



ECONOMY

June inflation drops to 9.1 percent: The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for June 2019 has dropped to 9.1 percent. The drop represents a 0.3 percentage decrease relative to the 9.4 percent recorded in May 2019. The Consumer Price Index measures the change over time in the general price level of goods and services that households acquire for the purpose of consumption. The marginal drop in the June 2019 inflation was attributed to the combined effect of the drops for the Food and Non-food Inflation rates for last month ([GSS](#)).

Cedi records worst half year performance since 2015: The local currency has recorded its worst half-year performance since 2015, according to data from the Bank of Ghana interbank exchange market. As at June 29 this year, the cedi has depreciated by 8.2 percent, the worst since the local currency recorded 26.2 percent depreciation in 2015. This year's performance was characterised by a very sharp depreciation in the first three months of the year ([CBN](#)).

SECTORAL

80% of indigenous agribusiness exporters internationally certified: A business survey conducted to assess the level of competitiveness of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) in the agriculture sector indicates that over 80 percent indigenous agribusiness export firms are internationally certified as against 54 percent for non-exporters. What this implies is that such indigenous agribusiness firms produce good quality products which enables them gain beneficial access to foreign markets ([Ghanaweb](#)).

New National Export Dev't Strategy drafted: Officials of Ghana Export Promotion Authority (GEPA) and stakeholders have drafted a 10-year National Export Development Strategy (NEDS) aimed at achieving strategic growth in the Non-Traditional Export (NTE) sector, and targeting US\$10 billion in annual revenue by 2028. The revised document incorporated the new policy with the incumbent government's industrialization programmes such as One District One Factory, (1D1F), Planting for Food and Jobs (PFJ) and Planting for Export and Rural Development (PERD) ([Goldstreetbusiness](#)).

Local producers say lower tariffs threaten agri-businesses: Local producers say the reduced tariff values for some imported products in the agriculture value chain, especially those that are already being produced locally, is impacting negatively on businesses. They are of the view that the 50 per cent reduction in the benchmark value covered about 19 per cent of product produced domestically and the current lower tariffs on the imported products hence making them cheaper than those produces in the country ([Ghanaweb](#)).

Ghana, Cote d'Ivoire to pay 70 percent of floor price to cocoa farmers: Cocoa farmers in Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire will henceforth be entitled to a minimum of seventy percent of the agreed floor price. By this, farmers are expected to receive 1,820 dollars per tonne of cocoa beans sold granted the floor price is held constant at 2,600 dollars. In addition, the farmers will henceforth be protected from any significant drop in prices on the international world market. The two countries at a meeting in Abidjan agreed on an additional four hundred dollars per tonne price for cocoa going forward ([CBN](#)).

POLICY

Ensure 3-yrs economic stability before adopting Eco. An Economist has cautioned Ghana and other West African countries to ensure that they have, at least, met three of the primary convergence criteria successively for three years before making that decision to adopt the bloc's single currency. The West African Monetary Institute (WAMI) has set out ten convergence criteria that must be met before adopting the Eco—the single currency for the bloc. Out of the ten, countries must meet four primary criteria: namely a single-digit inflation rate at the end of each year; a fiscal deficit of no more than 4 percent of the GDP; a central bank deficit-financing of no more than 10 percent of the previous year's tax revenues; and gross external reserves that can give import cover for a minimum of three months ([CBN](#)).

MARKETS

Interest Rates

Inflation Rate (June, 2019): **9.1%**
BoG Policy Rate (May, 2019): **16.0%**
GRR (July, 2019): **16.14%**

Treasury Securities Rates

91-Day: **14.7205%**
182-Day: **15.1721%**
Source: [BoG 08/12.07.2019](#)

Foreign Exchange Rates

	Buy	Sell
Pound Sterling (£):	GH¢6.5671/	GH¢6.5758
Dollar (US\$)	GH¢5.2554/	GH¢5.2606
Euro (€)	GH¢5.9142/	GH¢5.9193

Source: [BoG 11-07-19](#)

Mutual Funds – Yields

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TTL Income Haven:	+16.19% (10.07.19)
Galaxy Mfund:	+9.39% (31.01.19)
EDC Fixed Income:	+17.83% (10.07.19)
First Fund:	+15.72% (08.07.19)
Republic Unit:	+11.29% (11.07.19)
SEM MoneyPlus:	+13.41% (11.06.19)

Source: [Doobia](#)

TRADE & INVESTMENT

Africa Free Trade to rake in \$35bn: Government has disclosed that the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) is set to increase intra-African trade by some \$35 billion per annum from 2022. The sector Minister maintained that the AfCFTA would harmonise and coordinate trade within the African continent and boost intra-African trade. He is optimistic that Ghana is going to benefit immensely from the agreement ([Ghanaweb](#)).

INTERNATIONAL

West Africa announces ambitious new 'eco' currency plans: The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) has adopted „eco“ as the name of its single currency, which it now plans to begin issuing in 2020. The fifteen countries announced the new currency at their fifty-fifth ordinary session last month, despite concerns that they will be unable to reach the ambitious launch goal ([Centralbanking](#)).

AfCFTA to drive trade-led economic growth in Africa: United Nations Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed has stressed that the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), which has officially started its operational phase, will boost trade-led economic growth in Africa. She maintained that the move will create jobs and contribute to technology transfer and the development of new skills; improve productive capacity and diversification, and increase African and foreign investment ([xinhuanet](#)).