

# *The Impact of Global Financial Crisis and the World Bank's Response*

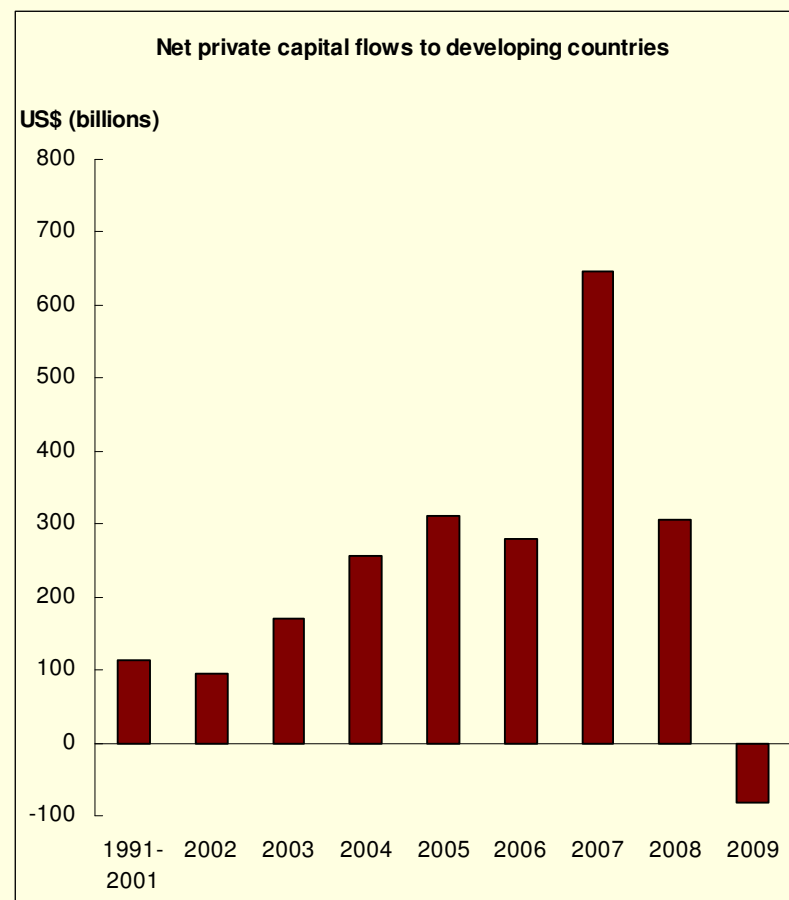
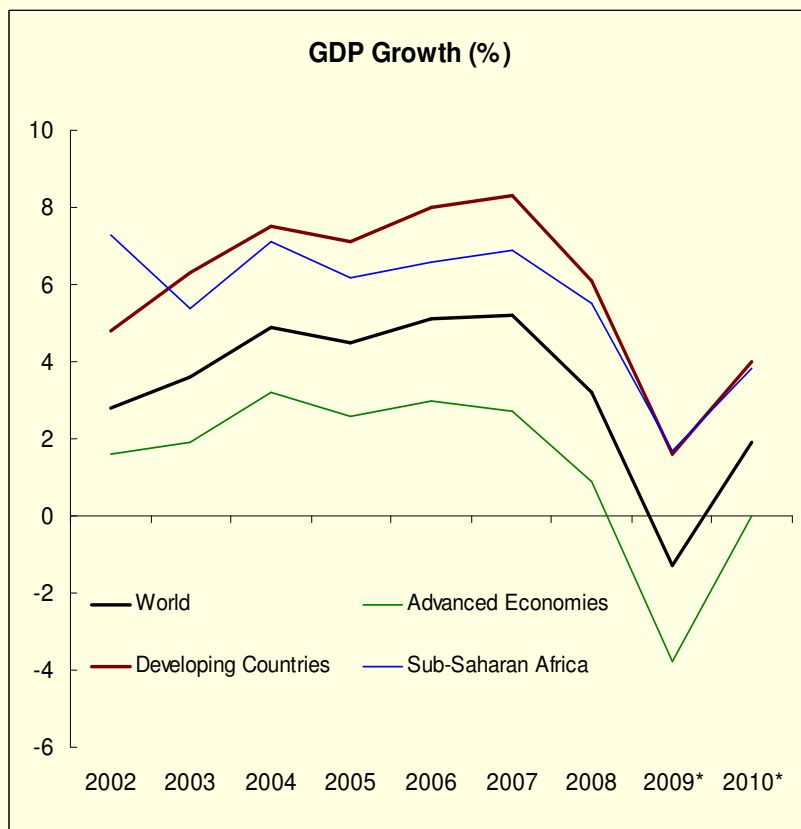
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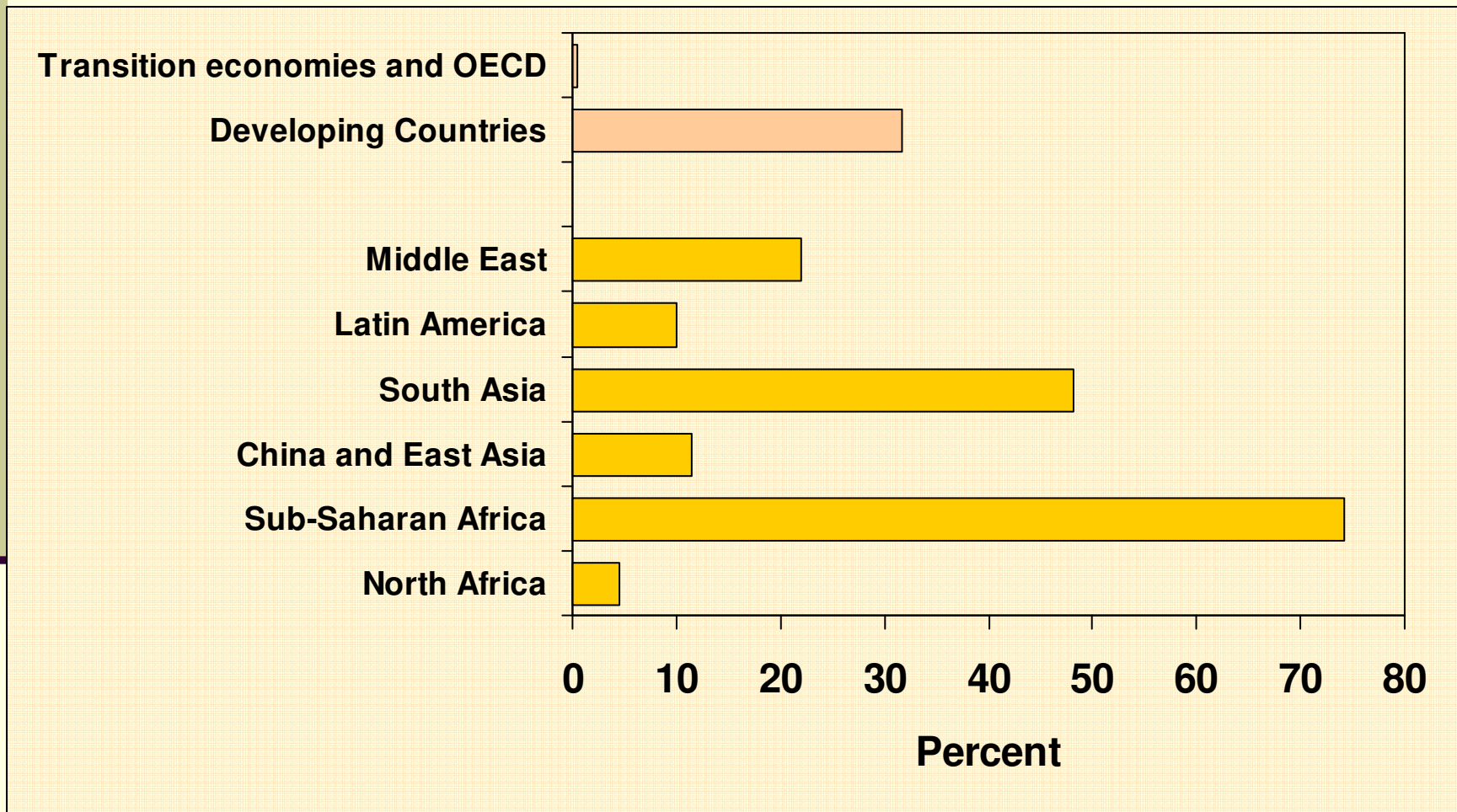


***Financial crisis: private capital flows to developing countries are in steep decline***  
***Real crisis: economic growth in developing countries is plummeting***



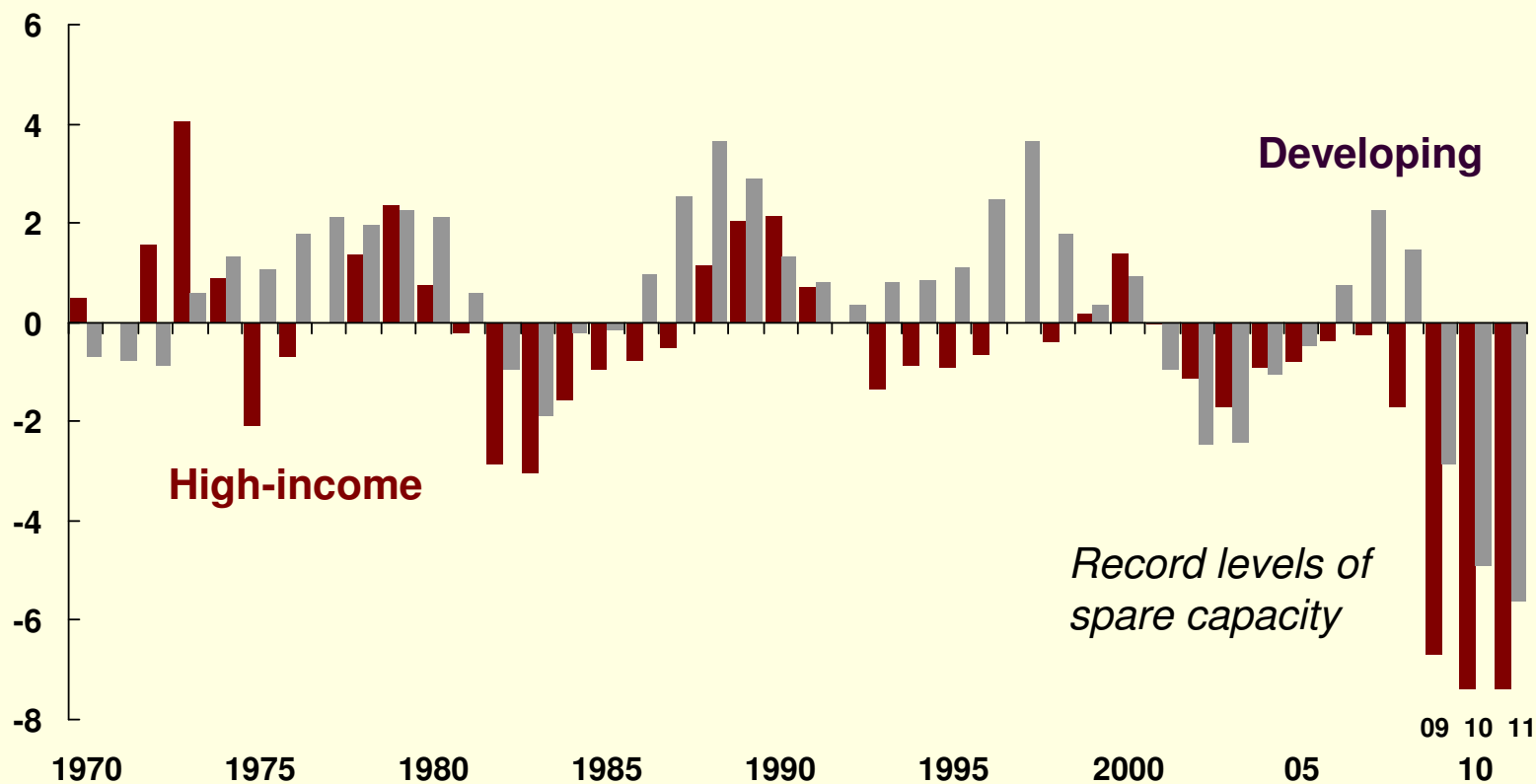
# One-third of developing world's population is without access to electricity

Population without access to electricity, 2005



# High global excess capacity: even if growth returns, GDP will remain below potential

Output gap (difference between actual and potential GDP) as % of potential GDP



*Record levels of spare capacity*



# A Collective Approach

The Vulnerability Fund  
0.7 Percent of Packages

(Stimulus –additional resources- can be channeled through any agency)

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Bilateral  
Organizations

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United Nations  
Organizations

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Multilateral  
Development  
Banks

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Non-Governmental  
Organizations



# International financial institutions must have adequate resources for crisis response

- IFIs have a key role in bridging the large financing gap now faced by developing countries
- Recent G-20 decisions are an important step in equipping IFIs with the necessary resources

<b>IMF</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Tripling of available resources to \$750 billion</li><li>■ SDR allocation equivalent to \$250 billion</li><li>■ A new Flexible Credit Line</li><li>■ Doubling of concessional lending capacity</li></ul>
<b>World Bank Group</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Near tripling of IBRD lending to \$100 billion over next 3 years</li><li>■ Fast-tracking of commitments within IDA15 total of \$42 billion</li><li>■ Scaled-up private sector support from IFC and MIGA</li><li>■ WBG crisis response has three priorities: social safety nets; infrastructure; and support to private sector, especially SMEs</li><li>■ Further review of financial capacity, including capital adequacy</li></ul>

