## CAUCASUS AND CENTRAL ASIA: The Need to Intensify Structural Reforms



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Russia's slower growth and higher geopolitical risks may adversely affect these economies. These countries need to intensify structural reforms to sustain

## economic growth and reduce vulnerability to shocks.

RUSSIA

## **CLOSE LINKS WITH RUSSIA**

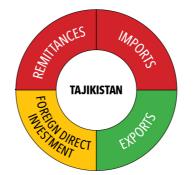
A deeper or protracted Russian slowdown can have a significant impact on these economies' GDP via trade, remittances, and investment channels.

Less than 3% of GDP 3–10% of GDP Greater than 10% of GDP (Sources: National Authorities and IMF staff calculations)









## Delays and even reversals in priority of structural reforms

since 2010 prevent these countries from achieving their growth potential and raise their vulnerability to shocks.

**MIXED PROGRESS IN STRUCTURAL REFORMS** 

Improvement No Progress Regressed (Calculations based on EBRD Transition Reports)















