61st World Statistics Congress
Lunch Round Table Discussion (LRTD)

Irving Fisher Committee on Central Bank Statistics (IFC) proposal

Title:
The importance of financial literacy and inclusion for the conduct of central bank policies

Abstract:
Financial literacy encompasses the population’s knowledge about financial concepts, inflation and investment risk, financial numeracy, the ability to make informed judgments and to take effective decisions regarding the use and management of money, as well as its awareness of financial products and services. Monetary authorities have often a formal or informal mandate to promote financial education and literacy as well as consumer protection. That, in itself, is a key element for promoting financial inclusion in a sustainable way and, in turn, making monetary policy tools can become more effective.

Questions:
1. What are the risks posed by increasing the population’s access to financial services if financial literacy is lacking?
2. To what extent is financial literacy a key factor constraining the effectiveness of public policies (esp. central bank policies)?

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