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In 2022 Latin American and Caribbean countries are facing the effects of a series of shocks that have deteriorated their investment and production conditions, including the global financial crisis, economic tensions between major poles of the global economy, the novel coronavirus pandemic, the war in Ukraine, and the resurgence of inflation, in a context in which the environmental emergency is worsening and the technological revolution is accelerating.

Numerous analysts and international organisations talk about a series of cascading crises, citing among them the crises related to the climate, health, employment, social matters, education, food security, energy, and the cost of living, all of which have impacts of varying intensity and characteristics on numerous countries, including those in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The fight against inflation has toughened global financial conditions and increased volatility in financial markets and risk aversion. This has raised the cost of debt service, further reducing fiscal space and increasing the risk of a recession in the global economy in 2023. The growth rates estimated for the vast majority of the world's countries in 2023 have been revised downward recently by various organisations.

In the region the combination of external and domestic factors stemming from the policy decisions, or from the absence of such decisions, has reduced the capacity for economic growth and quality job creation and hampered its fight against poverty and extreme poverty. Its economic and social structures have weakened and fallen into situations that reinforce the
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