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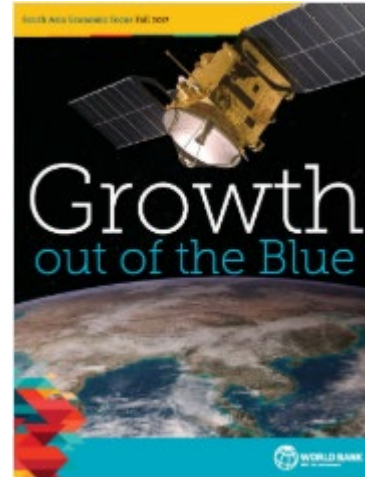
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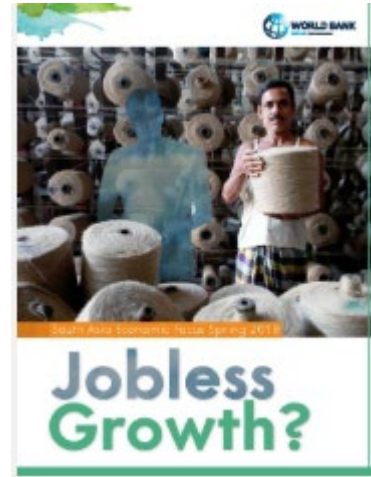
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- #1 Integrating into global markets
- #2 Improving economic measurement
- #3 Generating good employment to benefit from demographic dividend
- #4 Limited fiscal room to maneuver

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