



**MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS**

Index	2016 Close (%)	Previous (%)	Current (%)	Change (%)
Inflation(CPI)	15.40	12.60	<b>12.10</b>	-0.50
Policy Rate	25.50	22.50	<b>21.00</b>	-1.50

**MACROECONOMIC TARGETS FOR 2017**

Index	(%)
Overall Real GDP(Including Oil) Growth	6.30
Non- Oil Real GDP Growth	4.20
An End of Year Inflation Target	11.20

**GOG TREASURY BILL RATES**

Fixed Income	Previous Week (%)	Current Week (%)	Change (%)
91 day	12.3176	12.3575	+0.0399
182 day	13.1036	12.9176	-0.1860
1 Year Note	15.0000	15.0000	0.0000

Source: Bank of Ghana

**GSE INDICES AS AT 04-08-17**

Index	Week Open	Week Close	Change	YTD (%)
GSE- CI	2,257.45	2,268.45	+11.00	34.30
GSE- FSI	2,079.34	2,092.19	+12.85	35.38

Source: Ghana Stock Exchange

**COMMODITIES MARKET**

Commodities	Week Open(\$)	Week Close(\$)	Change(\$)
Crude Oil (Brent)(\$/ barrel)	52.52	52.42	-0.10
Cocoa (\$/ tonne)	2,060.00	2,021.00	-39.00
Corn (\$/ bushel)	388.00	381.00	-7.00
Cotton (\$/ pound)	68.80	70.62	+1.82
Gold (Comex)(\$/ ounce)	1,275.30	1,264.60	-10.70

Source: Bloomberg

**INTERBANK FOREX RATES**

Currency	Buy (GHS)		Sell (GHS)	
	Week Open	Week Close	Week Open	Week Close
US (\$)	4.3700	4.3736	4.3743	4.3780
GB Pound (£)	5.7339	5.7019	5.7400	5.7093
Euro (€)	5.1374	5.1438	5.1410	5.1473

Source: Bank of Ghana

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**BANKS NPL TO DROP WITH GOV'T INTERVENTION- MINISTER**

Finance Minister Ken Ofori Atta has described as worrying the high Non-Performing Loans recorded in the banking sector. Although the sector recorded strong performance in asset growth of 27.3% in May 2017 as against the 17.7% recorded in May 2016, it continues to face the threat of high non-performing loans. "As at April 2017, the banking sector comprised 33 universal banks of combined network of 1,377 branches across the country. Despite the strong performance of the banking sector for the first four months of the year, as evidenced by the improved performance in asset growth, the sector is still threatened by the high non-performing loans", Mr. Ofori Atta announced. The latest Banking Sector Stability Report by the Bank of Ghana released in July also showed that Non-Performing Loans of banks as at May this year stood at about 22% as against the about 20% it recorded the same month in 2016. According to the report, the private sector accounted for as much as 97.5% of banks' Non-Performing Loans. The Association of Oil Marketing Companies (AOMCs) is certain Non-Performing Loans (NPLs) of commercial banks is likely to worsen if government fails to stop the illegal trade in the petroleum downstream sector. **Source: [www.citibusinessnews.com](http://www.citibusinessnews.com)**

**BANKS TO BE REPAYED FROM USD2.4B ENERGY BOND BY END OF AUGUST**

Banks that are exposed to the energy sector debt should be receiving their due from the proceeds of the bond by the middle of August. It will follow the issuance of the 15 year energy bond to clear the USD2.4 billion debt, barring any last minute changes. As at the end of 2016, available documents to Citi Business News stated that the net debt to banks and fuel suppliers amounted to USD1.3 billion. A further breakdown also showed that the banks are owed USD782 million, while fuel suppliers are owed USD440 million. State owned power producer, the Volta River Authority (VRA) owed the banks to the tune of USD782 million. VRA also contributed USD278 million to the USD440 million owed fuel suppliers, while TOR contributed USD162 million. As part of their duties, the banks are expected to work closely with members of their respective syndicates/consortia and any other local banks/ financial institutions as co-managers with the view to building capacity locally and facilitating knowledge transfer. "The Lead Joint Managers on behalf of Government (the "Sponsor") shall set up a Special Purpose Vehicle (ESLA-SPV) to issue a long-term bonds (The "Energy Bond" or the "Bond") on the back of ESLA receivables assigned to the SPV, which shall be listed on the Ghana Stock Exchange (GSE)," a statement by the Finance Ministry said. **Source: [www.citibusinessnews.com](http://www.citibusinessnews.com)**

**FISCAL STABILITY OVER GROWTH AGENDA ON POINT- IEA**

The Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA), an economic policy think tank, is backing government's decision to cut down its 2017 expenditure by as much as GH¢2.2 billion to support efforts at achieving fiscal consolidation. The policy think tank presenting its views on the mid-year budget review said after a poor fiscal performance especially in the past year, it is better for government to focus on restoring macroeconomic stability even if it happens at the expense of economic growth. According to Dr. Eric Osei-Assibey, a Senior Adjunct Research Fellow at IEA, "once you achieve that stability, you are able to attract much more investments into the country and your growth will begin to accelerate and you can now generate more jobs." The IEA's comments come after government's decision to cut its expenditure by more than GH¢3 billion in the first quarter of this year led to growth in the non-oil sector of the economy falling short of the intended target for the period. According to the Ghana Statistical Service, non-oil real GDP grew by only 3.9% against 6.3% growth recorded in 2016, largely due to low activity in the services sector, which grew by 3.7% in the first quarter of this year compared with 6.6% in the same period last year. **Source: [www.thebftonline.com](http://www.thebftonline.com)**

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