Figure 4.1. Economic Performance of Low-Income Countries and Others

Low-income countries (LICs) have seen a major improvement in their economic performance since the 1990s. Growth in output per capita for the median LIC has increased since the 1990s. It is now higher than median growth in other economy groups.

Sources: IMF, World Economic Outlook database (October 2012); Penn World Table 7.1; World Bank, World Development Indicators database; and IMF staff calculations.

Note: Economy groups and indicators are defined in Appendix 4.1. Real GDP per capita is in purchasing-power-parity terms. The 2008–11 median of real GDP per capita growth of advanced economies is near zero (0.02 percentage point).