

Economy, Finance and Trade in the Middle East and Africa

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC OVERVIEW

COVID-19 weakens region's economic prospects

Oil and gas remains the major economic driver in the region

Large differences in economic development in the region exist

Remittance inflows growth take a hit in 2020

FDI inflows become a major driver of the region's economies

Inflation in the region to remain the highest globally over 2021-2023

Impact of a 15.0% oil price drop on the Saudi Arabian economy

Impact of C19 Pessimistic1 scenario on the Egyptian economy

Impact of the Eurozone Recession on the UAE's economy

REGIONAL TRADE PROFILE

Low oil prices weaken region's current account balances

Exports diversification efforts gain pace

Trade blocs gain importance in exports development

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COVID-19 strongly impacts condition of public finances

Fiscal positions and foreign exchange reserves are improving

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