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## Africa overview



In 2020 Africa suffered the worst recession in more than half a century due to global pandemic caused by Covid-19. 2021 is projected to grow by 3.4%, after a decrease by 2.1% in 2020. This growth will be boosted by tourism, a rebound in commodity prices, and the rollback of pandemic-induced restrictions. The outlook is, however, subject to great uncertainty from both external and domestic risks.

The impact of the pandemic varies from country to country with different characteristics and regions, but the project to recover is common everywhere.

All economies in Africa have been affected by pandemic, even if tourism, oil-exporting and other-resource intensive economies were the most significantly hit by the pandemic. Tourism dependent economy declined 11.5% on overall GDP but with the target to growth in 2021 6.2%. oil-exporting countries, from a 1.5 percent decline to grow by 3.1 percent; and other-resource-intensive economies, from a 4.7 percent decline to grow by 3.1 percent. Non-resource-intensive countries, where output shrank by 0.9 percent in 2020, are projected to grow by 4.1 percent in 2021.

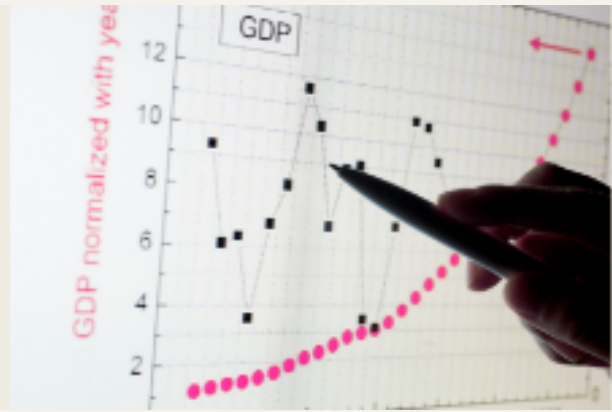
Uncertainty surrounding the growth outlook for Africa is high, but risks are tilted to the upside. Downside factors that could derail recovery include a resurgence of COVID-19 infections, debt overhang, financial market volatility that impedes capital flows, low commodity prices, low tourism and remittances, extreme weather events, and social tensions. Upside factors that could result in better-than-anticipated growth for the continent include the effective deployment of therapeutics and vaccines for COVID-19, especially in African countries, full implementation of the Africa Continental Free Trade Agreement, and continued progress in structural transformation, including digitalization and work-from-home arrangements.

Poverty was of course affected by Covid-19 with more than 39 million of African could fall in extreme poverty in 2021, especially those with education level, informal jobs workers, as well as women with low skills.

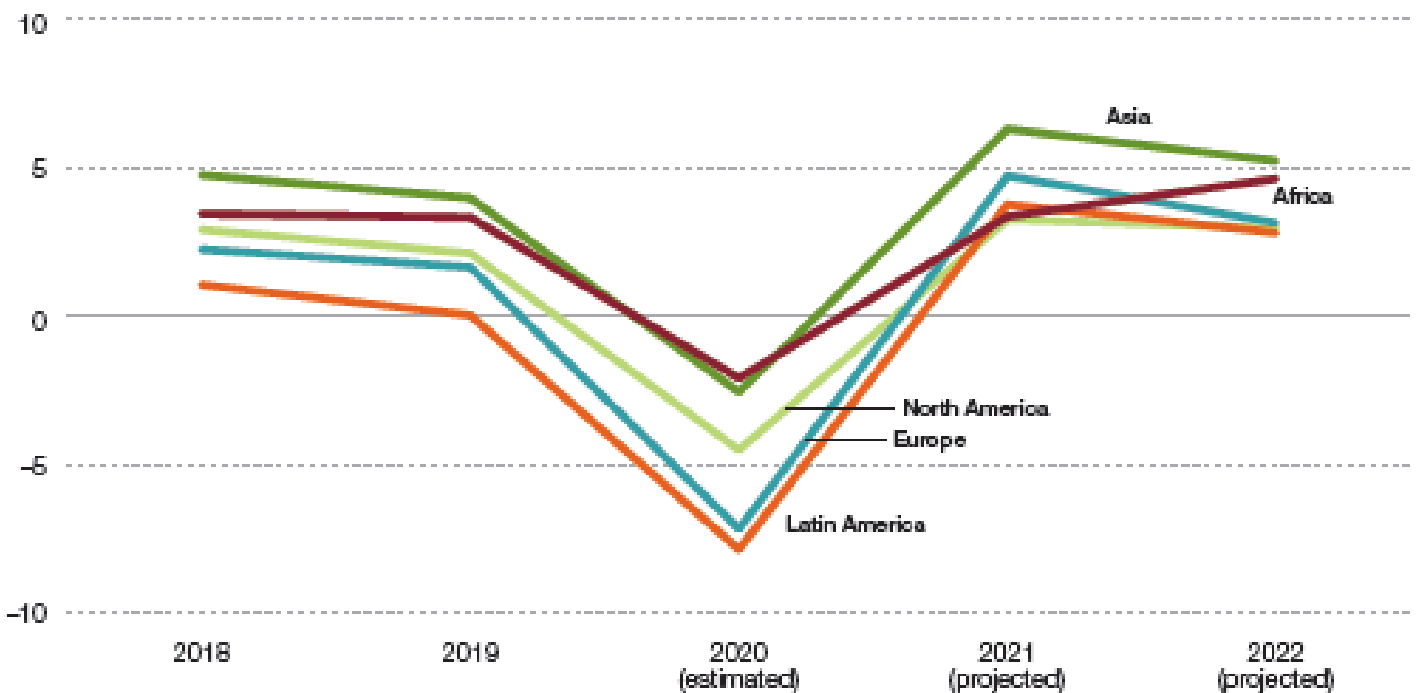
To accelerate Africa growth, focus actions can be considered are: continue support health sector to fight pandemic, use fiscal and monetary policies, improve social safety, promote equity to address poverty, intensify digitalization and fostering regional and multinational cooperation.

Source: African Development Bank Group

# GDP Indicators and Trends



Real GDP growth rate



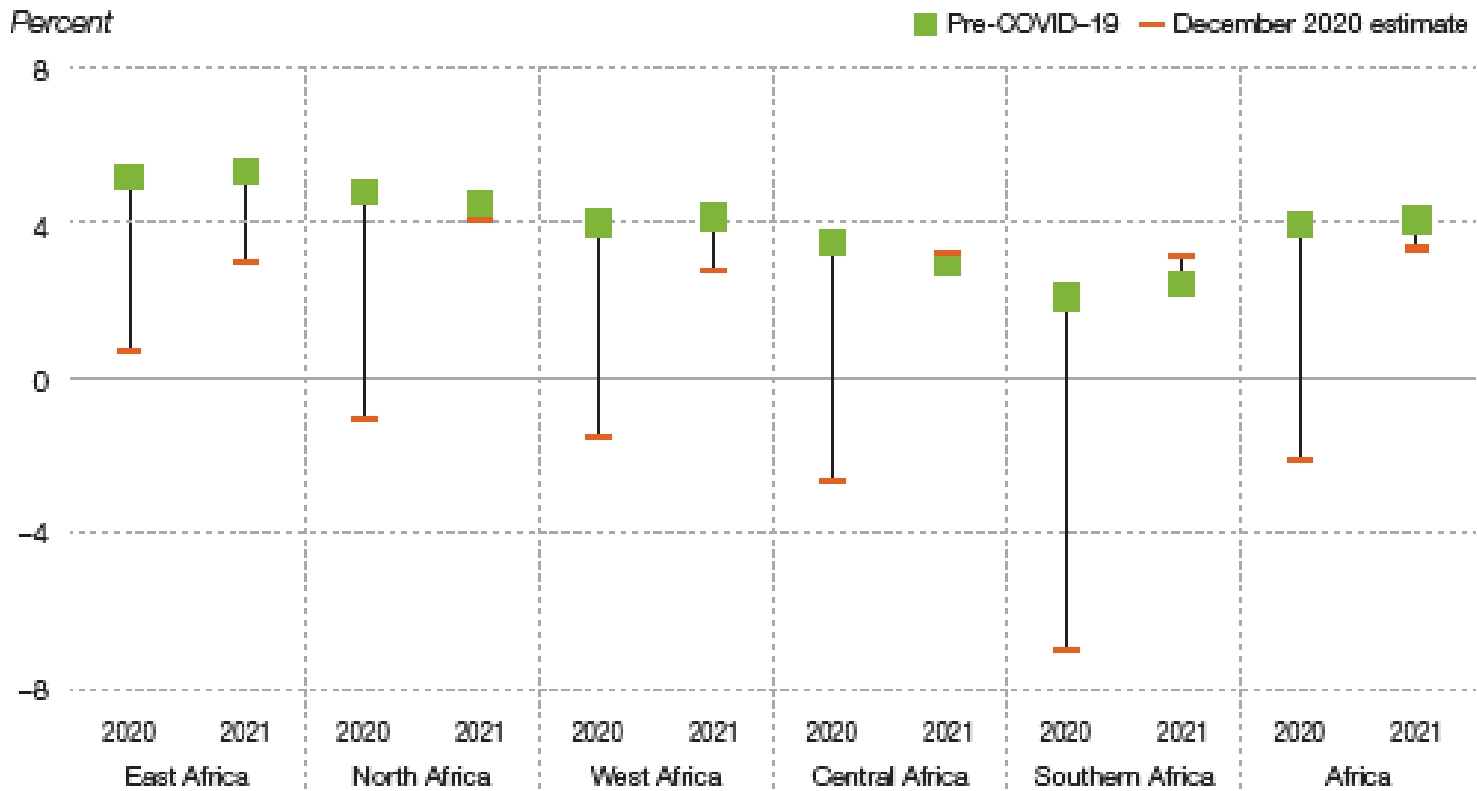
Source: African Development Bank statistics and IMF World Economic Outlook database.

## Growth performance varies by regions and economic characteristics

East Africa seems to be the most resilient region, thanks to less reliance on primary commodities and greater diversification.

Southern Africa is the region that was hardest hit by the pandemic, GDP in West Africa has not a huge negative economic effect 2022, as lockdowns are eased and commodity prices rebound.

In Central Africa, real GDP is estimated was significantly impacted by the crisis The economies of North Africa was limited contracted thanks to Egypt growth.



Tourism-dependent economies are estimated to have experienced the sharpest decline in growth in 2020, –11.5 percent for the group, which includes, among others, Mauritius, Seychelles and Cabo Verde (–8.9 percent).

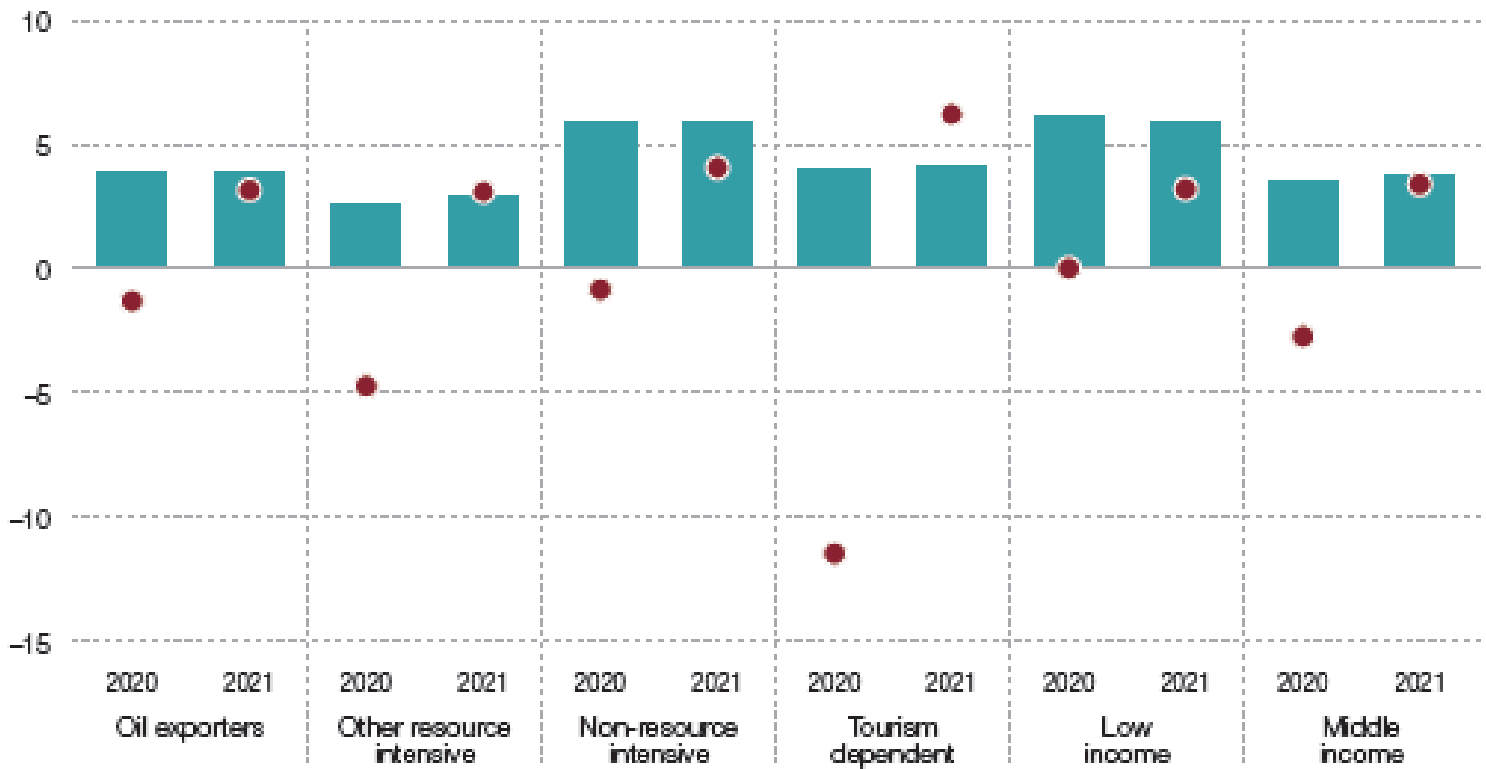
GDP in oil-exporting countries is estimated to have contracted by 1.5 percent in 2020, due to the collapse in oil demand and prices

Other resource-intensive economies are estimated to have contracted by 4.7 percent in 2020 because of a drop in metal and mineral prices due to lower demand.

Growth in non-resource-intensive economies is estimated to have contracted by 0.9 percent in 2020. This group was least affected by the crisis, thanks to diversified economic structures and earlier strong public investments.

Percentage points

■ Pre-COVID-19 ● December 2020 estimate



Source: African Development Bank Group



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Know business partners and risk level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- have on board new suppliers</li> <li>- understand in depth customers creditworthiness</li> </ul>	<b>Full Report and Slim Report</b>	Information, with different level of details, related to all companies in the world, including firmographics, credit limit, risk indicator, management, shareholders, negative events etc.
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