

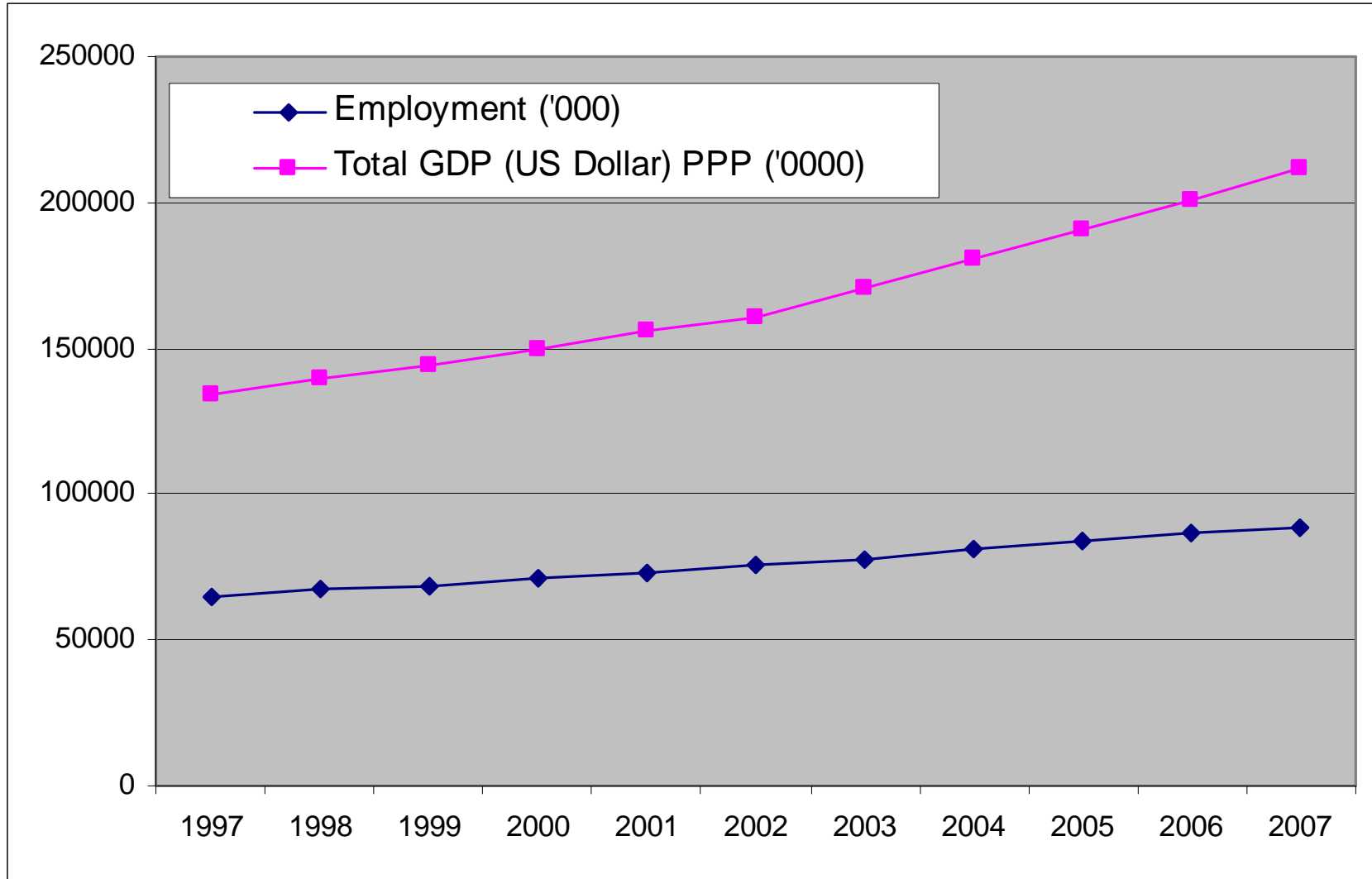


Decent employment, sustainable growth and recovery: policies and institutions

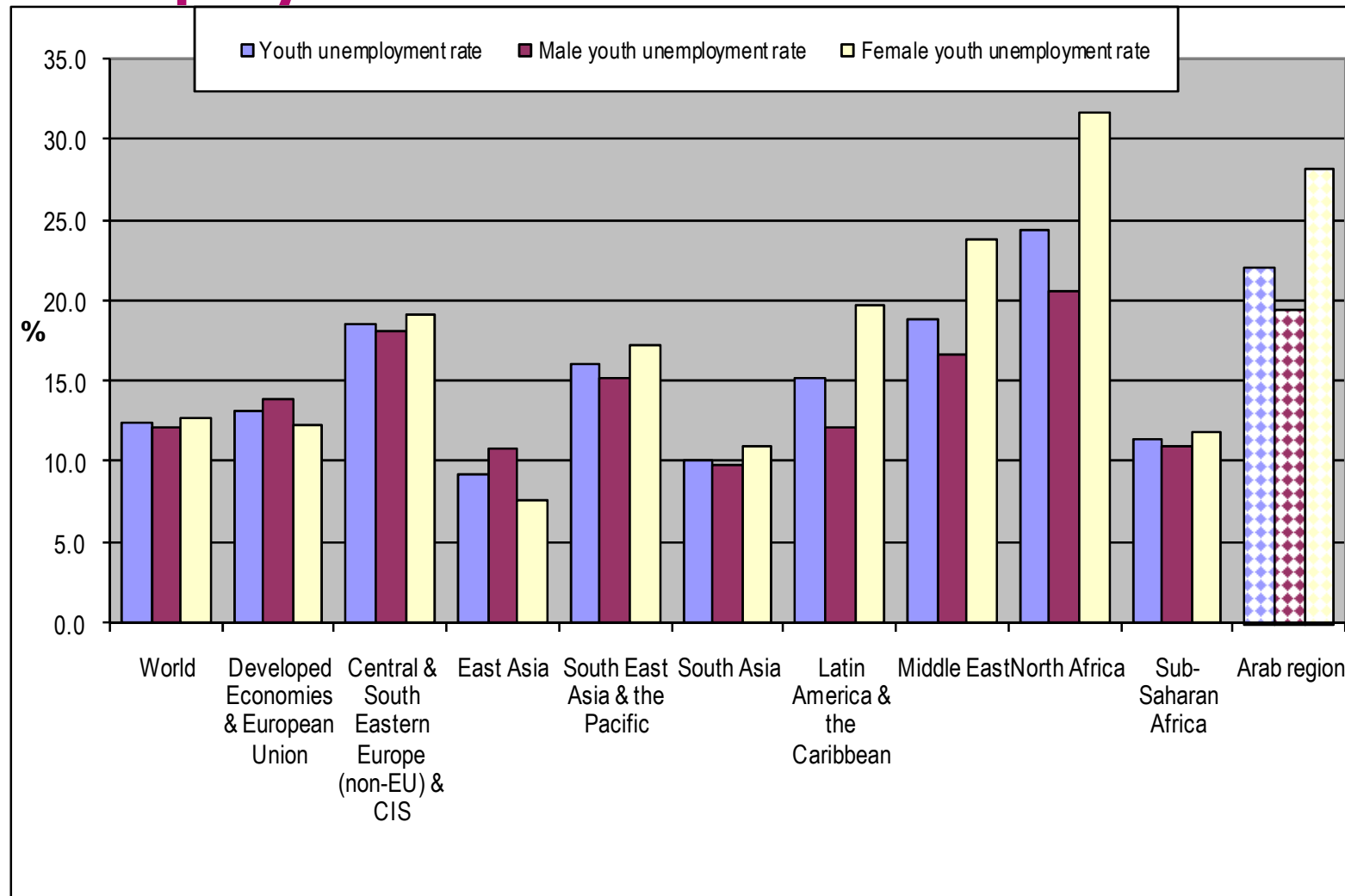
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Employment growth significant although weaker than economic growth



Open unemployment decreased on average before the crisis but **the region has highest Youth unemployment rate**



Employment growth: structural issues in the region

- Underemployment and low productivity pervasive- quality of new jobs created are of concern;
- Gender gap in labour markets slowly improving
- Public sector still a major employer although private sector picking up
- High incidence of labour migration

Needed: Proactive Employment Strategies for recovery from crisis and for inclusive growth

- Economic policies (macro-economic, trade , sectoral strategies and investment plans) need to target employment (quantity and quality) directly and explicitly-
- Public Policy role: enabling environment for removing labour market segmentations
- but also investment in skills development, targeted employment schemes and labour market institutions, putting in place monitoring mechanisms
- Public and private partnership expanded

The Global Jobs Pact: an agenda for the short and long term

- Taking account of characteristics of labour markets in the region and in countries
- Building on **good practices** including initiatives for response to crisis
- Moving forward with **A jobs pact : an agenda for action at country level, for regional and international cooperation**
- **A Jobs Pact that matches job creation with rights and labour market governance, social dialogue –*decent employment***