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Priorities for Growth and Development

## 2021 Review and 2022 Economic Outlook

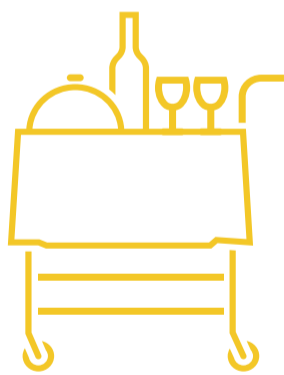
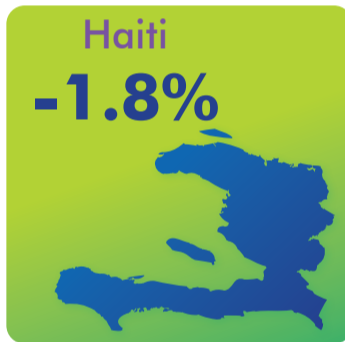
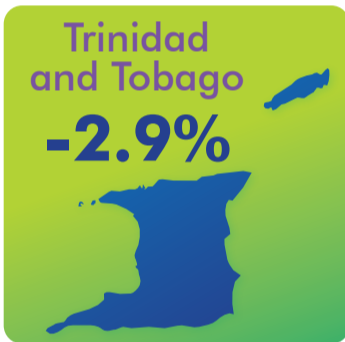
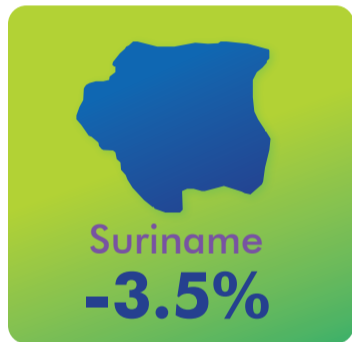
### 2021 Economic Overview

Average growth rate of **3.0%** for CDB's 19 Borrowing Member Countries (BMCs)

Increase in gross domestic product (GDP) in 14 of 19 BMCs  
Countries with the highest increases



### Five economies with a decrease in GDP



Service-exporting countries grew by **+3.2%**

Commodity-exporting countries grew by **+2.7%**



### Fiscal performance and debt-to-GDP in 2021

Countries with highest central government debt-to-GDP ratios

**5** BMCs increased debt ratio

<b>Barbados</b>
135.8%

<b>Suriname</b>
128.9%

<b>Belize</b>
104.8%

<b>Commonwealth of Dominica</b>
102.1%

**REGIONAL: 82.5% ▶ 80.5%**



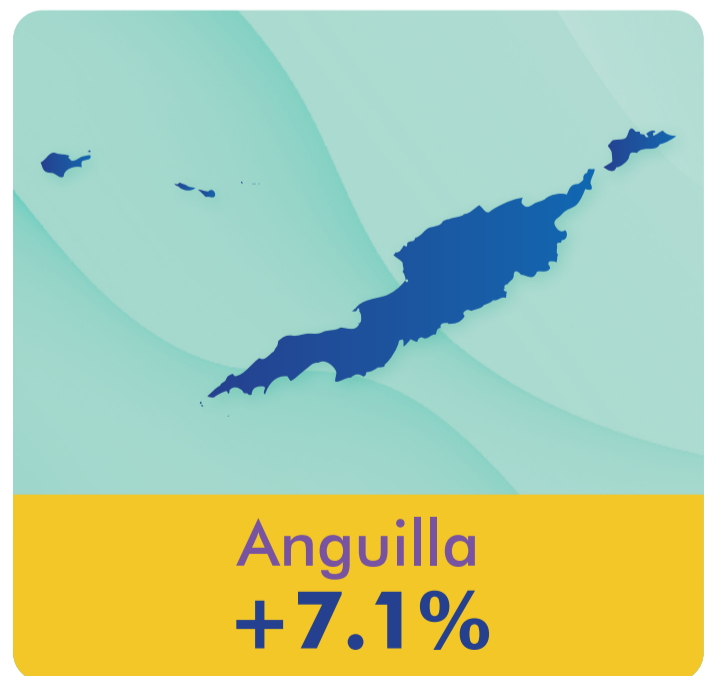
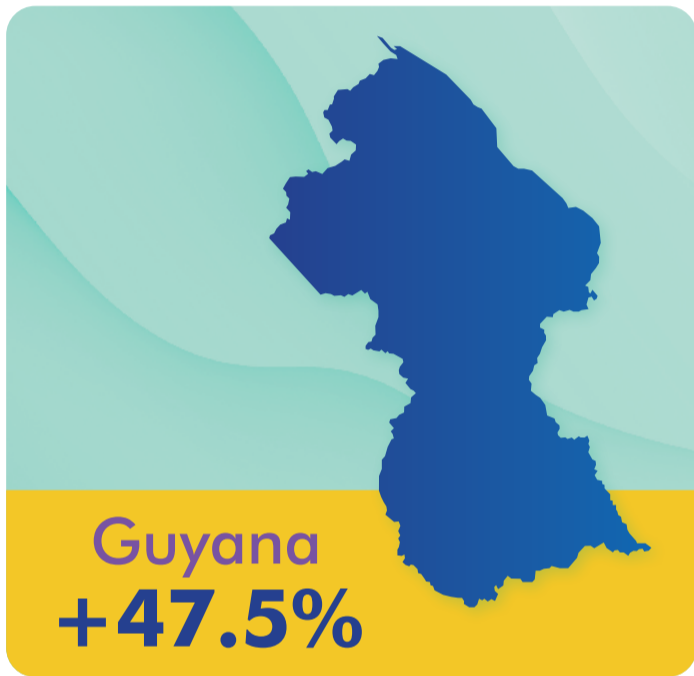
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### 2022 Outlook

Average GDP growth of **9.1%** projected for BMCs  
Highest increases expected in:



Region's average debt ratio projected to decrease

80.5% | 2021  
77.9% | 2022