

## Chapter IV: National Accounts

This chapter provides data on the gross domestic product (GDP) of ESCWA member countries in national currencies at current prices and United States dollars and at constant 2000 prices. It also includes a number of important economic indicators for ESCWA member countries, such as real GDP growth rates, GDP per capita and its growth rates at constant 2000 prices.

Table IV-1 highlights estimates of annual real GDP growth rates for the world and ESCWA for the period 2002-2007.

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Table IV-2 shows GDP in ESCWA member countries at current prices in national currencies for the period 2002-2006 and table IV-3 shows GDP in member countries at current prices in US dollars for the same period.

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Table IV-4 illustrates GDP in ESCWA member countries at constant 2000 prices for the period 2002-2006. Table IV-5 presents GDP per capita in member countries at constant 2000 prices for the same period.

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Table IV-6 sets forth growth rates of real GDP in ESCWA member countries for the period 2002-2006 and Table IV-7 gives the real growth rates of real GDP per capita for member countries for the same period.

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Table IV-8 presents the ratio of contribution of major economic sectors to GDP at current prices for 2002 and 2005.

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Many member countries generally observed high growth rates of real GDP with small improvement in their economic performance between 2005 and 2006. Such an improvement was mainly witnessed in the GCC cluster whose average rate of growth slowed 2005 compared to 2006. In addition, the growth rates of real GDP per capita in the ESCWA region recorded a small increase in 2006 compared to 2005 for most countries in the region.

This indicator, however, shows a deceleration in average per capita income growth in some countries that can be mainly attributed to their high population growth rates which absorbed a good percentage of their positive rates of real GDP.