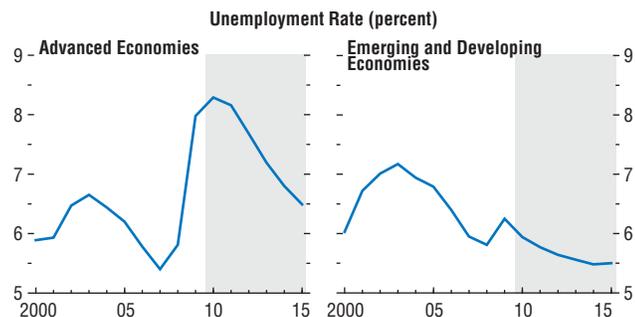
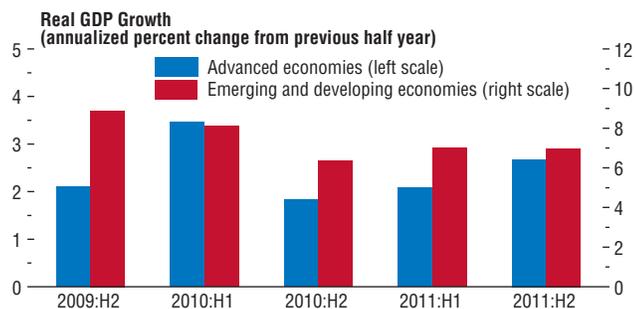
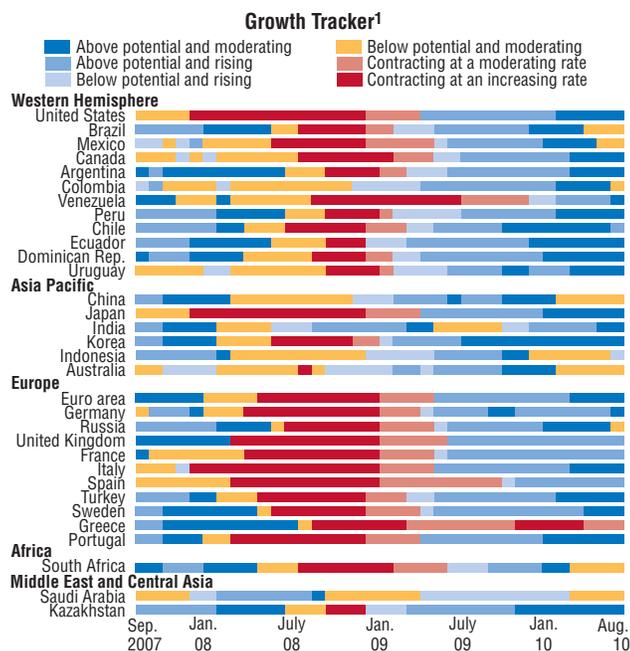


Figure 1.8. Prospects for Near-Term Activity

Lead economic and sentiment indicators point to diminishing growth momentum in many parts of the world. However, momentum is generally expected to remain above WEO trend growth rates. Activity is forecast to slow during the second half of 2010 and then to re-accelerate, reflecting diminishing policy stimulus but growing private sector demand. This change in momentum is apparent in most countries. Unemployment is expected to stay high for some time in many advanced economies.



Sources: Haver Analytics; and IMF staff estimates.
¹Within regions, countries are listed by economic size.