

## ECONOMY

**Producer price inflation records 7.6%:** The year-on-year producer inflation for all industry was 7.6 percent in June 2019, while the monthly change rate was 2.1 percent. The Ghana Statistical Service (GSS) maintained that mining and quarrying sub-sector recorded the highest year-on-year producer price inflation rate of 22.4 percent, followed by manufacturing sub-sector with 6.1 percent ([GSS](#)).

**Ghana's debt levels worrying:** The World Bank Country Director has stated that Ghana's rising debt levels places it at pre-HIPC levels and must be checked to prevent the figure from escalating further. According to him, the government's increased borrowing to pay outstanding debts and not to be re-invested is risky for an emerging economy like Ghana which poses dire consequences. Available data from the Bank of Ghana, revealed that the public debt as at May this year stood at about GHS200 million representing 58.1 percent of GDP ([CNR](#)).

**BoG casts doubt on new Eco common currency adoption strategy:** Bank of Ghana, has suggested that the strategy for the adoption of the eco, as a common currency for the West Africa sub-region, could fall short again. The governor stated that adoption of the common currency must be started by at least countries in the region that trade significantly among themselves – specifically for countries that has met the convergence criteria ([CNR](#)).

## SECTORAL

**Gov't improves credit for farmers:** The government, through the ministry of agriculture, is in the process of introducing a new credit facility to increase access to funds for farmers. The sector Minister maintained that Ghana Based Risk Sharing Agriculture Lending Scheme (GIRSAL), a creation of the central bank, would encourage commercial banks to lend more to the agricultural sector and also serve as a de-risking instrument that will provide bank guarantees, insurance, business advisory services and incentives to banks ([DGN](#)).

**Ghana could rake in \$12 billion dollars from Planting for Export and Rural Development:** Government has maintained that the country is set to make billions of dollars from other tree crops aside from cocoa following the successful implementation of the Planting for Export and Rural Development ([Graphic](#)).

**Ekumfi 1D1F factory begins test-run:** The Ekumfi fruits and juices limited, the first fruit processing factory to be established under the 'One District, One Factory' policy, has begun a test-run of its extraction lines. Nonetheless, engineers are vigorously installing the remaining processing and packaging plants for full complement of equipment to commence production ([thefinder](#)).

**BoG endorses capping of foreign investors in local bonds:** The Bank of Ghana (BoG) has endorsed measures by the Ministry of Finance to cap the amount of domestic bonds that foreign investors can hold as part of efforts to reduce the vulnerabilities that the economy endures ([Graphic](#)).

**Ashaiman to benefit from 1D1F industrial hub:** The Tema Development Company Ltd (TDC) has allocated a 60-acre land to Sentuo Group Limited for the construction of a modern industrial and commercial hub under the government's One district, One factory (1D1F) programme. The piece of land, popularly known as the Sakasaka Park, is near the Ashaiman Toll Plaza and when fully developed would provide over 2000 jobs to the residents of Ashaiman. The TDC also maintained that, the industrial and commercial hub would include a modern truck and bus terminal and shopping malls to serve the industries within the enclave ([Graphic](#)).

## POLICY

**Implementation of African Continental Free Trade needs strong infrastructure:** Africa Centre for International Trade and Development (ACINTaD) has called for strong institutions and quality infrastructure to be put in place for successful implementation of African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). The ACINTaD maintained that African countries must put in place the structures in order from participating in the continental free trade area. These include, but not limited to, both soft and hard infrastructure such as national and regional policies, laws, system, framework and quality road corridors, high speed rail networks, ports, harbours, and efficient air transport must be put in place ([GNA](#)).

## 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: **14.7261%**  
182-Day: **15.1744%**  
Source: [BoG 22/26.07.2019](#)

### Foreign Exchange Rates

	Buy	Sell
Pound Sterling (£):	GH¢6.5432/	GH¢6.5518
Dollar (US\$)	GH¢5.2539/	GH¢5.2591
Euro (€)	GH¢5.8631/	GH¢5.8681

Source: [BoG 24-07-19](#)

### Mutual Funds – Yields

#### (MM & FIM 1)

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

Source: [Doobia](#)

## TRADE & INVESTMENT

**GNCCI calls on gov't to support local industry through its procurement process:** The Ghana National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GNCCI) has called on government, the single largest consumer, to make deliberate effort to purchase local goods and services through its procurement process towards ensuring the sustainability of our local industry. It also urged government to provide incentives and capacity-building opportunities for local businesses to enable them stay competitive both locally and internationally. This was contained in a speech read on behalf of the President of the GNCCI at the second edition of Made-in-Ghana bazaar aimed at internationalising Ghana products and services. The Chamber affirmed its continuous support to promoting Made-in-Ghana products.

## INTERNATIONAL

**Ghana is investment destination of choice in Africa:** Government has told Canadian investors that Ghana has the best investment environment in Africa for both local and foreign investors. The Vice President maintained that Ghana did not only have stable political and security environment, but has begun legal and regulatory environment that offered the best investment climate on the African Continent ([GNA](#)).

**Large borrowing leading to debt unsustainability in Africa:** World Bank has cautioned African countries against large borrowing and loading up on debt, saying it is leading to debt unsustainability on the continent. The World Bank's Chief Economist for Africa maintained that, the structure of African debt had changed, with many African countries turning to the international bond market to finance their economies ([Graphic](#)).