

IARIW-TNBS Conference on “Measuring Income, Wealth and Well-being in Sub-Saharan Africa” Fall 2022, Arusha, Tanzania (November 11-13, 2022)

Background and Motivation

The International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW), established in 1947, organizes conferences on topics related to income and wealth throughout the world, generally in partnership with national statistical offices.¹ In addition to its biennial General Conference, the IARIW also organizes special or regional conferences in non-General Conference years.

The objective of this special IARIW-TNBS conference will be to advance our understanding on issues related to measuring national accounts, prices, productivity, income and wealth distribution, poverty, and economic well-being in the countries of sub-Saharan Africa through an examination of past experiences related to the measurement of trends in these variables and the identification of future measurement challenges. The Program Committee will develop a list of specific topics.

Papers are on specific countries of the region, comparisons between two or more countries in the region, or comparisons between countries of the region and other parts of the world. Methodological papers on key economic measurement problems relevant to the region are also welcome.

Size, Date and Location

The conference will take place in the fall of 2022, from November 11-13, in Arusha, Tanzania.

The number of delegates attending IARIW special conferences in the past has been between 100 and 150. A similar number is expected for this conference.

¹ For example, national statistical offices that have co-organized special conferences with the IARIW include the National Bureau of Statistics of China (2007), Statistics South Africa (2011), the Brazilian statistical office or IBGE (2013), the Egyptian statistical office or CAPMAS (2015), and the Bank of Korea (2017). The IARIW has also co-organized two special conferences with the OECD (2011 and 2015), two with universities (University of New South Wales, 2013, National Research University Higher School of Economics, 2019), one with the World Bank (2019), and two with research institutes (Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, 2017, The Economic Statistics Centre of Excellence or ESCoE, 2021). Since 2006, IARIW General Conferences have been co-organized with Statistics Finland (2006), Statistics Slovenia (2008), the Swiss Federal Statistical Office (2010), the US Bureau of Economic Analysis (2012), Statistics Netherlands (2014), the Federal Statistical Office of Germany (2016), Statistics Denmark (2018) and Statistics Norway (2020). In 2022, the General Conference will be co-organized with STATEC in Luxembourg.

Conference Program

The conference will take place over a three-day period. The first two days will be devoted to the program and the third day will feature an excursion to places of interest to the international delegates. There will be a reception the evening of the first day of the conference and a farewell dinner the evening of the second day.

The conference program will include paper sessions, keynote addresses, panels and a farewell dinner. It is expected that there will be 20-30 papers presented in plenary sessions. If there are a large number of high-quality submissions, parallel sessions or a poster session may be organized.

World Bank-IARIW-TNBS Pre-Conference Training Session on Income and Wealth Measurement in Household Surveys

On November 10th, 2022, the day before the conference commences, the World Bank Center for Development Data, IARIW, and Tanzania National Bureau of Statistics will host a training session on the measurement of income and wealth in household surveys. The session will be open to conference delegates at no charge and will be facilitated by World Bank staff with contributions from international experts from partner organizations.

This session aims to train graduate students, junior national statistics office (NSO) staff and other survey practitioners, as well as early career researchers in survey methods, in the fundamentals of collecting and analyzing information on household income and wealth via household surveys.

Program Committee

A program committee of 8 persons composed of experts in measurement issues specific to the region will oversee the development of the conference program. The key activity of the committee will be to evaluate submissions for the program. Lars Osberg from Dalhousie University, a long-term and well known IARIW member, has agreed to chair the Program Committee. Lars has spent considerable time in Tanzania over the past five decades.

The members of the program committee are:

Lars Osberg (Committee Chair)
Department of Economics
Dalhousie University
Halifax, Canada

Rabah Arezki
Chief Economist (effective October 1, 2020)
African Development Bank
Abidjan, Ivory Coast
(until September 30, 2020 World Bank Chief Economist for the Middle East and North Africa)

Oliver Chinganya
Director, African Centre for Statistics
UN Economic Commission for Africa
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Dean Joliffe
Lead Economist on Global Poverty
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Donald Mmari
Executive Director
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Joseph Semboja
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Principal Statistician
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Dean, Faculty of Economics and Management Sciences
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Organizational Responsibilities

IARIW special conferences normally do not have a registration fee, but conference attendees from all countries other than the host country must be or become a member of the IARIW. Delegates are responsible for their own travel and hotel costs and possibly the cost of the excursion depending on sponsorships.

The IARIW and HSE will provide some financial assistance to paper givers on a needs basis. The IARIW Financial Assistance Committee will consist of the Chair and Treasurer of the Association.

Selected papers from IARIW special conferences are normally published in special issues of the *Review of Income and Wealth*, edited by a sub-set (one or two persons) of the members of the program committee. Lars will serve as guest editor of the special issue.