

1st Day : Monday - 23th November 2015

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| 9.00-9.15 | Opening Remarks (IARIW Official - CAPMAS President- Minister of Planning, Follow-up and Administrative Reform) |
| 9.15-10.15 | Keynote Address Ragui Asaad (Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota) "Inequality of Opportunity in Income and Consumption in Egypt: A Comparative Perspective" |
| 10.15-10.45 | Coffee Break |
| 10.45-12.15 | 1st session : Poverty (Part I) Chair: Dr.Andrew Sharpe - IARIW and Centre for the Study of Living Standards - Luca Tiberti (PEP and Laval University, Canada), John Cockburn (PEP and Laval University, Canada) & Veronique Robichaud (PEP, Canada), "Price Subsidies Reform and child poverty in Arab Countries: A Comparative CGE-Microsimulation Analysis of Egypt and Jordan" Discussant: Shantayanan Devarajan (Chief Economist, Middle East and North Africa Region, World Bank) - Nizar Jouini (African Development Bank), Abebe Shimeles (African Development Bank), Nora Lustig (Tulane University and Center for Global Development and the Inter-American Dialogue) and Ahmed Moumni (African Development Bank), "Fiscal Policy Incidence and Poverty Reduction: Evidence from Tunisia". Discussant: Gabriel Lara Ibarra (World Bank) - Shireen Al Azzawi (Santa Clara University, United States), "Endowments or Discrimination? Determinants of Poverty in Egypt" Discussant: Hasan Vergil (Istanbul University) |
| 12.15-13.15 | Lunch Break |
| 13.15-14.15 | 2nd Session: National Accounts and Productivity Chair: Saleh Al-Kafri (Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics) - Amina Saleh Khasib (Palestinian Central Bureau), "The Supply and Use Tables as a Useful Tool for Data Quality in Palestine". Discussant: Surajit Deb (Aryabhatta College, University of Delhi, India) - Deb Kusum Das (University of Delhi, India), Homagni Choudhury (Aberystwyth University, UK) and Pilu Chandra Das (Dayal Singh College, India), "Productivity Dynamics in the Arab Economies: The Challenges of Generating Multifactor Productivity Estimates at Industry Level." Discussant: Andrew Sharpe (IARIW and Centre for the Study of Living Standards) |
| 14.15-16.15 | 3rd Session : Poverty (Part II) Chair: Dr. Mohamed Ramadan - R & D Consultant, CAPMAS - Gabriel Larra Ibarra (World Bank) and Jose Cuesta (World Bank), "Poverty in Post Revolution Tunisia: Comparing Cross-Survey Imputation and Projection Techniques". Discussant: Roy Van Weide (World Bank) - Nuha Mohamed Elamin (Central Bureau of Statistics of Sudan), "Fighting Poverty in Sudan" Discussant: Shireen Al Azzawi (Santa Clara University, United States) - Wagdy A. Kawi A. Ashry (CAPMAS, Egypt), "Using Remote Sensing and GIS Application for the Development of Pro-poor Aquaculture in Nasser Lake" Discussant: Jasmin Thomas (IARIW and Centre for the Study of Living Standards) - Maged Samir Melio (National Bank of Egypt), "The Challenges of Poverty Measurement in the Arab Region" Discussant: Vladimir Hlasny (Ewha Womans University, Seoul and UN-ESCWA) |
| 16.15-16.30 | Coffee Break |
| 16.30-17.30 | 4th Session : Well-Being(Part I) Chair: Mahmoud Elsarawy – CAPMAS - Salih Hamza Abu-El-Yamen (Central Bureau of Statistics-Sudan), "Towards Equal Standards of Welfare Among Populations of Different Subdivision Areas of a Country: A Case Study of Sudan". Discussant: Elena Ianchovichina (World Bank) - Surajit Deb (Aryabhatta College, University of Delhi, India), "What Happened to Human Development after the Arab Spring? A Qualitative Choice Analysis from the Middle-East". Discussant: Nizar Jouini (African Development Bank) |
| 17.30 | End of First Day |

2nd Day : Tuesday - 24th November 2015

5th Session : Inequality(Part I)

Chair: Dr. Ayat Ismail – Head of Central Administration for Statistical Training Center , CAPMAS

8.30-10.00

- **Paolo Verme** (World Bank) and **Vladimir Hlasny** (Ewha Womans University, Seoul and UN-ESCWA) “Top Incomes and the Measurement of Inequality in Egypt”. **Discussant: Ragui Assaad (University of Minnesota)**
- **Roy Van der Weide (World Bank), Elena Ianchovichina (World Bank) and Christoph Lakner (World Bank)**, “Is Inequality Underestimated in Egypt? Evidence from House Prices”. **Discussant: Vladimir Hlasny (Ewha Womans University, Seoul and UN-ESCWA)**
- **Hasan Vergil** (Istanbul University, Turkey), “Growth, Inequality and Poverty in Turkey with Emphasis on Selected Countries in the Arab Region”. **Discussant: Robert Johnston (UN Statistical Office, Retired)**

10.00-10.15

Coffee Break

6th Session: Well-Being (Part II)

Chair: Jasmin Thomas (IARIW and Centre for the Study of Living Standards)

10.15-11.45

- **Hai-Anh H. Dang** (World Bank) and **Elena Ianchovichina** (World Bank) “Welfare Dynamics in the Arab World: Synthetic Panel Analysis Using Objective and Subjective Data”.
Discussant: Ragui Assaad (University of Minnesota)
- **Efstratia Arampatzi** (Erasmus Happiness Economics Research Organization), **Martijn Burger** (Erasmus University), **Elena Ianchovichina** (World Bank), **Tina Röhrich** (Erasmus Happiness Economics Research Organization), and **Ruut Veenhoven** (Erasmus Happiness Economics Research Organization) , “Unhappy Development: Dissatisfaction with Life in the Wake of the Arab Spring.”
Discussant: Andrew Sharpe (IARIW and Centre for the Study of Living Standards)
- **Said Ahmed Said** (CAPMAS, Egypt), “The Worst Forms of Child Labor in Some Governorates in Upper Egypt”.
Discussant: Saleh Al-Kafri (Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics)

11.45-12.45

Lunch Break

7th Session : Inequality (Part II)

Chair: Dr. Mohamed Ismail (Head of Statistics department, Cairo University)

12.45-14.45

- **Amal Khairy Amin** (CAPMAS-Egypt), “An Analysis of the Gender Pay Gap in the Egyptian Labour Market”.
Discussant: Saleh Al-Kafri (Palestinian Central Bureau)
- **Vladimir Hlasny** (Ewha Womans University, Seoul and UN-ESCWA) and **Paolo Verme** (World Bank) “Top Incomes and the Measurement of Inequality: A Comparative Analysis of Correction Methods using Egyptian, EU and US Survey Data” **Discussant: Roy Van der Weide (World Bank)**
- **Rolando Gonzales & Andrea Rojas-Hosse** (Bayesian Institute for Research on Development) “Deviations from Core Prices and Income Inequality in the Arab World”
- **Racha Ramadan** (Cairo University), , **Vladimir Hlasny** (Ewha Womans University, Seoul and UN-ESCWA) and **Vito Intini** (UN-ESCWA), “Inequality Decomposition in the Arab Region: Application to Egypt, Jordan, Palestine, Sudan and Tunisia” **Discussant: Shireen Al Azzawi (Santa Clara University, United States)**

14.45-15.00

Coffee Break

Keynote Address

15.00-16.00

Shantayanan Devarajan (Chief Economist, Middle East and North Africa Region, World Bank)
"A Broken Social Contract, Not Inequality, Triggered the Arab Spring"

16.00-17.00

Closing Panel: « What is needed for better measurement of income, wealth, poverty and inequality in Middle East and in North Africa Countries ?»

Chair: Dr. Sherine Al-Shawarby (Professor of Economics, Cairo University)

- **Dr. Amina Ghanem** (Egyptian National Competitiveness Council)
- **Ms. Sara B. Alnashar** (Economist, World Bank)
- **Dr. Mohamed Ramadan** (R & D Consultant , CAPMAS)

17.00

Close of Conference

19.30

Conference Dinner on a Barge on the Nile

3rd Day : Wednesday - 25th November 2015

Trip around the major tourist attractions in Egypt