified, shall be liable upon conviction, to imprisonment for a term between one and four years, or to a fine between two million and four million Kenyan shillings, or both.
- 29. Repeal of the Environmental Management and Co-Ordination (Conservation of Biological Diversity and Resources, Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing) Regulations, 2006.

  Co-Ordination (Conservation of Biological

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## FIRST SCHEDULE (r.11)

## FORM OF APPLICATION FOR AN ACCESS PERMIT

Applicants applying as individuals should fill Part I.

Applicants applying as corporate (organizations) should fill Part II.

All applicants must fill Part III.

All applicants must submit ten (10) hard copies and one (1) soft copy of this application to the Authority.

## PART I- FOR APPLICANTS WHO ARE INDIVIDUALS

(a) Name of applicant
(b) Identification Card No./Passport No
(c) Postal Address.
(d) PIN No
(e) Permanent Residential Address.
(f) Qualifications (Curriculum Vitae to be attached)
PART-II FOR APPLICANT WHO ARE CORPORATE (ORGANIZATIONS)
(a) Name of Organization.
(b) Permanent Address
(c) Registered Address
(d) Registration No. (Attach copy of certificate of registration)
(e) Qualification of individuals in the project (Curriculum Vitae to be attached)
(f) Details (if any) of:
(i) Holding and subsidiary institutions; or
(ii) Individuals connected to the project

(g) Name of the contact person in regard to this application and the position held organization	l in th	e
PART III- FOR ALL APPLICANTS		
1.0 Financial Details Sources:		
(i) The total budget of the project		
(ii) Detailsofanycorporateorindividualsponsorsoftheproject		
2.0 Technical Particulars		
(a) What are the details of your previous collection/ research (if any) conducted in any of the East African country (Keny and/ or Tanzania)?	a, Uganda	
(b) With regard to genetic resources for which access is sought, the following must be provided—		
(i) Scientific names of taxa;		
(ii) Specific sites in which access will be undertaken;		
(iii) Possible location;		
(iv) Parts of the genetic resource to be collected (tissues, cells, seeds, leaves, microbes, etc);		
<ul><li>(iv)Derivatives and/ or products;</li><li>(v) Quantities to be collected;</li><li>(vi) Any known uses of the genetic resources;</li></ul>		
(viii) In case of genetic resources held ex-situ, details of the relevant depository institution(s).		
(c) With regard to the planned collecting mission, the following must be provided—		
(i) Identification of the provider(s) of the genetic resources for which access is sought;		
(ii) Collection methods to be used;		
(iii) if there are Kenyan nationals or institutions to be used, their particulars;		
(iv) expected date of commencement and completion of the activity;		
(v) information regarding immigration status in Kenya of foreign individuals that will visit Kenya.		

- (d) Proposed use of genetic resources—
- (i) form of use to which the genetic resources will be put;
- (ii) expected research results;

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- (iii) geographic allocation in which each element of their search programme will take place.
- (e) Details of any royalties, payments and/ or other compensation that the Applicant offers for access to genetic resources.
- (f) Will the applicant require assistance to identify and access the genetic resources described in this application? If yes, give details of the assistance that will be required.
  - (g) A copy of the Prior Informed Consent document signed by the relevant lead agencies, local community or private owner of the genetic resources.
  - (h) A copy of research clearance document from the National Council of Science and Technology.
  - (i) Any other information in the possession of the applicant which might be useful for the National Environment Management Authority to make an informed decision in granting an access permit.

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Access Permit No	Granted on(Date)
All applicants are forewarned that it is	an offence to give false information to the National Environment Management Authority
punishable under the Environmental Ma	inagement and Co-ordination (Conservation of Biological Diversity and Resources, Access to

I undertake to provide progress and full reports as required under the Regulations.

3.0 Renewal Details is this an application for renewal of an access permit?

NO

Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing) Regulations, 2006.

I declare that to the best of my knowledge the information given in respect of this application is true.

For individual applicants:

Name of Applicant.......

Signature.......

Date......

For Companies/Institutions—

(Affix company seal)	)			
In the presence of—				
Name of Director				
Signature	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			
Name	of	Director/	Company	Secretary:
		Signature		Date

## SECOND SCHEDULE (r.9, 11, 20)

**Fees** 

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Also to consider category for students and projects		
Fee for commercialization	.500,000.00	
(a) Access Permit per locality:		

- (b) To renew an access permit:



## FORM OF ACCESS PERMIT

This	permit	is	hereby	granted	to	M/s
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	haring) Regulations, 20		•	•		
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Director Gene	eral,					
National Envi	ronment Management	Authority.				
Dated the	of		2016			

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CABINET SECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENT, WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES

## FOURTH SCHEDULE- (r. 12)



## FORM OF A PRIOR INFORMED CONSENT ( PIC )

PART A: Details of the Resource User and Local Partners/Affiliates

This part shall be filled by the person seeking to access the GR and/or associated knowledge. The person can be either an individual, corporate or organization

Resc	ource User
1.	Individual
a.	Name
b.	ID No. /Passport NoPIN No/ Visa No
c.	Country of OriginNationality
d.	Valid Work permit No/Research Permit (If applicable)
e.	Telephone No: Include area codes
f.	Applicants home Organization:
(i)	Postal address:
(ii)	Physical Address
(iii)	Fax
(iv)	E-mailWebsite
g.	Official contact person (in case of legal entity)
2.	Corporate / Other Organizations
a.	Name of Corporate/Organization
i.	Postal address
ii.	Physical Address
iii.	Fax
iv.	E-mailWebsite

b.	Name of person completing the form
(i)	ID No. /Passport NoPIN No. / Visa No
(ii)	Valid Work permit No(If applicable)
c.	Telephone No: Include area codes
d.	Person to contact (in case of legal matters)
3.	Local Partner/Affiliates (if applicable)
a.	Name
b.	Postal address
c.	Physical Address
d.	ID No. /Passport No/PIN No.
e.	Tel No.
f.	Fax. No.
g.	E-mail
h.	Official contact person (Chief executive officer of affiliating institution):
i.	Name
ii.	Title
4.	Project type
a.	Proposed Project (Indicate by placing X in the box provided)
(i)	Educational research

(ii)	Commercial Use
(iii)	Industrial application
(iv)	Bio - prospecting
(v)	Conservation
(vi)	Other (specify)
b.	Genetic resource(s) to be accessed
(i)	Plants
(ii)	Animals
(iii)	Vertebrates
(iv)	Invertebrates'
(v)	Micro-organisms
(vi)	
	vn)
(vii)	Status of conservation
•	Abundant
•	Endemic
•	Rare
•	Threatened
•	Endangered

Typ	be (whole or part)  Unit of measurement Quantity  Frequency of collection
c.	Details about Genetic Resource to be accessed (Indicate by placing X in the box provided)
d.	Methodologies of collection (briefly describe how genetic material above will be collected from the organism).
e.	Sites/habitat in which collection will be undertaken (County, locality, GPS where possible
f.	Attach documented bio-cultural protocols
g.	Duration of material collection activity (Days, Months, Years)
•	How long will analysis take
h.	Location/ where the analysis and development will take place
i.	Further details required in case of applied research
i.	Are you aware of any product made of the material you are proposing to access? Yes / No
ii.	Are you aware of any specific uses of the material by the local community where it is found? Yes/ No
iii.	Are you aware of any current industrial application of the material Yes/ No
j. pro	Role of local community in the project (provide details on how the community where material is found will participate in the ject)

com	munity.
(i)	Impacts on the environment
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(ii) 	Socio-economic impacts  Proposed mitigation measures
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k.	Third Party Involvement
Indi	cate potential involvement of third parties
i.	
ii.	
iii.	
5.	Benefit Sharing Arrangements
The here	benefits derived from accessing genetic resource will be shared in accordance with the Mutually Agreed Terms (MAT) annexed eto.
6.	Communicating project implementation
	vide the ways in which an audit of accrued benefits agreed under MAT will be ensured during and after the project period.
7.	Project Budget
Indi	cate the overall project budget
8.	Additional Information:
	vide any additional information the provider should know in order to make an informed decision of permitting your access to the etic resource(s).
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Describe briefly the potential impacts of accessing the genetic resource(s) on the environment and the socio-economics of the provider

# PART B (The Persons /Community to be involved)

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This part shall be filled by the person providing Genetic Resource (GR Provider). The person can either be an individual, corporate, organization or community.

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1.	Community/Corporate or organization/ Individual
a)	Name
b)	Address
c)	Physical Address
d)	ID No/Passport No.
e)	PIN No
f)	Tel. NoFax No
g)	E-mail
Note	es on documents to enclose
a)	For community attach authority to act on behalf of the community duly executed by the community's representatives and or a
reso	lution to that effect in case of the more organized communities e.g. duly signed minutes.
b)	For Corporate/organization above attach authority/resolution to act on behalf of the organization
DEC	CLARATION
Rea	d carefully the information provided in Part A before appending your signature below
[/W	e a resident
of	;;(county; sub-county; location) and of P.O Box
	County hereby declare that:

- 1. I/we understand the scope, aims, and purposes of this project and the activities that are involved and the expected duration and manner of my/our participation.
- 2. I/we have received a description of reasonable foreseeable risks associated with this project; I/we have had them explained to me/us, and understand them.
- 3. I/we have received a description of potential benefits that may accrue from this project and understand how they will be shared
- 4. I/we understand that the confidentiality of all data, records and IP rights associated with my/our participation in this project must be within the extent of the law.
- 5. I/we understand my/our obligations as citizen to the state and county governments as pertains to access to and benefit-sharing from genetic resources and associated TK in Kenya.
- 6. I/we confirm that no coercion or inducements of any kind was used in seeking my participation in this project.
- 7. I/we understand that if my/our rights as a genetic resource(s) provider are infringed upon, I/we have the right to be given the opportunity to discuss redress with the above named user, failure hitherto I/we have the right to seek redress at the Environment and Land Court of Kenya.
- 8. I/we understand that any outputs from this project will be associated with me/us.
- 9. I/We understand that I/we have a duty to cooperate with state organs and other persons to protect and conserve the environment and ensure ecologically sustainable development and use of natural resources.

10. I/We hereby consent to the access of	
·	(name of the person/institution seeking to
access) for the uses stated in Part A, 4 (e)).	(nume of the person distriction seeking to

Signatures			
Genetic Resource Material	l Provider		
Name			
ID NO-/Passport No		/PIN. No	• • •
Date	Signature		

(Seal/stamp)		
In the presence of (witness)		
Name	Official r	ubber stamp
ID No/Passport No	PIN. No	
DateSignatu	ıre	
Genetic Resource User		
Name		
ID NO. /Passport No		
PIN. No		
Consent	Do not Consent	to the contents of this Prior Informed Consent
DateS	ignature	(Seal/stamp)
In the presence of (witness)		
Name		

NB: Where the provider is a Private GR owner the relevant lead agency must witness.

ID No. /Passport No. .....

Date.....Signature....

## FIFTH SCHEDULE- (r. 2)

FORM OF MUTUALLY AGREED TERMS
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
This Memorandum of Understanding is entered BETWEEN
(Insert the name of the provider) AND(Insert the name of user)
IN RELATION TO (Insert appropriate title of the project)
Whereas the sovereign rights over biodiversity are vested in the State; and
Noting that Kenyan Government has put in place various legislative measures for sustainable utilization and conservation of biodiversity such as; the Constitution of Kenya (2010), Environmental Management Co-ordination Act (EMCA) 1999, the Wildliff (conservation and Management) Act, Amendment 1989, the Forest Act of 2005, Industrial Property Act, 2001, Plants and See Varieties Act, Cap 326, Kenya Agriculture Research Act, 2012, the Environmental Management and Coordination (Conservation of Biological Diversity and Resources, Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing) Regulations 2006;
NOW THEREFORE the parties agrees as follows:
1: PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT
These Mutually Agreed Terms (MAT) hereinafter referred to as 'the agreement' is entered into at (Insert location) on this
day, P. O Box, Physical Address
Tel Fax: E-mail: Here in-after referred to as Provider, AND
, P. O Box, Physical Address
Tel, Fax:, E-mail:herein-after referred to as
User /recipient.

## 2: USE OF TERMS

In this Agreement, the expressions set out below are defined as indicated in the glossary of this toolkit.

# 3: SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE AGREEMENT

# 3.1. Scope

This Agreement shall apply to access and benefit sharing of genetic resources for both non-commercial and commercial uses within the scope of the Constitution of Kenya, 2010 and the laws of Kenya.

## 3.2 The objectives of this Agreement

#### To facilitate:

- a. Access to genetic resources including derivatives and associated TK,
- b. Sustainable utilization of the genetic resources including derivatives,
- c. Transfer of genetic resources including derivatives to third parties, and
- d. Sharing the benefits resulting from the utilization of genetic resources including derivatives.
- 4: STATEMENT OF WORK (PROJECT SUMMARY)
- 4.1 The user shall attach a (1-2 page) description of the project that includes elements in Annex 1 of this Agreement.
- 4.2 The Genetic resource(s) shall be accessed from......(insert exact locality where the resource is to be accessed including the GPS coordinates, L.R. No., e.t.c)
- 4.3 Title and Objectives of the Project shall be ......
- 5: OBLIGATIONS OF PARTIES
- 5.1. Obligations of the Provider
- 5.1.1 To allow the user to access the genetic resource and/or associated traditional knowledge (specify the nature of material or species and the part(s) of the species to be accessed) relating to:
- 5.1.2 To conserve the genetic resources and preserve any associated traditional knowledge
- 5.1.3 To collaborate with a relevant lead agency/ies in providing the genetic resource
- 5.1.4 To facilitate the user(s), designated and competent authorities with information and data pertinent to the utilization of the genetic resources
- 5.1.5 To meet minor costs incidental to the access, including organizing for community meetings and reporting
- 5.1.6 To adhere to terms and conditions of this Agreement
- 5.1.7 To renegotiate for PIC, and MAT (where applicable) during variation of the access permit,
- 5.1.8 Shall disclose and share information on:

- a) Any known use of the accessed material.
- b) Any potential use.
- 5.2. Obligations of the User
- 5.2.1. Shall ensure that they obtain an access permit from the designated authority prior to accessing genetic resource(s)
- 5.2.2 Shall collaborate with a relevant lead agency/ies in accessing the genetic resource
- 5.2.3 Shall facilitate the provider(s), designated and competent authorities with information and data pertinent and resulting from the utilization of the genetic resources including derivatives
- 5.2.4 Shall meet all costs incidental to the access, including technology transfer and reporting
- 5.2.5 Shall use the GR and/or associated TK as specified in PIC consent and MAT.
- 5.2.6 Shall renegotiate the PIC, and MAT (where applicable) and apply for a variation of the access permit, if s/he intends to vary the use of the GR and or its derivatives in the initial PIC and MAT.
- 5.2.7 Shall disclose and share information on:
- a) Any known use of the accessed material.
- b) Any potential use.

## **6: CONFIDENTIALITY**

- 6.1 All parties hereby undertake to treat as confidential any data and information generated by either party during and after access and declares in writing to be confidential and which is not otherwise known or available to the public (hereinafter referred to as 'Confidential Data)'The Designated National Authority and/or Competent Authority shall give the user thirty (30) days written notice of its intention to publish data and information provided by the user to a third party in public interest or safety.
- 6.2 Confidential TK shall not be disclosed without PIC from the original holder.
- 6.3 TK, information and data disclosed and or generated during access to the GR shall not be disclosed to third parties without consent of the provider.

## 7: REPORTING

Parties agree that;

- 7.1. The User shall submit a written quarterly report to the Competent Authority and the Designated National Authority with effect from the date of issuance of access permit.
- 7.2. The user shall submit a written annual report to the provider from the date of issuance of access permit. Where the provider is a local or indigenous community, a summary of the report shall be adapted to a non-scientific audience and translated into Kiswahili or local language by the Competent Authority using the existing communication mechanism at the cost of the user.

## 8: BENEFIT SHARING

The Designated National Authority, Competent Authority, Provider, User and Local Community shall work together to share fairly and equitably the benefits arising out of the genetic resource and/or associated traditional knowledge as spelt out in this Agreement and shall have a clear benefit sharing plan indicating both monetary and non-monetary benefits as outlined in Annex 2 of this Agreement.

## 9: OWNERSHIP OF GENETIC RESOURCES AND ASSOCIATED KNOWLEDGE

- 9.1 The Government of Kenya shall retain ownership of, and title to the genetic resource accessed by the user on behalf of Kenyan citizens.
- 9.2 The Government will ensure that special arrangements are made to transmit equitable benefits to the provider including the local community.

## 10: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- 10.1. The user shall not file or obtain whether in the country of the user, Kenya or elsewhere any intellectual property rights over any accessed genetic resource under this Agreement including any properties, derivatives or processes including those that may utilize the knowledge of local communities regarding any product or process, even if the process has been modified to a more sophisticated level of commercialization for extracting, isolating or synthesizing the chemical extracted from the genetic resource without prior agreement with the provider.
- 10.2. In the event that the intellectual property application must be filed urgently and may not have adequate time to notify the provider, the user shall notify the provider and DNA of such filing within fourteen days.

# 11: TRANSFER TO THIRD PARTIES

The user shall not transfer genetic resources or any component thereof to third parties without first having explicit written consent from provider.

#### 12: TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

This agreement shall be terminated as follows:

- 12.1 If the user is in the process of bankruptcy, the lead agency and the provider can immediately terminate the agreement.
- 12.2 If one of the parties repeatedly fails to fulfill or repeatedly violates its obligations under this agreement, PIC and/or MAT then the aggreed party may terminate the agreement upon 30 days notice given in writing to the other party (ies).
- 12.3 Termination of this agreement, except in the case of bankruptcy, will be done through mutual agreement by all parties.
- 12.4 The termination of this agreement shall not affect the rights and obligations that were due to accrue to any party (ies) prior to the effective date of termination.
- 12.5 Starting with the day of termination of this Agreement, the user shall stop using the genetic resources. However, the user will continue to use co-owned product upon payment of royalties agreed upon by all parties.

## 13: HANDLING OF THE GENETIC RESOURCE AFTER TERMINATION

13.1. Upon completion of the project or termination thereof, the genetic resource shall be returned to the provider at the expense of the user or destroyed as may be determined by the DNA and lead agency.

## 14: FORCE MAJEURE

- 14.1 Neither party (ies) shall be liable to the other party (ies) for any delay or non-conformance of its obligations under this Agreement arising from any clause beyond its reasonable control, including, but not limited to, any of the following: Act of God, decree, war, fire, drought, explosion, civil commotion or industrial disputes of a third party or impossibility of obtaining gas or electricity or materials.
- 14.2. The affected party (ies) must promptly notify the other party (ies) in writing, but in no circumstances no later than 14 days, of the cause and likely duration of the cause.
- 14.3. Such notice having been given, the performance of the affected party's obligations, to the extent affected by the cause, shall be suspended during the period the cause persists.
- 14.4. Without prejudice to the above, the affected party (ies) must take all reasonable measures to minimize the impact of any force majeure on the performance of its obligations under the Agreement and to ensure, as soon as practicable, the resumption of normal performance of the obligations affected by the force majeure.

## 15: Applicable Laws

15.1 This agreement is governed by and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of Kenya.

## **16: DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- 16.1. Any dispute, difference or question arising out of or in connection with this agreement, including any question regarding its existence, validity or termination shall, to the extent possible, be resolved by negotiation, mediation and/or conciliation.
- 16.2. In the event that the dispute remains unresolved for more than three (3) months from the date when the dispute is first notified in writing by either party to the other party, the dispute shall be referred to and finally settled through arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Act No. 4 of 1995 of laws of Kenya as amended from time to time or it shall be submitted to an arbitration body in accordance with the procedure laid down in part 1 of Annex II of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
- 16.3. If either of the parties fails to comply with the award of the arbitral tribunal, the aggrieved party(ies) may, in accordance with paragraph 16(d) (iv) of the Annex to Section A of Decision VI/24 of the 6th Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity, UNEP/CBD/COP/6/20, the Hague, 7-19 April 2002, ask the Government of Republic of Kenya or the Government of Netherlands to enforce the award given by the arbitral tribunal.

## 17: NOTICE

17.1.	Any notice or other document to be served under this Agreement must be delivered by hand or sent by registered mail
or by inte	rnational courier service to be served at the addresses below:
Гће	the Provider, P. O Box, Physical Address, Tel
	, E-mail:
or	the User, P. O Box, Physical Address
Ге1	, Fax: E-mail:
Copied to	
) Com	appetent Authority (Insert the name of the Institution and the address) and

- Designated National Authority (Insert the name of the Institution and the address) b)
- 17.2. All notices or documents shall be deemed to have been served at the date and time of delivery of the said notices or documents to the recipient party.

## 18: ENTIRE AGREEMENT

18.1 The provisions of this agreement and the contents of Prior Informed Consent constitute the entire agreement between the parties and the parties do not make any representations or warranties except those contained in this agreement and Prior Informed Consent. The agreement shall only be extended or amended by consent in writing and signed by authorized representatives of the parties of this Agreement.

## 19: NO ASSIGNMENT

19.1 This agreement is specific to the parties and none of the rights or the obligations under this Agreement may be assigned or transferred without the prior informed consent of the other party (ies).

## 20: NO PARTNERSHIP IN LAW

20.1. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall constitute a partnership in law between the Competent Authority, Provider and User or constitute either of the Agent of the other.

## 21: MONITORING & EVALUATION

21.1. The parties to this agreement shall put in place and implement appropriate measures for monitoring and evaluation of terms of this Agreement.

## 22: DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES OF AGREEMENT

- 22.1 Each of the parties to this Agreement shall receive and keep a copy bearing original signatures. In addition one counterpart of the Agreement shall be submitted to DNA at the time of applying for an access permit.
- 22.2 The language of this Agreement shall be English. There shall be translation of whole or in part into Kiswahili where necessary.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto, or their duly authorized representatives, have hereunto subscribed their hands and seals on the date and year mentioned above.

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SIGNED on behalf of the

I. PROVIDER
(Insert the name of the provider)
By (insert name of signatory)
Insert signatory position)

DATED
SIGNED on behalf of the
2. Witnessed by
(insert name of signatory)
(Insert signatory position)
3. USER
(Insert the name of the user)
By (insert name of signatory)
(Insert signatory position)
DATE
4. Witnessed by
(insert name of signatory)
(Insert signatory position)
5. COMPETENT AUTHORITY
(Insert name of the institution)By
(insert name of signatory)
(Insert signatory position)
DATED
SIGNED on behalf of the

## **SIXTH SCHEDULE- (r. 21)**

## FORM OF MATERIAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT

Article: 1.0 Preamble

Whereas the sovereign rights over biodiversity are vested in the State;

Aware of the letter and the spirit of the 1973 Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the 1992 Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Nagoya Protocol (2010), the 2004 International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, Biological and Toxins Weapon Convention (BTWC) 1972 UN resolution 1540 (2004),

Recognizing that Kenyan Government has put in place various legislative measures for sustainable utilization and conservation of biodiversity such as; the Constitution of Kenya (2010), Environmental Management Co-ordination Act (EMCA) 1999, the Wildlife (conservation and Management) Act, Amendment 1989, the Forest Act of 2005, Industrial Property Act, 2001, Plants and Seed Varieties Act, Cap 326, Kenya Agriculture Research Act, 2012, the Environmental Management and Coordination (Conservation of Biological Diversity and Resources, Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing) Regulations 2006.

Noting the diversity, varied origins and inherent value of Kenya's genetic resources and their contribution to environmental health and socio-economic development.

Acknowledging: The rights of local communities to associated traditional knowledge on biological resources and its contribution to science, technology and innovation:

The parties hereby agree as follows:

Article 2.0 –Parties to the Agreement

2.1 This Material Transfer Agreement hereinafter referred to as the agreement is the official document for transfer of biological/genetic materials for Kenya.

The party(ies) to the agreement shall be recognised legal entities.

Private resource owners, international research organizations and nongovernmental organizations shall become party through relevant national agencies.

2.2 This agreement is between;

Provider	(insert le	gal contacts	of providing	institution,	names of au	thorized officers)			
And									
Recipient.	(insert le	gal contacts o	of receiving i	nstitution, n	names of aut	horized officers)			
Article 3.0	Terms and Condi	tions of this A	greement						
3.1 The pur outputs;	rpose and objective include	es: State the p	ourpose whet	her: Acader of	nic, Researc	ch or commercial, project	taxonomy, c	ollection, an	d expected abstract
						project		<b>V</b>	<b></b>
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3.1.2 Provi	de documentary e	vidence of the	e following (A	Attach as an	nex):				
a) Depo	sition of duplicate	specimen in	designated re	epository cer	nter				
b) PIC a	and MAT								
3.1.3 Provi	de associated tradi	tional knowle	edge and sou	rce (if any)					
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consent of the provider.

TK, information and data disclosed and or generated during access to the GR shall not be disclosed to third parties without

- c) Confidential or proprietary GR information shall not be disclosed unless the information is in the public domain or is disclosed in public interest.
- 4.1. Rights and obligations of the provider
- i. The provider retains ownership of the genetic material including any material contained or incorporated in modifications.
- ii. The provider may repatriate genetic resources held by recipient with adequate prior written notice.
- iii. The provider also retains rights to any intellectual property it owns in genetic resource.
- iv. The provider retains the right to access, audit and monitor the use and application of the genetic material provided under this MTA.
- v. No rights under any intellectual property of Kenya or rights in any other material or confidential information provided by the Kenyan to the recipient under this agreement is granted or implied as a result of providing this material to the recipient, other than as expressly set forth herein.
- 4.2. Rights and obligations of the recipient
- i. The Recipient shall use the genetic resource(s) for the purpose stated in this agreement only
- ii. The Recipient is responsible for ensuring that all permits required for the movement of the material are obtained and that sufficient proof of such permits is provided to the provider whenever required to provide such proof.
- iii. In no circumstances shall the recipient collect materials in such a way that adversely affects the environment or in any way alter the genetic diversity of the source material
- iv. No commercialization shall take place without notice and a negotiated agreement with the provider.
- v. In the event of commercialization whether by the recipient, its servants and or agent or any party acting under it regardless of whether there was an act or omission on the part of the recipient resulting in the use and commercialisation of the GR without renegotiation for the commercial license agreement the recipient will pay 50% of the gross income arising from the GR. In any case the provider shall become the duly recognised supplier of the genetic resource.
- vi. The Kenya Government shall have unrestricted access to the technologies and processes developed from the access and use of the GR.
- vii. In the event of commercialisation, the recipient and provider are enjoined in ownership of patents of inventions arising from utilization of genetic resources accessed as agreed.

viii. The GR obtained under this agreement shall only be transferred by the recipient to a third party with prior written authorization from the provider and MTA between the recipient and the third party.

ix. The recipient shall indemnify and keep provider indemnified from any claim, action, and damage or cost deriving from or in connection with the recipient's use of the GR.

x. The recipient may file patent application(s) claiming rights over its inventions made by recipient through the use of GR or modifications and in the event of technology transfer to third party or commercialization, the recipient shall negotiate with the provider prior to such use.

Article 5: Repatriation of Genetic Resources from Foreign Depositories

5.1 Due to national interests such as food or environmental security, the Government of Kenya may require the return of the remaining GR as required by the circumstances and recipient shall return such GR, to such institution as may be designated by NEMA without any condition.

5.2 The recipient shall use the genetic resource and/or associated traditional knowledge for the purpose(s) contained in this agreement and/or continue to keep the genetic resource in safe custody in accordance with standard procedures and practice.

Article 6: Termination of Agreement

6.1 This agreement is binding throughout the existence of the accessed GR.

6.2 On termination of this agreement, the recipient shall destroy (unless requested by provider to return the said remaining material) and shall provide proof immediately to the provider

6.3 Any procedurally duplicated GR/biological material shall survive the lifetime of this agreement and should be freely accessible to the Kenya government and the provider upon request.

Article: 7.0 Warranty

a) The Provider makes no warranties as to the safety of or title to the GR material, nor as to the accuracy or correctness of any information provided with the Material. Neither does it make any warranties as to the quality, viability, or purity (genetic or mechanical) of the Material being furnished.

b) The phytosanitary condition of the Material is warranted only as described in any attached phytosanitary certificate. The Recipient assumes full responsibility for complying with the recipient nation's quarantine regulations and rules as to import or release of genetic material.

Article 8: Applicable Laws

The applicable law shall be the domesticating national laws of Kenya, the relevant provisions of the Nagoya protocol, and, when necessary for interpretation, the decisions of the NEMA.

## Article 9: Dispute Resolution

Any dispute arising from this Agreement shall be resolved in the following manner:

- a) Amicable dispute settlement: The parties shall attempt in good faith to resolve the dispute by negotiation.
- b) Mediation: If the dispute is not resolved by negotiation, the parties may choose mediation through a neutral third party mediator, to be mutually agreed.
- c) Arbitration: If the dispute has not been settled by negotiation or mediation, any party may submit the dispute for arbitration under the Arbitration Act No. 4 of 1995 of laws of Kenya and in accordance with the procedure laid down in part 1 of Annex II of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

## Article 10: Force majeure

- 10.1 Neither party(ies) shall be liable to the other party(ies) for any delay or non-conformance of its obligations under this Agreement arising from any clause beyond its reasonable control, including, but not limited to, any of the following: government Act, war, fire, drought, explosion, civil commotion or industrial disputes of a third party or impossibility of obtaining gas or electricity or materials.
- 10.2 The affected party(ies) must promptly notify the other party(ies) in writing, but in no circumstances no later than fourteen (30) days, of the cause and likely duration of the cause.
- 10.3 Such notice having been given, the performance of the affected party's obligations, to the extent affected by the cause, shall be suspended during the period the cause persists.
- 10.4 Without prejudice to the above, the affected party(ies) must take all reasonable measures to minimize the impact of any force majeure on the performance of its obligations under the Agreement and to ensure, as soon as practicable, the resumption of normal performance of the obligations affected by the force majeure.

## Article 11: Notices

Any notice or other document to be served under this Agreement must be delivered by hand or sent by registered mail or by international courier service to be served at the addresses below:

## **Designated National Authority**

Insert the name of the Institution and the address
Competent Authority
Insert the name of the Institution and the address
Provider
Insert the name of the Provider(s) and the address
Recipient
Insert the name of the Institution and the address
All notices or documents shall be deemed to have been served at the date and time of delivery of the said notices or documents to the recipient party.
Signature/Acceptance
For provider
Name and Signature of Head of institution
Name and signature of Authorizing officer:
For recipient:
Name and Signature of authorized official
Name and signature of principal investigator
Witnessed by