

Prof. Angus S. Deaton

Bio: Professor Deaton's main research areas are in economic development, health, and in the analysis of household behavior, especially at the microeconomic level. His current research focuses on the determinants of health in rich and poor countries, as well as on the measurement of poverty in India and around the world. He has taught at Cambridge University and at the University of Bristol. He is a corresponding Fellow of the British Academy, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and of the Econometric Society and, in 1978, was the first recipient of the Society's Frisch Medal.

Prof. Njuguna Ndungu

Bio: Prof. Njuguna Ndung'u is the Director of Training at the African Economic Research Consortium, Nairobi. He holds a Ph.D in Economics from the University of Gothenburg, Sweden and Masters and Bachelors degrees in Economics from the University of Nairobi. He has lectured in advanced economic theory and econometrics at the University of Nairobi. He has published on economic policy issues ranging from economic growth, poverty reduction, inflation, interest rate and exchange rate issues, macroeconomic performance in sub-Saharan Africa, and financial management, public sector growth, external debt, financial liberalisation in Anglophone Africa, structural adjustment, employment and labour market issues. His current project is on growth accounting in Kenya is a SSA project on Explaining Growth in Africa.

Prof. Paul Schaffer

Bio: Paul Schaffer is a research fellow at the Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto and a senior economist at the Institute for Development in Economics and Administration (IDEA Intl.). His research focuses on the interdisciplinary study of poverty combining approaches drawn from economics, anthropology and the PRA tradition. Schaffer has served as an advisor and consultant on poverty reduction to a number of donor agencies and countries in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. He has been involved in the development of Poverty Monitoring and Assessment Systems and impact assessment studies in over ten countries.

Mr. Collins O. Opiyo

Bio: Mr. Collins Opiyo holds a BSc in Mathematics and Physics, and a Masters of Philosophy in Population Studies. He is currently working for the Central Bureau of Statistics at the Poverty Analysis and Research Unit, and formerly at the Population and Other Social Statistics Division. He is co-coordinating the forthcoming Kenya Integrated Household Budget Survey which is designed to provide data and indicators necessary to measure, monitor and analyse living standards and poverty in Kenya.

He is a member (official) of the Population Association of Kenya (PAK) and Union for African Population Studies (UAPS). His current research interests include the demography of Poor Populations, and the *wheres* and *whys* of poverty incidence in Kenya, and the related monitoring and evaluation activities as well.

Mr. Diego Angemi

Bio: Mr. Diego Angemi's main research areas are in economic development, including child labour, poverty and vulnerability, and income inequality. His current research focuses on the welfare implications of HIV/AIDS treatment on poverty, population growth, and the determinants of drop out ratios in an environment that provides Universal Primary Education (UPE). He has taught at Oxford University. Currently, he works as a development economist under the Overseas Development Institute Fellowship Scheme for the Poverty Monitoring and Analysis Unit/Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.

Dr. Damiano Kulundu Manda

Bio: Dr. Manda holds a doctorate in economics from the University of Gothenburg, Sweden and also teaches at the University of Nairobi, Department of Economics. Dr Manda is a researcher within the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) network. At KIPPRA, Manda is a senior analyst in the Social Sector Division and is responsible for developing models that underlies policy work of the Division. His policy research focuses on labour markets, education, health, and poverty issues. He has extensive experience in analysing micro data.

Dr. Eliab Luvanda

Bio: Dr. Luvanda's main research areas are monetary economics and development economics. Currently, he is doing research on inflation and economic growth in Tanzania, multi-dimension of poverty in Tanzania, rural poverty and regional agricultural patterns. He is also currently involved in a poverty mapping study that uses Tanzania's 2000/01 house budget survey and 2002 census data. He is teaching at the University of Dar es Salaam. Over the past three years, he has been a visiting lecturer, teaching econometrics, at the joint facility of electives (JFE) of the Collaborative MA in Economics Programme for Anglophone Africa (except Nigeria), conducted by the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), Nairobi, Kenya.

Dr. Jane Mariara

Bio: Dr. Jane Kabubo-Mariara is a lecturer in the Department of Economics of the University of Nairobi. She is a researcher in the fields of applied microeconomics, development and environment economics. Jane has won several research grants from the African Economic Research Consortium where

she has been an active AERC researcher for the last 12 years. She is the coordinator of the collaborative poverty research on poverty, labour market and income distribution issues for the Kenyan team, funded by the African Economic Research consortium. She has also won several research grants from other organizations to carry out poverty and development economics related research and has published a number of papers related to her areas of research. Dr. Kabubo-Mariara has been a visiting scholar to Cornell University (1998) and the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in Washington D.C. (2000). Her current research focuses on the dynamics and measurement of poverty, land conservation and tenure security issues and the impact of climatic change on adaptation of agro-ecological systems.

Dr John Omiti

Bio: Dr. John Omiti holds a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from the University of New England and is currently working with the Institute of Policy Analysis and Research (IPAR). He has been involved in agricultural economics and policy research in a number of countries including Ethiopia, Uganda and Kenya. Apart from government departments, he has also worked with a number of national and international agricultural research centres. He has conducted important consultancies on agricultural/livestock policy with NGOs, research institutes and donor agencies. He has published several articles in a number of international and peer-reviewed journals. At IPAR, Dr. Omiti along with colleagues and partners have a keen interest in the analysis of policy issues affecting economic performance, food security, poverty alleviation and institutional development at macro and sectoral levels. Dr. Omiti is also a member of the Toda Institute for Global Peace and Policy Research, Hawaii.

Dr. Joseph T. Karugia

Bio: Dr Karugia holds a PhD in Agricultural Economics from the University of Alberta, Canada. His research interests are in the areas of rural and agricultural development, marketing and poverty analysis. Current research focuses on the role of the state and markets in agricultural transformation and the role of factor markets in alleviating poverty. Dr Karugia is currently the Research Manager with the African Economic Research Consortium on leave from the University of Nairobi where he has taught for over twelve years. He is a member of the International Association of Agricultural Economists among several professional bodies.

Dr. Longinus Rutasitara

Bio: Dr Rutasitara Longinus is Lecturer in the Department of Economics, University of Dar es Salaam. His areas of teaching include International Trade,

Macroeconomics, Microeconomics and Quantitative Methods. Areas of research interest include economic policy and international trade and poverty issues.

Dr. MARY OMOSA

B.A.; M.A. (Nairobi), PhD (Wageningen)

Bio: Dr. Mary Omosa is a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Development Studies, University of Nairobi. She has over 15 years experience in research, teaching and training. A Sociologist by training, her research interests focus on rural livelihoods with a special bias on food security, and chronic poverty. She is a member of a number of professional associations, and has served as a reviewer of research proposals and publication articles for several reputable organisations. She is also currently the UNESCO/UNITWIN Chair holder at the University of Nairobi.

Dr. Tassew Woldehanna

Bio: Dr. Tassew Woldehanna is an assistant professor at the Department of Economics, Addis Ababa University. He is also a Visiting Assistant Professor at Wageningen University Research, the Netherlands with one month employment per year. He teaches microeconomic policy, econometrics and development economics. His research interests are poverty, food security, and micro credit. He has specialized in analysis of household behaviour especially with income diversification in poverty situations. In the past he has been studying the behaviour of farm households, particularly looking at farmers' choices of occupation and the diversification of income sources in Ethiopia. He was also involved in research on the role of education in facilitating risk-taking in agriculture and poverty-reducing schemes. In the last three years he has focused on the analysis of poverty in Ethiopia. He analysed poverty situations, the determinants of poverty and the regional (spatial) distribution. Currently he is working in the areas of poverty, microfinance, food security and (child) poverty.

Mr. Lucas Katera

Bio: Mr. Katera is an Economist with practical experience in research and policy analysis particularly in the areas of poverty, public policy, and service delivery. In his various engagements in research, Mr. Katera has been involved in data collection, survey plan and supervision, data template design and preparation, data entry and analysis and report writing. He is conversant with a number of quantitative methods and statistical software. Under the Research and Analysis Technical Working Group of the Poverty Monitoring System, one of his recent assignments was to compile different commissioned studies for the production of Poverty and Human Development Report for the last year, and a co-author of the report. Mr. Katera is also a member of the Secretariat of the Research and Analysis Technical Working Group and the Census and Survey Technical Working Groups of the Poverty Monitoring System.

Dr. Rosemary Atieno

Bio

Dr. Rosemary Atieno is an economist, currently a research fellow at the Institute for Development Studies University of Nairobi, Kenya. her main research interests are in rural development especially the role of financial institutions and access to credit. Her current research focuses on determinants of female labour force participation in the labour market, with special focus on the informal sector; the role of social policy in access to health, water and sanitation in East Africa, among others. She has been the team leader in writing the Kenya Human Development Report 2001, with the theme "Addressing Social and Economic Disparities".

Mr. Said Aboud

Bio: Mr. Aboud joined the National Bureau of Statistics in 1971 and is currently the Departmental Manager of Social and Demographic Statistics. He participated in 1978, 1988 and 2002 census in Tanzania, as well as in all Demographic and health Surveys conducted in Tanzania (1991/92, 1994, 1996 and 1999) and small sample surveys of social statistics (e.g. 2002 Infertility survey for Moshi District, 2003/04 Baseline survey for local Government Ministry etc). He was also responsible for 2000/01 Household Budget Survey and 2003 HIV/Aids indicator survey.

Ms. Vernetta Barungi

Bio: Vernetta Barungi's main research areas: economic policy and analysis of household behavior. Her current research interests are trade policy and determinants of income inequality at household level.

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