



**MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS**

Index	2016 Close (%)	Previous (%)	Current (%)	Change (%)
Inflation(CPI)	15.40	12.30	11.90	-0.10
Policy Rate	25.50	22.50	21.00	-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 days	13.3373	13.3373	0.00
182 days	13.8605	13.8605	+0.0487
1 Year Note	15.0000	15.0000	0.0000

Source: Bank of Ghana

**GSE INDICES AS AT 27-10-17**

Index	Week Open	Week Close	Change	YTD (%)
GSE- CI	2,556.28	2,521.67	-34.61	49.29
GSE- FSI	2,264.91	2,228.29	-36.62	44.19

Source: Ghana Stock Exchange

**COMMODITIES MARKET**

Commodities	Week Open (\$)	Week Close (\$)	Change (\$)
Crude Oil (Brent) (\$/ barrel)	63.74	63.35	-0.39
Cocoa (\$/ tonne)	2,170.00	2,041.00	-156.00
Corn (\$/ bushel)	353.75	359.50	+5.75
Cotton (\$/ pound)	71.44	73.19	+1.75
Gold (Comex) (\$/ ounce)	1,295.90	1,273.90	+22.00

Source: Bloomberg

**INTERBANK FOREX RATES**

Currency	Buy (GHS)		Sell (GHS)	
	Week Open	Week Close	Week Open	Week Close
US (\$)	4.4043	4.4100	4.4087	4.4144
GB Pound (£)	5.8784	5.9601	5.8856	5.9674
Euro (€)	5.2486	5.2549	5.2527	5.2595

Source: Bank of Ghana

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**NEWS HEADLINES**

**BOG REDUCES POLICY RATE AGAIN TO 20%**

The Bank of Ghana (BoG) has reduced the policy rate by 100 basis points from 21 percent to 20 percent. This was announced after the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) finished its 79th meeting which is the final for 2017. This is the fourth reduction for this year by the Central Bank. By this, the policy rate has been reduced from 25.5 percent to 20 percent this year. Speaking at a press conference, the Governor of the Bank of Ghana, Dr. Ernest Addison attributed the reason for the reduction to the inflationary trends and medium targets of the fiscal policy. "There are indications that the oil induced growth is gaining momentum while the slower non-oil growth remains a concern and may require additional impetus to boost overall growth towards its full potential." "However, recent developments such as the implementation of growth enhancing government policy initiatives, positive sentiments from businesses and consumers as well as improvement in electricity supply are supportive of non-oil growth." The Governor added, "These notwithstanding, slower private credit expansion and tightening credit stance on enterprises could tamper with growth momentum. Under the circumstances, the committee decided to reduce the policy rate by 100 basis points to 20 percent."

Source: [www.citibusiness.com](http://www.citibusiness.com)

**PRODUCER PRICE INFLATION RISES**

Domestic producers and service providers throughout the country last month recorded an 8.2 per cent rise in the prices of their goods and services as compared to the previous month's price levels. The rate for October 2017 was 7.5 per cent, a 0.7 percentage point increase in producer inflation relative to the rate recorded in September 2017. At a news conference in Accra, the acting Government Statistician, Mr. Baah Wadieh, attributed the rise to the manufacturing, utilities and mining and quarrying sub sectors. The mining and quarrying sub-sector recorded the highest year-on-year producer price inflation rate of 12.5 per cent followed by the manufacturing subsector with 9.1 per cent. The utilities sub-sector recorded the lowest year-on-year producer inflation rate of 0.5 per cent. The producer price inflation in the mining and quarrying sub-sector increased by 1.3 percentage points over the September 2017 rate of 11.2 per cent to record 12.5 per cent in October 2017. The producer inflation for manufacturing which constitutes more than two-thirds of total industry increased by 0.7 percentage point, to record 9.1 per cent. Mr. Wadieh indicated that the utilities sub-sector recorded an inflation rate of 0.5 per cent in October 2017 indicating a decrease of 0.1 percentage point compared with the September 2017 rate. The Producer Price Inflation rate for October 2017 was 8.2 per cent. This rate indicates that between October 2016 and October 2017 (year-on-year), the PPI increased by 8.2 per cent. This rate represents a 0.7 percentage point increase in producer inflation relative to the rate recorded in September 2017 (7.5 per cent).

Source: [www.ghanaweb.com](http://www.ghanaweb.com)

**PARLIAMENT PASSES STABILIZATION LEVY, 2% SPECIAL IMPORT LEVY**

Parliament has passed the National Fiscal Stabilization Levy Bill and the Special Import Levy Bill announced in the 2018 budget presented before the House by the Finance Minister. Prior to the budget presentation, businesses expected that the two levies will be scrapped, complaining that it increased their cost of operations. The levies were introduced to provide some funds for government under the John Mahama administration and was scheduled to end this year. But speaking to *Citi Business News* after the bills were passed, the Chairman of the Finance Committee of parliament Dr. Mark Assibey-Yeboah explained that government deemed it fit to extend the bills by two years. "The government thinks it is proper to extend the National Fiscal Stabilization Levy. That's why we have this amendment. The amendment seeks to extend it to 2019. The government felt at the time in 2013 to introduce the levy because of the hardship [economic downturn], so they needed some sectors of the economy to support government" Source: [www.citibusiness.com](http://www.citibusiness.com)

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