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This report traces the consequences of the "Arab Spring" for labour markets in the wake of a surge in commodity and energy prices; the impacts of a global recession on public revenues; increased uncertainty for investors; a rise in unemployment; and greater demands for social justice. It concludes that economic growth in the next decade hinges on good governance to enable structural and institutional reforms.
