

Global Economy Still Struggling to Get on Track

The pace of recovery is disappointing and uneven with global growth projected at a lackluster 3.3% in 2014. In advanced economies, legacies of the boom and subsequent 2008–09 crisis still cast a shadow, while several emerging markets are adjusting to lower medium-term growth.

Risks have increased

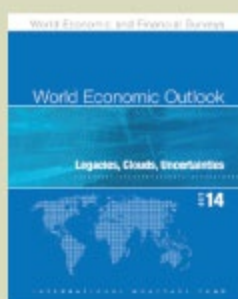


- ◆ Uneven fragile growth
- ◆ Risks from protracted low inflation
- ◆ Financial sector excesses
- ◆ Simmering geopolitical tensions
- ◆ Emerging markets slowing
- ◆ Surprises in monetary policy normalization

Ways to stimulate growth and jobs



- ◆ Boost infrastructure investment
- ◆ Make fiscal policy jobs-friendly
- ◆ Reform labor and product markets
- ◆ Better regulate financial sector
- ◆ Keep interest rates low, as needed
- ◆ Reduce private debt

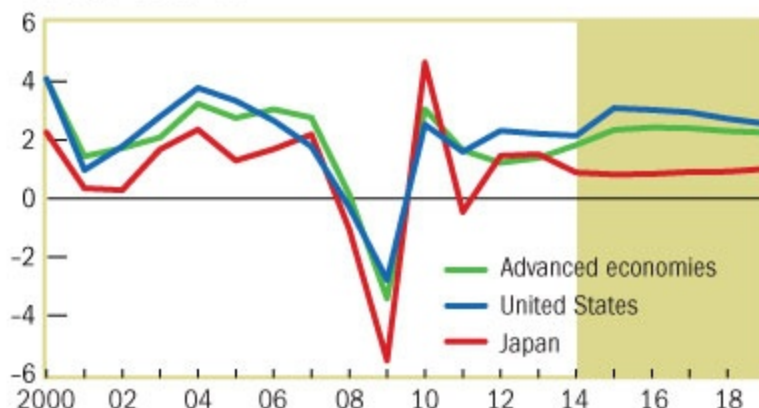


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(Real GDP, percent change)

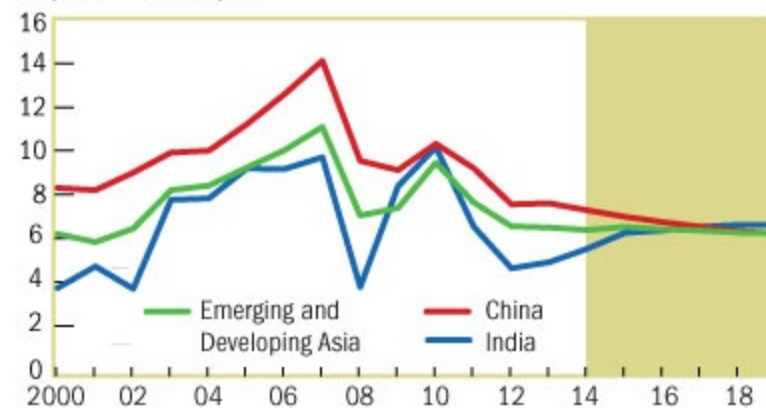
United States and Japan

Growth in the U.S. has rebounded with jobs picking up; Japan's recovery has slowed



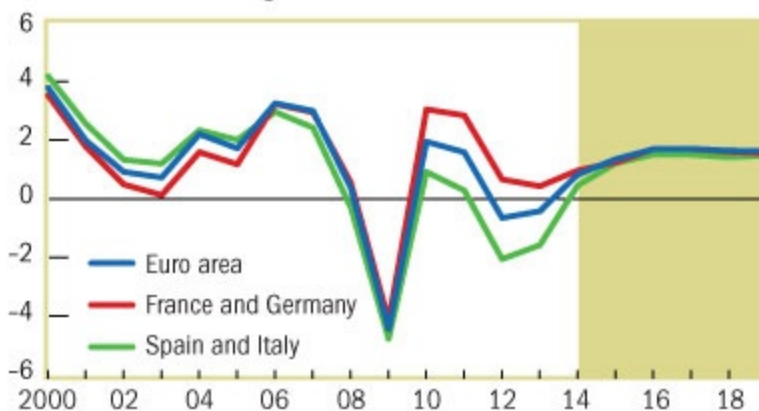
Emerging and Developing Asia

Emerging markets are adjusting to slower growth to different degrees in the region



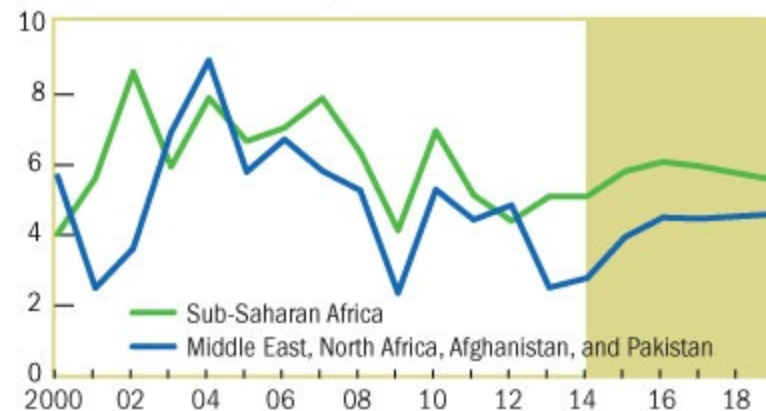
Euro Area

The euro area shows signs of a slow and fragile recovery, but still faces difficult challenges



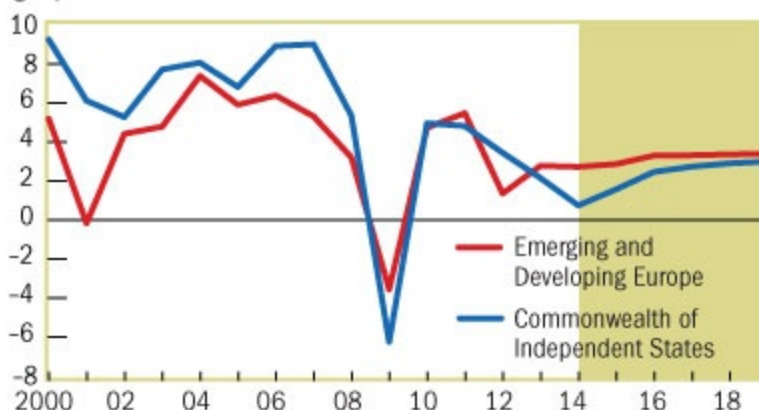
MENAP² and Sub-Saharan Africa

Growth in the Middle East has been marked down; Africa is still doing well, although Ebola poses risks



CIS¹ and Emerging and Developing Europe

In Russia and the CIS weaknesses reflect the impact of geopolitical tensions



Latin America and the Caribbean

Growth will slow sharply this year, particularly in Brazil, with a rebound expected in 2015



Source: IMF staff estimates.

¹CIS - Commonwealth of Independent States

²MENAP - Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan, and Pakistan

