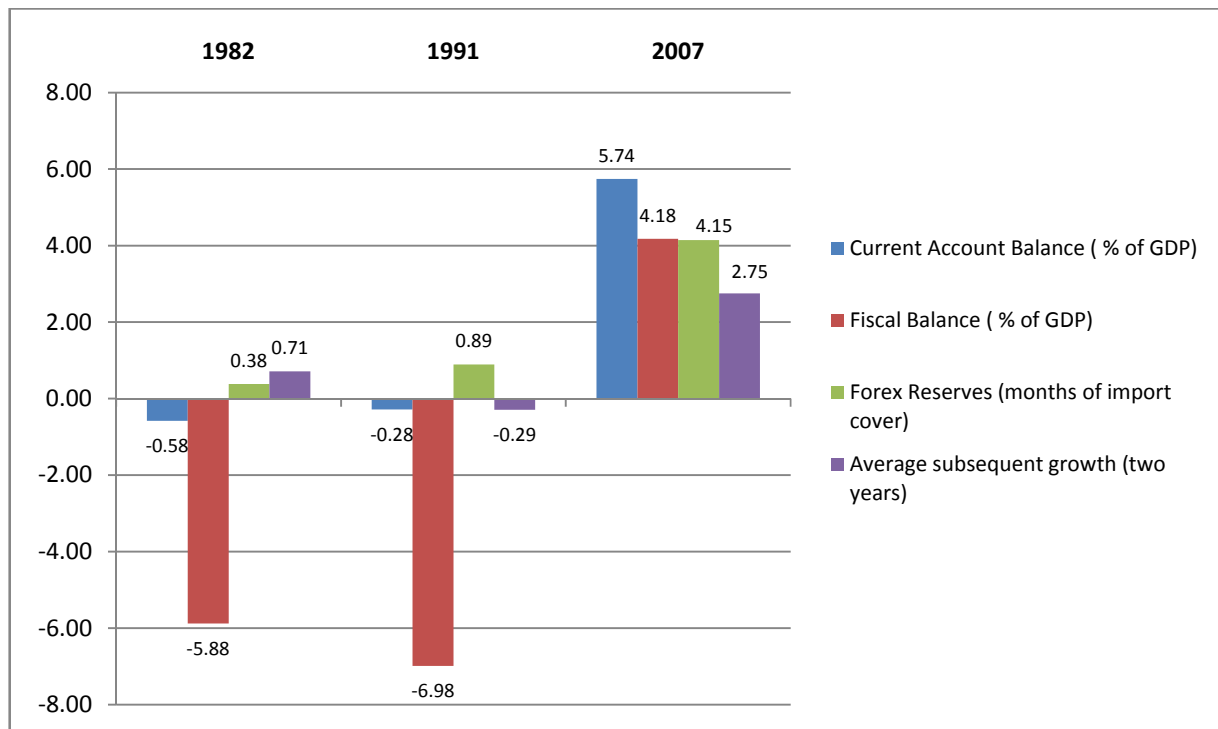


**Fig. 2. Comparison of SSA macro-economic position to that before previous synchronised global recessions (2007 compared to 1982 and 1991)**



*(Note: Average subsequent growth for 2007 is the average of IMF's forecasts for 2009 and 2010 growth. Source of data: International Monetary Fund and World Bank Development Indicators Online)*