

The Caribbean: The Need to Adapt to Restore Growth and Competitiveness

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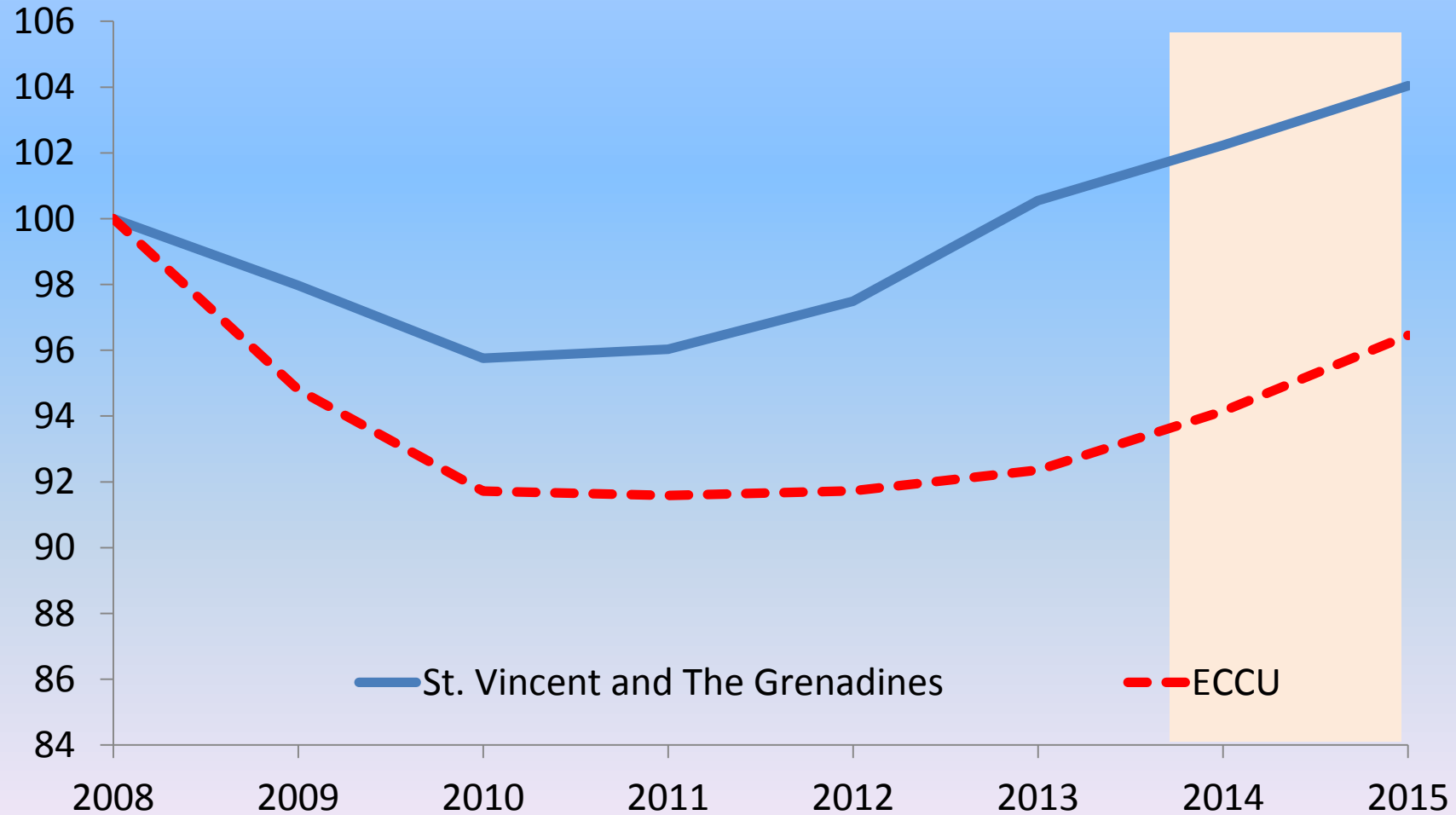
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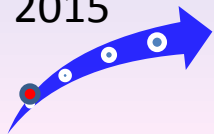
The recovery is picking up pace, but global risks remain...

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
			Estimate	Projections	
World	3.9	3.2	3.0	3.6	3.9
USA	1.8	2.8	1.9	2.8	3.0
Canada	2.5	1.7	2.0	2.3	2.4
UK	1.1	0.3	1.8	2.9	2.5
Euro Area	1.6	-0.7	-0.5	1.2	1.5
Latin America and the Caribbean	4.6	3.1	2.7	2.5	3.0
Caribbean					
Tourism-dependent	0.3	0.1	0.7	1.4	1.9
ECCU	-0.1	0.2	0.7	1.9	2.4
Commodity Exporters	2.6	3.7	3.2	3.2	3.2

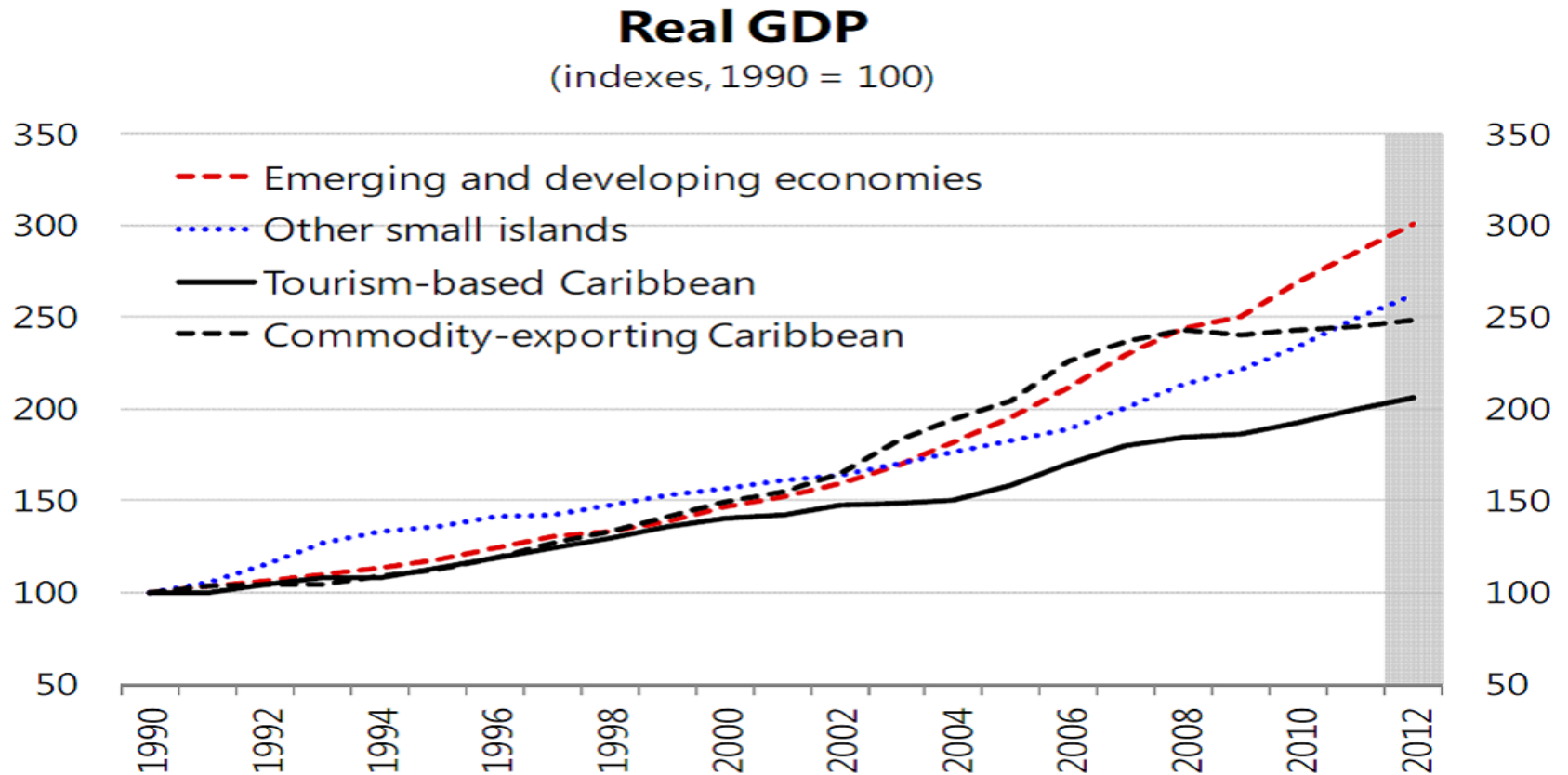
St. Vincent and The Grenadines has recovered lost ground but not the rest of the region...



Source: ECCB



..... but that's no cause for complacency. Growth lags that of peer countries.



Source: IMF staff

Conclusion

- Macroeconomic policy stabilization is necessary
- Growth-enhancing strategies that promote competitiveness and private sector development are critical
- Success will partly depend on communication, transparency, commitment and discipline.
- The CGF is an important initiative that can facilitate the above

Thanks