



ADB estimates India's GDP growth rate at 6.3% for 2023, 6.7% in 2024

According to the Asian Development Bank's Asian Development Outlook (ADO) September 2023, emerging Asia and the Pacific economies would grow 4.7% this year. According to the report, Asia and the Pacific are maintaining their strong economic recovery. Even if export demand remains sluggish, growth is holding up because of robust domestic demand, increasing tourism, and stable financial conditions. Inflation is slowing as a result of decreased food and energy prices, as well as prompt action by regional central banks. The report does state, however, that the recovery is still weak. Authorities around the area will need to implement policies to guarantee that supply interruptions and the wide-ranging consequences of El Nio do not pose food security concerns.

The report stated that Asia's growth is being driven by burgeoning consumption given the reopening of the People's Republic of China. As per the ADO, growth is projected to fall from an estimated 5.5 percent in 2022 to 5.4 percent in 2023 for South Asia. South Asia will continue to be the fastest expanding sub-region, headed by India and propelled by robust investment and consumption.

Banking turbulence and continuing rate rises in the US and eurozone keep financial markets on edge in the first quarter of 2023, as per ADO. However, global and emerging Asian financial conditions have improved, aided by falling inflation in the area and prospects of less aggressive monetary policy tightening by the Federal Reserve. Regional equity markets have strengthened, risk premiums have decreased, and portfolio inflows have increased as market sentiment has improved, stated the report. So far this year, regional currencies have fallen modestly. In emerging Asia, inflation is expected to fall from 4.4% last year to 3.6% in 2023 and 3.5% in 2024.

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	2022	2023		2024	
		April	September	April	September
Developing Asia	4.3	4.8	47	4.8	4.8
Developing Asia excluding the PRC	5.5	4.6	4.5	5.1	5.0
Caucasus and Central Asia	5.1	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.7
Armenia	12.6	6.5	7.0	5.5	5.5
Azerbaijan	4.6	3.5	2.2	3.8	2.6
Georgia	10.1	4.5	6.0	5.0	5.0
Kazakhstan	3.2	3.7	4.1	4.1	4.3
Kyrgyz Republic	6.3	4.5	3.8	4.0	4.0
Tajikistan	8.0	5,5	6.5	6.5	7.0
Turkmenistan	6.2	6.5	6.2	6.0	6.0
Uzbekistan	5.7	5.0	5.5	5.0	5.5
East Asia	2.8	4.6	4.4	4.2	4.2
Hong Kong, China	-3.5	3.6	4.3	3.7	3.3
Mongolia	5.0	5.4	5.7	6.1	5.9
People's Republic of China	3.0	5.0	4.9	4.5	4.5
Republic of Korea	2.6	1.5	1.3	2.2	2.2
Taipei,China	2.4	2.0	1.2	2.6	2.7
South Asia	6.7	5.5	5.4	6.1	6.0
Afghanistan				-	
Bangladesh	7.1	5.3	6.0	6.5	6.5
Bhutan	4.7	4.6	4.3	4.2	4.4
India	7.2	6.4	6.3	6.7	6.7
Maldives	13.9	7.1	7.1	6.9	6.9
Nepal	5.6	4.1	19	5.0	4.3
Pakistan	6.1	0.6	0.3	2.0	1.9
Sri Lanka	-7.8	-3.0	-3.0	1.3	1.3
Southeast Asia	5.6	4.7	4.6	5.0	4.8
Brunei Darussalam	-1.6	2.5	2.8	2.8	2.5
Cambodia	5.2	5.5	5.3	6.0	6.0
Indonesia	5.3	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0
Lao People's Democratic Republic	2.5	4.0	3.7	4.0	4.0
Malaysia	8.7	4.7	45	4.9	4.9
Myanmar	2.0	2.8	2.8	3.2	3.2
Philippines	7.6	6.0	5.7	6.2	6.2
Singapore	3.6	2.0	1.0	3.0	2.5
Thailand	2.6	3.3	3.5	3.7	3.7
Timor-Leste	3.2	3.1	2.8	3.0	2.9
Viet Nam	8.0	6.5	5.8	6.8	6.0
The Pacific	6.1	3.3	3.5	2.8	2.9
Cook Islands	10.5	11.2	14.5	9.1	9.1
Federated States of Micronesia	2.0	4.1	4.1	0.5	0.5
Fiji	20.0	6.3	8.3	3.0	3.7
Kiribati	1.8	2.3	2.3	2.8	2.8
Marshall Islands	-0.9	1.5	2.2	2.0	2.5
Nauru	2.8	1.8	1.6	2.2	1.6
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Palau	-1.0	3.8	3.8	6.5	6.5
Papua New Guinea	3.2	2.4	2.0	2.6	2.6
Samoa	-5.3	4.8	6.0	2.5	4.2
Solomon Islands	-4.2	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.5
Tongs	-2.2	2.5	2.8	3.2	2.6
Tuvalu	0.7	2.5	3.0	2.0	2.5
Vanuatu	2.0	1.0	1.0	4.2	4.2

^{... =} not available, ADB = Asian Development Bank, GDP = gross domestic product, PRC= People's Republic of China.

Notes: The current uncertain situation permits no estimates or forecasts for Afghanistan over 2022-2024. ADB placed on hold its regular assistance to Afghanistan effective 1S August 2021. Effective 1 February 2021, ADB placed a temporary hold on sovereign project disbursements and new contracts in Myanmar.

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