

#### **KEY MACRO-ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS (November 2017)**

### **Summary of Sector Activity**

### **Review of the Macroeconomic Environment**

**Nigeria emerges sixth in access to credit rankings:** Nigeria has emerged number six among over 150 countries ranked by the World Bank on the basis of the ease of access to credit for the Small and Medium Enterprises.

**Inflation drops for ninth consecutive month to 15.91%:** The National Bureau of Statistics released the Consumer Price Index, which measures inflation, with the index dropping year-on-year from 15.98% in September to 15.91% in October.

**Nigeria's economy records 1.4% GDP growth rate in Q3 2017**: The National Bureau of Statistics on Monday released the Gross Domestic Product growth rate for the country with the economy recording a 1.4% increase in growth rate in the third quarter of this year. This is the second consecutive growth since the emergence of the economy from recession in the second quarter 2017.

**Economy attracted \$4.14bn investment in Q3 2017:** The Nigerian economy attracted a total investment inflow of \$4.14bn in the third quarter of this year. The investment inflow in the third quarter was a significant improvement over the \$1.79bn and \$908.26mn recorded in the second and first quarters of this year, respectively.

Lagos State introduces e-business guide: The Lagos State Government, through the office of the Special Adviser on Central Business Districts inaugurated the Lagos CBD e-Business Guide for ease of shopping experience.



## **Agriculture**

- "Nigeria loses \$5bn annually to rice smuggling", Ogbeh says <a href="http://punchng.com/nigeria-loses-5bn-annually-to-rice-smuggling-ogbeh-says/">http://punchng.com/nigeria-loses-5bn-annually-to-rice-smuggling-ogbeh-says/</a>
- NIRSAL's agric initiative to add ₦1.4trn to GDP http://punchng.com/nirsals-agric-initiative-to-add-n1-4tn-to-gdp/
- Nigerian invents cocoa pod breaking machine
   http://punchng.com/nigerian-invents-cocoa-pod-breaking-machine/
- Ondo to train 18,000 youths in agribusiness
   http://punchng.com/ondo-to-train-18000-youths-in-agribusiness/
- 3,000 Delta women get agric empowerment in Ughelli <u>http://guardian.ng/business-services/3000-delta-women-get-agric-empowerment-in-ughelli/</u>
- NDE trains 30 Cross River State youths in agriculture http://punchng.com/nde-trains-30-criver-youths-in-agric/

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# **Aviation**

- Global air freight demand peaks by 9.2% http://guardian.ng/business-services/global-air-freight-demand-peaks-by-9-2/
- Fuel: Nigerian airlines spend 11% more than global average http://punchng.com/fuel-nigerian-airlines-spend-11-more-than-global-average/
- Foreign airlines' \$221mn still trapped in Nigeria http://punchng.com/foreign-airlines-221m-still-trapped-in-nigeria-iata/
- Aviation sector will benefit from AfDB's \$2bn facility http://punchng.com/aviation-sectorll-benefit-from-afdbs-2bn-facility-fg/





# **Education**

• "N-Power: FG will employ additional 300,000 graduates", says Osinbajo <a href="http://punchng.com/n-power-fgll-employ-additional-300000-graduates-says-osinbajo/">http://punchng.com/n-power-fgll-employ-additional-300000-graduates-says-osinbajo/</a>





### **Financial Services**

- Bol partners Gates Foundation, others to bridge financial inclusion gap <a href="http://guardian.ng/business-services/boi-partners-gates-foundation-others-to-bridge-financial-inclusion-gap/">http://guardian.ng/business-services/boi-partners-gates-foundation-others-to-bridge-financial-inclusion-gap/</a>
- VAIDS collects five million Nigerians' assets, income data http://punchng.com/vaids-collects-five-million-nigerians-assets-income-data/
- FG uncovers 800,000 companies that never paid taxes
   http://punchng.com/fg-uncovers-800000-companies-that-never-paid-taxes/
- Nigerian banks lose #237bn to frauds in 10 years
   <a href="http://guardian.ng/business-services/nigerian-banks-lose-n237-billion-to-frauds-in-10-years/">http://guardian.ng/business-services/nigerian-banks-lose-n237-billion-to-frauds-in-10-years/</a>
- Domestic bonds market soars by 11.5% to #7.4trn
   <a href="http://punchng.com/domestic-bonds-market-soars-by-11-5-to-n7-4tn/">http://punchng.com/domestic-bonds-market-soars-by-11-5-to-n7-4tn/</a>
- Nigeria emerges sixth in access to credit rankings
   http://punchng.com/nigeria-emerges-sixth-in-access-to-credit-rankings/
- Capital market infractions drop by 88% in 18 months
   <a href="http://punchng.com/capital-market-infractions-drop-by-88-in-18-months/">http://punchng.com/capital-market-infractions-drop-by-88-in-18-months/</a>
- Average money market rate sheds 16.28%
   <a href="http://punchng.com/average-money-market-rate-sheds-16-28/">http://punchng.com/average-money-market-rate-sheds-16-28/</a>
- Banks' bad loans rise by 50% to \$\frac{1}{2}\$.4trn
   http://punchng.com/banks-bad-loans-rise-by-50-to-n2-4tn/
- FG targets \$1bn from tax amnesty; gets \$110mn from two firms http://punchng.com/fg-targets-1bn-from-tax-amnesty-gets-110m-from-two-firms/

## <u>Health</u>

- Dangote pledges \$100mn to tackle malnutrition in Nigeria
   <a href="http://punchng.com/dangote-pledges-100m-to-tackle-malnutrition-in-nigeria/">http://punchng.com/dangote-pledges-100m-to-tackle-malnutrition-in-nigeria/</a>
- Chevron contributes \$5mn to fight HIV in Nigeria
   http://punchng.com/chevron-contributes-5m-to-fight-hiv-in-nigeria/







# **Information Technology**

- FG approves 13-year technology road map for Nigeria
   <a href="http://punchng.com/fg-okays-13-year-technology-road-map-for-nigeria/">http://punchng.com/fg-okays-13-year-technology-road-map-for-nigeria/</a>
- 53% of Nigerians lack Internet access http://guardian.ng/technology/53-of-nigerians-lack-internet-access/
- 90% of technologies used in Nigeria are imported <u>http://punchng.com/90-of-technologies-used-in-nigeria-are-imported-dg-notap/</u>
- Over 30 agencies, parastatals yet to adopt gov.ng
   <a href="http://punchng.com/over-30-agencies-parastatals-yet-to-adopt-gov-ng/">http://punchng.com/over-30-agencies-parastatals-yet-to-adopt-gov-ng/</a>
- National Problem 
   Nationa
- Nigeria ranks behind Mauritius, Seychelles and 13 others in ICT development http://guardian.ng/technology/nigeria-ranks-behind-mauritius-seychelles-13others-in-ict-development/
- 75% of Nigeria's online population use social media http://punchng.com/75-of-nigerias-online-population-use-social-media-minister/
- Facebook to open Nigerian hub next year
   http://punchng.com/facebook-to-open-nigerian-hub-next-year/
- Internet records 900% growth over a decade
   http://guardian.ng/technology/internet-records-900-growth-over-a-decade/



# <u>Infrastructure</u>

- FG raises infrastructure allocation by 75% in two years http://punchng.com/fg-raises-infrastructure-allocation-by-75-in-two-years/
- Nigeria utilising below 10% of 900 dams
   http://punchng.com/nigeria-utilising-below-10-of-900-dams-minister/





### **Macro-Economy**

- National Problem 10 Months
   http://punchng.com/n797bn-vat-revenue-recorded-in-10-months-adeosun/
- World Bank and NCCN prepare report on states' economic viability
   http://punchng.com/wbank-nccn-prepare-report-on-states-economic-viability/
- Investment inflow into Nigeria, others to hit \$75bn
   <a href="http://punchng.com/investment-inflow-into-nigeria-others-to-hit-75bn-osinbajo/">http://punchng.com/investment-inflow-into-nigeria-others-to-hit-75bn-osinbajo/</a>
- FG to save ¥91bn annually from \$3bn debt <a href="http://punchng.com/fg-to-save-n91bn-annually-from-3bn-debt-adeosun/">http://punchng.com/fg-to-save-n91bn-annually-from-3bn-debt-adeosun/</a>
- FG targets 16% reduction in domestic debt <a href="http://punchng.com/fg-targets-16-reduction-in-domestic-debt/">http://punchng.com/fg-targets-16-reduction-in-domestic-debt/</a>
- Afreximbank unveils programme to unlock over \$100bn intra-African investments http://guardian.ng/business-services/afreximbank-unveils-programme-to-unlockover-100b-intra-african-investments/
- FG saves \( \frac{\text{44.7bn monthly through TSA}}{\text{http://punchng.com/fg-saves-n4-7bn-monthly-through-tsa-says-buhari/}
- Nigeria's debt grows by ¥8trn in two years
   http://punchng.com/nigerias-debt-grows-by-n8tn-in-two-years/
- Inflation drops for ninth consecutive month to 15.91%
   <a href="http://punchng.com/inflation-drops-for-ninth-consecutive-month-to-15-91/">http://punchng.com/inflation-drops-for-ninth-consecutive-month-to-15-91/</a>
- ERGP: FG to hire Malaysian economic experts for \$\frac{\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$458mn}}}}{\text{\$\exititt{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\exititt{\$\text{\$\exititt{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\}\exittitt{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\te
- Abia State to get \$25mn from World Bank programme
   <a href="http://guardian.ng/business-services/abia-to-get-25m-from-world-bank-programme/">http://guardian.ng/business-services/abia-to-get-25m-from-world-bank-programme/</a>



- Nigeria loses more than \$25bn to poor image yearly
   <a href="http://guardian.ng/business-services/nigeria-loses-more-than-25-billion-to-poor-image-yearly/">http://guardian.ng/business-services/nigeria-loses-more-than-25-billion-to-poor-image-yearly/</a>
- Lekki FTZ to engage 600,000 workers
   http://punchng.com/lekki-ftz-to-engage-600000-workers/
- Nigeria's economy records 1.4% GDP growth rate in Q3 2017 <a href="http://punchng.com/nigerias-economy-records-1-4-gdp-growth-rate-in-third-quarter/">http://punchng.com/nigerias-economy-records-1-4-gdp-growth-rate-in-third-quarter/</a>
- 'Nigeria earned \text{\texi}\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\tictex{\text{\texi}\tin{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\tex{
- Nigeria, Japan sign ¥642mn grant to assist FG's economic development efforts http://guardian.ng/business-services/nigeria-japan-sign-n642m-grant-to-assistfgs-economic-development-efforts/
- Nigerian states' debts increase to 4% of GDP http://punchng.com/nigerian-states-debts-increase-to-4-of-gdp-wbank/
- AfDB invests \$500mn in Development Bank of Nigeria
   <a href="http://punchng.com/afdb-invests-500m-in-development-bank-of-nigeria/">http://punchng.com/afdb-invests-500m-in-development-bank-of-nigeria/</a>
- FG earned ¥250.56bn VAT revenue in Q3 2017 http://punchng.com/govt-earned-n250-56bn-vat-revenue-in-q3-nbs/
- Economy attracted \$4.14bn investment in third quarter <a href="http://punchng.com/economy-attracted-4-14bn-investment-in-third-quarter-nbs/">http://punchng.com/economy-attracted-4-14bn-investment-in-third-quarter-nbs/</a>
- FG, states and LGAs share ¥4.55trn in nine months
   <a href="http://punchng.com/fg-states-lgas-share-n4-55tn-in-nine-months/">http://punchng.com/fg-states-lgas-share-n4-55tn-in-nine-months/</a>



## **MSMEs**

- Nigerian Breweries empowers 32 entrepreneurs in Ekiti and Osun states <a href="http://punchng.com/nigerian-breweries-empowers-32-entrepreneurs-in-ekiti-osun/">http://punchng.com/nigerian-breweries-empowers-32-entrepreneurs-in-ekiti-osun/</a>
- FG unveils 11 new initiatives for SMEs
   <a href="http://punchng.com/fg-unveils-11-new-initiatives-for-smes/">http://punchng.com/fg-unveils-11-new-initiatives-for-smes/</a>
- Customs facilitates exportation of #9.9bn goods
   http://punchng.com/seme-customs-facilitates-exportation-of-n9-9bn-goods/
- 95% of SMEs collapse within a year due to multiple taxation <a href="http://punchng.com/95-smes-collapse-within-a-year-due-to-multiple-taxation-elumelu/">http://punchng.com/95-smes-collapse-within-a-year-due-to-multiple-taxation-elumelu/</a>
- Development bank to release more funds for MSMEs
   <a href="http://punchng.com/development-bank-to-release-more-funds-for-msmes/">http://punchng.com/development-bank-to-release-more-funds-for-msmes/</a>
- Lagos State introduces e-business guide http://punchng.com/lagos-introduces-e-business-guide/

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### Oil and Gas

- Nigeria realises \( \frac{\text{\tin}\text{\texit{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\texit{\tex{\text{\text{\texi}\tilit{\text{\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\t
- Nigeria earns \(\frac{\pmathbm{4362.43bn from crude oil export in July}{http://guardian.ng/business-services/nigeria-earns-n362-43bn-from-crude-oil-export-in-july/
- NNPC recorded \$471.9mn export receipts in July http://punchng.com/nnpc-recorded-471-9m-export-receipts-in-july/
- NNPC trading deficit rises by 128%; refineries lose \(\frac{4}{8}\).5bn
   http://punchng.com/nnpc-trading-deficit-rises-by-128-refineries-lose-n8-5bn/
- "We contributed \$29bn to Nigeria in 4 years", says Shell Nigeria
   http://punchng.com/we-contributed-29bn-to-nigeria-in-four-years-shell/
- FG to spend ¥15bn on solid mineral exploration

  http://punchng.com/fg-to-spend-n15bn-on-solid-mineral-exploration/
- Kaduna refinery dormant, PH, Warri producing below 30%
   <a href="http://punchng.com/kaduna-refinery-dormant-ph-warri-producing-below-30-nnpc/">http://punchng.com/kaduna-refinery-dormant-ph-warri-producing-below-30-nnpc/</a>
- Nigeria's daily gas production hits 7bn cubic feet
   http://guardian.ng/business-services/nigerias-daily-gas-production-hits-seven-billion-cubic-feet/
- Nigeria's gas flare rate increases to 12%
   http://punchng.com/nigerias-gas-flare-rate-increases-to-12-nnpc/
- Local content compliance in oil sector hits 40%
   <a href="http://punchng.com/local-content-compliance-in-oil-sector-hits-40/">http://punchng.com/local-content-compliance-in-oil-sector-hits-40/</a>
- 26 firms signify interest in revamping Nigeria's refineries
   http://guardian.ng/business-services/26-firms-signify-interest-in-revamping-nigerias-refineries/



## **Power**

- Power generation capacity rises by 351MW in two years
   <a href="http://punchng.com/power-generation-capacity-rises-by-351mw-in-two-years/">http://punchng.com/power-generation-capacity-rises-by-351mw-in-two-years/</a>
- FG recovers \$64.6mn electricity debt from international customers
   http://punchng.com/fg-recovers-64-6m-electricity-debt-from-international-customers/
- Power distributors to pay interest on ¥120bn debt
   <a href="http://punchng.com/power-distributors-to-pay-interest-on-n120bn-debt-fg/">http://punchng.com/power-distributors-to-pay-interest-on-n120bn-debt-fg/</a>
- AfDB to invest \$12bn in Africa's power sector
   http://punchng.com/afdb-to-invest-12bn-in-africas-power-sector/





# <u>Retail</u>

- Hyundai reveals Nigeria-assembled redesigned Sonata for 2018
   http://punchng.com/hyundai-reveals-nigeria-assembled-redesigned-sonata-for-2018/
- New vehicle sales drop by 80%
   <a href="http://punchng.com/new-vehicle-sales-drop-by-80/">http://punchng.com/new-vehicle-sales-drop-by-80/</a>
- StarTimes offers 50% discount on subscription http://punchng.com/startimes-offers-50-discount-on-subscription/
- Nestle fined \$96,500 over substandard Maggi noodles
   <a href="http://punchng.com/nestle-fined-96500-over-substandard-maggi-noodles/">http://punchng.com/nestle-fined-96500-over-substandard-maggi-noodles/</a>





## <u>Telecoms</u>

- Mobile subscriptions in sub-Saharan Africa to hit 990mn
   <a href="http://guardian.ng/technology/mobile-subscriptions-in-sub-saharan-africa-to-hit-990m/">http://guardian.ng/technology/mobile-subscriptions-in-sub-saharan-africa-to-hit-990m/</a>
- NCC and NSCDC sign pact on telecom infrastructure protection
   http://punchng.com/ncc-nscdc-sign-pact-on-telecom-infrastructure-protection/
- Unsolicited messages: NCC gives telcos, others fresh guidelines
   http://punchng.com/unsolicited-messages-ncc-gives-telcos-others-fresh-guidelines/
- FG opts against \$550mn Chinese loan for communications satellites
   http://punchng.com/fg-opts-against-550m-chinese-loan-for-communications-satellites/

