Asia-Pacific Stats Café Series:

Measuring Consumption Then and Now – 20 Years since Deaton and Zaidi

10 October 2022, 11.00-12.30 hrs. Bangkok Time (UTC+7)

Concept Note

Twenty years since the release of the impactful Guidelines for Constructing Consumption Aggregates for Welfare Analysis, authored by Nobel laureate Angus Deaton and World Bank Economist Salman Zaidi, a “reevaluation” report of the Deaton and Zaidi book was recently issued by the World Bank. The meeting invites the authors for an overview of the new report and 2 countries in the region for a reflection on their national practice in measuring poverty and on how the new report could be helpful. More information about the publication is available at:

- Report
- Brief
- Blog

Agenda

Moderator: Rinku Murgai, Practice Manager, East Asia and Pacific Region’s Poverty and Equity Team, World Bank

- Opening remarks: Rachael Beaven, Director, Statistics Division, ESCAP
- Speakers:
  - Giovanni Vecchi, Professor (Economic History), University of Rome “Tor Vergata”, and Giulia Mancini, Research Fellow, University of Sassari
  - M. Ali Kemal, Pakistan
  - Michael Sharp, Economic Statistics and Microdata Specialist, Statistics for Development Division, Pacific Community (SPC)
- Q & A and discussion
- Closing remarks: Calogero (Gero) Carletto, Co-Chair, Inter-Secretariat Working Group on Household Surveys and Manager, Data Production and Methods Unit, Development Data Group, World Bank