

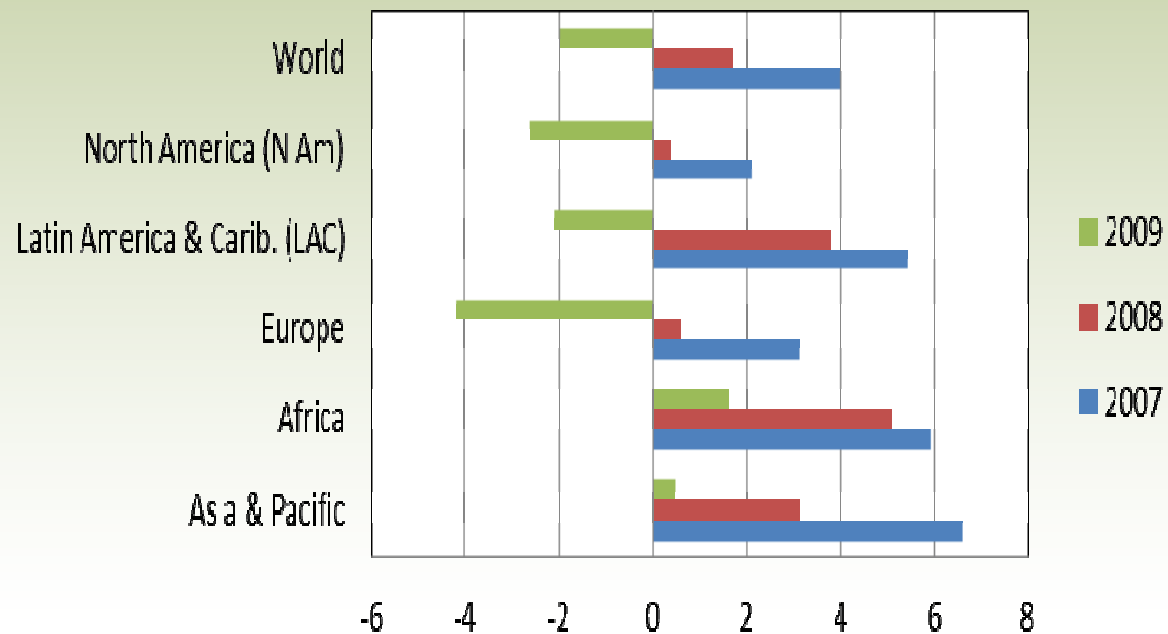
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Development Challenges and Policy Priorities for SSWA: A Perspective from Iran

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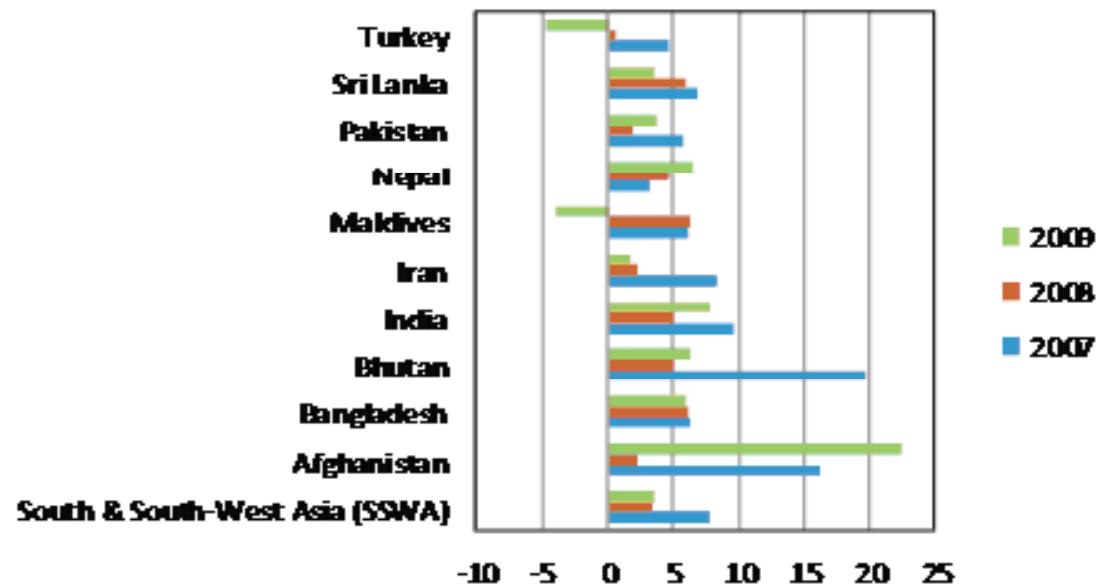
Economic Growth

GDP Growth Rates in the World Regions, 2007 to 2009



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GDP Growth Rates in SSWA Countries, 2007 to 2009



Selected Macro Economic Indicator in 2009

	Real GDP	% Change per annum	Real GDP per capita	% Change per capita per annum	Domestic Investment (% of GDP)	Inflation Rate % per annum		Economic Sectors (% of Value added)		
						2008	2009	Agriculture	Industry	Services
- East & North-East Asia (ENEA)	9189	0.5	5952	0.0	31.6	3.2	-0.7	5.7	37.1	57.2
- South-East Asia (SEA)	1077	1.0	1836	-0.1	25.0	9.7	3.4	12.8	40.9	46.3
- South & South-West Asia (SSWE)	2163	3.5	1234	2.0	28.3	12.0	9.8	14.5	29.6	55.9
•Afghanistan	11	22.5	362	19.6	24.6	-	-	37.3	26.9	35.8
•Bangladesh	74	6.0	501	4.9	24.2	8.9	5.4	18.6	28.6	52.8
•Bhutan	1	6.3	1603	4.5	37.9	8.3	4.4	20.6	41.8	37.6
•India	1141	7.7	945	6.2	35.0	8.4	10.9	17.1	28.2	54.6
•Iran	246	1.8	3363	0.6	32.2	25.5	13.5	9.4	43.6	47.0
•Maldives	1	-3.9	3196	-5.1	57.5	12.0	4.5	4.9	16.8	78.4
•Nepal	10	6.5	335	4.6	31.9	10.9	11.6	32.6	15.8	51.6
•Pakistan	130	3.7	761	1.9	19.7	20.3	13.6	20.8	24.3	54.9
•Sri Lanka	31	3.5	1489	2.5	25.3	22.5	3.5	13.8	31.7	54.5
•Turkey	518	-4.7	7216	-5.9	14.9	10.4	6.3	9.1	25.1	65.7
- North & Central Asia (NCA)	1015	-6.5	4622	6.8	19.5	14.4	10.9	5.8	34.2	60.0
- Pacific	988	3.0	27711	0.2	27.4	4.4	1.9	3.1	27.0	69.9
Asia & the Pacific	14432	0.5	3488	-0.4	29.4	6.6	2.6	7.4	35.5	57.1
Africa	1185	1.6	1188	-0.7	22.5	12.4	8.2	16.8	37.9	45.2
Europe	15054	-4.2	25359	-4.4	18.4	3.8	0.5	1.8	24.8	73.4
Latin America & Carib. (LAC)	3141	-2.1	5394	-3.2	19.6	8.1	6.7	5.6	33.2	61.2
North America (NA)	14074	-2.6	41215	-3.5	14.3	3.7	-0.3	1.1	22.1	76.8
Other	1066	1.5	7701	-1.7	26.8	9.5	3.3	2.9	48.8	48.3
World	49356	-2.0	7208	-3.1	21.1	5.1	1.5	4.0	29.0	67.0

Source: Statistical Yearbook for Asia & the Pacific 2011.

Selected Demographic Indicators

	Population in 2010		Crude Rate in 2010, (per 1000 Population)		Children & Elderly in 2010 (% of Population)		Urban Population		Fertility Rate in 2010 (Live Births per Woman)	Adolescent Fertility Rate in 2005-2010 (Live Birth per 1000 Woman (aged 15-19))
	% World	% Change per annum	Births	Deaths	Children	Elderly	% of Population	% change per annum		
- East & North-East Asia (ENEAS)	22.5	0.4	11.9	7.5	18.9	9.5	50.2	2.0	1.6	8.0
- South-East Asia (SEA)	8.61	1.1	18.5	6.6	27.3	5.6	42.0	2.2	2.2	39.3
- South & South-West Asia (SSWE)	25.77	1.4	22.5	7.7	30.9	4.9	33.2	2.4	2.7	75.4
•Afghanistan	0.46	2.7	43.6	15.9	46.4	2.2	22.6	4.1	6.3	118.7
•Bangladesh	2.16	1.1	20.3	6.1	31.3	4.6	28.1	3.0	2.2	78.9
•Bhutan	0.01	1.7	20.4	6.9	29.4	4.8	34.7	4.0	2.4	50.2
•India	17.76	1.4	22.2	8.0	30.6	4.9	30.0	2.4	2.6	86.3
•Iran	1.07	1.1	17.1	5.4	22.9	5.2	70.8	2.0	1.7	29.5
•Maldives	0.00	1.3	16.8	3.6	26.6	5.2	40.1	4.6	1.8	12.2
•Nepal	0.43	1.8	24.1	5.9	36.2	4.2	18.6	5.0	2.7	103.4
•Pakistan	2.52	1.8	27.3	7.5	35.4	4.3	35.9	2.7	3.4	31.6
•Sri Lanka	0.30	0.9	18.2	6.6	24.9	8.2	14.3	0.7	2.3	23.6
•Turkey	1.06	1.3	17.9	5.5	26.4	6.0	69.6	1.9	2.1	39.2
- North & Central Asia (NCA)	3.19	0.3	15.1	11.8	19.2	10.4	63.1	0.3	1.8	27.6
- Pacific	0.53	1.7	17.7	6.8	23.7	10.6	70.7	1.8	2.4	33.3
Asia & the Pacific	60.59	1.0	17.6	7.7	25.3	7.0	42.7	2.0	2.1	45.2
Africa	14.82	2.3	34.8	11.4	40.3	3.5	40.0	3.5	4.5	101.3
Europe	8.63	0.2	10.6	10.5	15.5	17.0	72.7	0.6	1.6	16.2
Latin America & Carib. (LAC)	8.56	1.1	18.5	5.9	27.9	6.9	79.6	1.6	2.2	73.4
North America (NA)	5	0.9	13.6	8.2	19.7	13.2	82.1	1.2	2.0	38.6
Other	2.40	2.6	27.1	4.7	30.6	3.0	66.9	3.4	3.6	52.8
World	100	1.2	19.6	8.3	26.8	7.6	50.5	1.9	2.5	55.7

Source: Statistical Yearbook for Asia & the Pacific 2011.

Selector External Sector Indicator

	Merchandise Trade (% of GDP)				Merchandise Trade (% change per annum)	
	Exports		Imports		Exports	Imports
	2008	2009	2008	2009		
- East & North-East Asia (ENEA)	28.7	22.3	26.1	20.1	29.9	32.3
- South-East Asia (SEA)	66.0	55.3	62.6	49.1	29.2	31.4
- South and South-West Asia (SSWE)	18.2	15.0	25.0	20.2	24.4	26.9
•Afghanistan	5.0	3.1	28.0	26.0	0.0	27.3
•Bangladesh	19.3	16.9	30.0	24.5	27.2	27.5
•Bhutan	41.9	39.9	43.6	42.6	0.0	60.0
•India	15.2	12.8	25.1	20.0	31.1	25.5
•Iran	30.8	21.8	15.5	14.0	28.0	24.2
•Maldives	27.8	13.2	116.8	75.7	0.0	10.0
•Nepal	8.0	6.4	30.5	34.3	25.0	25.0
•Pakistan	13.9	10.9	29.0	19.8	22.9	19.2
•Sri Lanka	20.8	17.2	34.3	23.9	16.4	33.3
•Turkey	18.1	16.6	27.7	22.9	11.6	31.9
- North & Central Asia (NCA)	31.2	26.6	19.2	17.5	31.2	22.7
- Pacific	18.7	16.1	20.5	17.4	35.3	20.8
Asia & Pacific	29.9	23.9	27.9	22.2	29.6	30.2
Africa	37.1	27.4	31.8	28.5	28.4	13.8
Europe	32.8	28.4	33.9	28.5	12.2	12.7
Latin America & Carib. (LAC)	20.6	17.1	21.0	17.0	26.8	29.6
North America (NA)	11.0	8.9	16.3	12.5	21.3	22.4
Other	62.7	49.0	38.0	36.3	31.1	20.2
World	26.2	21.4	26.7	21.6	21.7	21.0

Source: Statistical Yearbook for Asia & the Pacific 2011.

Development Challenges & Policy Priorities for SSWA

- *Sustainable economic growth*
- *Job creation and employment*
- *Capital formation and reform of financial markets*
- *Food security*
- *Income distribution and poverty eradication*
- *Development of healthcare system making it more equitable and accessible to the poor*
- *Sustainable energy supply*
- *Securing human rights and enhancing gender rights*
- *Global warming and environmental hazards*

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