2018 Caribbean Economic Review and 2019 Outlook

2018 ECONOMIC PICTURE

Growth of 1.8%

All but two of the 19 Borrowing Member Countries recorded positive economic growth in 2018.

Regional consumer price inflation fell slightly from 2017.

1.8% in 2017
1.7% in 2018

However 3 countries recorded the most pronounced increases.

HAITI 33.7%
SURINAME 6.5%
BARBADOS 3.4%

FISCAL PERFORMANCE AND DEBT

The median public debt burden declined marginally.

Debt-to-GDP ratios fell in 13 BMCs.

2017 2018

POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment among women is higher than for men, and rates of youth unemployment are over 20% in several BMCs.

2019 OUTLOOK

CDB is projecting regional economic growth for nearly all its BMCs, with an average rate of 2%.