



KEY MACRO-ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS (MAY 2017)

Summary of Sector Activity

Review of the Macroeconomic Environment

The Nigerian Budget: The 2017 fiscal budget has been approved in May 2017. With the economy reeling from low oil prices, which have led to recession, a plummeting naira and a spike in inflation, the budget aims to jumpstart growth by increasing capital spending on infrastructural development. In a bid to wean the economy of its dependence on oil, the government has announced an Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP), with specific measures for the ailing energy sector.

GDP Decline and High Inflation: In the first quarter of 2017, the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) contracted by -0.52% (year-on-year) in real terms, representing the fifth consecutive quarter of contraction since Q1 2016.

During the quarter, aggregate GDP stood at N26,028,356.03mn in nominal terms, compared to N22,235,315.29mn in Q1 2016, resulting in a Nominal GDP growth of 17.06%. This growth was higher relative to growth recorded in Q1 2016 (11.39%). Inflation also averaged 17.92 percent in the first quarter of 2017.

Rise in National Debts: The National Bureau of Statistics has said that the country's foreign and domestic debts stood at N3.49trn and N14.02trn as of December 2016. The report stated that while the Federal Government alone accounted for 68.72% of the country's total foreign debt, all the 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) accounted for the remaining 31.28%. The report also stated that the Federal Government accounted for 78.89% of Nigeria's total domestic debt, while the 36 states and the FCT were responsible for balance of 21.11%.



Agriculture

- Kebbi recovers ₦1bn from CBN's anchor borrowers' defaulters
<https://guardian.ng/business-services/kebbi-recovers-n1b-from-cbns-anchor-borrowers-defaulters/>
- Farmers get ₦33bn from CBN's Anchor Borrowers' scheme
<http://punchng.com/farmers-get-n33bn-from-cbns-anchor-borrowers-scheme/>
- Farmers repay ₦8.3bn to CBN
<https://guardian.ng/business-services/farmers-repay-n8-3-billion-to-cbn/>
- FG unveils 10-year food and nutrition strategy
<http://punchng.com/fg-unveils-10-year-food-nutrition-strategy/>
- Agric activities in Nigeria prison service grows 20.87% in 2016
<http://www.businessdayonline.com/agric-activities-nigeria-prison-service-grows-20-87-2016/>
- Rice production in Nigeria increases to 5.8mn tonnes in 2017
<http://punchng.com/rice-production-in-nigeria-increases-to-5-8m-tonnes-in-2017-rifan/>
- NIRSAL and USAID to boost agriculture output
<http://punchng.com/nirsal-usaid-to-boost-agriculture-output/>
- States producing 5.7mn metric tonnes of rice
<http://punchng.com/states-producing-5-7-million-metric-tonnes-of-rice-dfid/>
- Dangote to invest \$1bn in rice cultivation
<http://punchng.com/dangote-to-invest-1bn-in-rice-cultivation/>



Aviation

- AMCON injects ₦1.5bn in Arik Air
<https://guardian.ng/business-services/amcon-injects-n1-5bn-in-arik-air/>
- Air Peace gets IOSA certification
<https://guardian.ng/business-services/air-peace-gets-iosa-certification-enters-codeshare-pact/>
- Domestic flight operations decline by 67% in Q1 2017
<http://punchng.com/domestic-flight-operations-decline-by-67-in-first-quarter-ncaa/>
- FG owes over ₦200bn in MMA2 concession
<http://punchng.com/fg-owes-us-n200bn-over-mma2-concession/>
- Dana Air named official airline of NSS
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- Local passenger traffic drops by 30% in Q1 2017
<https://guardian.ng/business-services/local-passenger-traffic-drops-by-30-in-q1/>
- Arik and Aero may merge as national carrier
<https://guardian.ng/business-services/aviation-business/arik-aero-may-merge-as-national-carrier/>
- FG merges operations of agencies at airports and seaports
<http://punchng.com/fg-merges-operations-of-agencies-at-airports-seaports/>
- EU bars Med-View Airline over safety concerns
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- NCAA to audit Med-View Airlines over EU ban
<https://guardian.ng/business-services/aviation-business/ncaa-to-audit-med-view-airlines-over-eu-ban/>
- Multiple charges cost local airlines 65% revenue
<https://guardian.ng/business-services/multiple-charges-cost-local-airlines-65-per-cent-revenue/>



Education

- Lagos State targets 2,000 graduates for internship
<http://punchng.com/lasg-targets-2000-graduates-for-internship/>
- University of Ilorin spends ₦30mn on electricity in March
<http://punchng.com/unilorin-spends-n30m-on-electricity-in-march-vc/>
- Air Peace awards ₦300mn grant and special fares to students
<https://guardian.ng/business-services/air-peace-awards-n300m-grant-special-fares-to-students/>
- World Bank boosts STEM projects in universities with \$70mn
<https://guardian.ng/features/world-bank-boosts-stem-projects-in-universities-with-70million/>



Financial Services

- Transcorp posts ₦15.77bn revenue, ₦1.49bn profit in Q1 2017
<https://guardian.ng/business-services/transcorp-posts-n15-77-billion-revenue-n1-49b-profit-in-q1/>
- World Bank blames Nigeria's forex crisis on fixed exchange regime
<http://punchng.com/wbank-blames-nigerias-forex-crisis-on-fixed-exchange-regime/>
- Lagos pays ₦78.5bn into workers' retirement savings accounts
<http://punchng.com/lagos-pays-n78-5bn-into-workers-retirement-savings-accounts/>
- Defaulters to pay 19% interest on unpaid taxes
<http://punchng.com/defaulters-to-pay-19-interest-on-unpaid-taxes/>
- FG approves 29-member panel on ₦56,000 minimum wage demand
<http://punchng.com/fg-approves-committee-on-minimum-wage/>
- AMCON recovers ₦134bn in 2016
<http://punchng.com/amcon-recovers-n134bn-in-2016/>
- Banks lost ₦2.19bn to fraudsters in 2016
<http://punchng.com/banks-lost-n2-19bn-to-fraudsters-in-2016-cbn/>



Health

- FG set to make health insurance compulsory for employers
<http://punchng.com/fg-set-to-make-health-insurance-compulsory-for-employers/>
- Ebola resurgence: Government steps up surveillance at airports
<https://guardian.ng/news/ebola-resurgence-government-steps-up-surveillance-at-nations-airports/>



Information Technology

- Nigerian/Chinese firms to site phone assembly plant in South East
<https://guardian.ng/technology/nigerian-chinese-firms-to-site-phone-assembly-plant-in-south-east/>
- Nigeria ranks 114 out of 128 in innovation index 2016
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Infrastructure

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<http://punchng.com/fg-targets-400000-locally-assembled-vehicles/>
- FG will employ 47,000 workers to fix roads
<http://punchng.com/fgll-employ-47000-workers-to-fix-roads-fashola/>
- GE donates 200 wagons and 20 locos to Nigerian railway
<http://punchng.com/ge-donates-200-wagons-20-locos-to-nigerian-railway/>
- FG directs NEPZA to make CFTZ pilot industrial city
<https://guardian.ng/business-services/fg-directs-nepza-to-make-cftz-pilot-industrial-city/>
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- GE to assemble gas turbines in Nigeria next year
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- ₦100bn needed to reconstruct Apapa road
<http://punchng.com/n100bn-needed-to-reconstruct-apapa-road-fashola/>
- GE wins \$2.2bn narrow gauge rail concession
<http://punchng.com/ge-wins-2-2bn-narrow-gauge-rail-concession/>
- FG to strengthen PPP contracts
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Macro-Economy

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- Customs revenue fell by ₦216.5bn in 2016
<http://punchng.com/customs-revenue-fell-by-n216-5bn-in-2016-ali/>
- Japanese firms plan \$30bn investments in Nigeria, others
<http://punchng.com/japanese-firms-plan-30bn-investments-in-nigeria-others/>
- World Bank to assist Nigeria strengthen audit process
<http://punchng.com/wbank-to-assist-nigeria-strengthen-audit-process/>
- Fresh graduates earn less than ₦20,000 monthly
<http://punchng.com/fresh-graduates-earn-less-than-n20000-monthly-report/>
- FG to reduce cost of governance by ₦300bn
<http://punchng.com/fg-to-reduce-cost-of-governance-by-n300bn/>
- FG spent \$163.7mn on pre-shipment agents without appropriation
<http://punchng.com/fg-spent-163-7m-on-pre-shipment-agents-without-appropriation-reps/>
- Inflation rate drops to 17.24%
<http://punchng.com/inflation-rate-drops-to-17-24-nbs/>
- Afreximbank's trade, project intervention in Nigeria hit \$35bn
<https://guardian.ng/business-services/afreximbanks-trade-project-intervention-in-nigeria-hit-35b/>
- Nigeria and Morocco seal pact on gas project and fertilizer initiative
<https://guardian.ng/business-services/nigeria-morocco-seal-pact-on-gas-project-fertilizer-initiative/>



- Nigeria to raise \$3.5bn in foreign loans to fund budget
<http://punchng.com/nigeria-to-raise-3-5bn-in-foreign-loans-to-fund-budget/>
- FG, states and LGs shared ₦1.41tn in Q1 2017
<http://punchng.com/fg-states-lgs-shared-n1-41tn-in-q1-report/>
- Recession continues as GDP shrinks for fifth consecutive quarter
<http://punchng.com/recession-continues-as-gdp-shrinks-for-fifth-consecutive-quarter/>
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<http://punchng.com/nigerias-first-quarter-gdp-growth-rate-shrinks-by-0-52/>
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- CBN retains monetary policy rate at 14%
<http://punchng.com/again-cbn-retains-monetary-policy-rate-at-14/>
- Allocations to FG, states, LGs drop by ₦52bn
<http://punchng.com/allocations-to-fg-states-lgs-drop-by-n52bn/>
- Osinbajo seeks Reps' approval for \$1.28bn and €9mn loans
<http://punchng.com/osinbajo-seeks-reps-approval-for-1-28bn-e9m-loans/>
- Foreign investment inflow into Nigeria drops to \$908mn
<http://punchng.com/foreign-investment-inflow-into-nigeria-drops-to-908m/>
- Kano government signs \$3.98 billion MoUs
<https://guardian.ng/business-services/kano-government-signs-3-98-billion-mous/>



Manufacturing

- SON confiscates ₦100mn uncertified goods over false declaration
<https://guardian.ng/business-services/son-confiscates-n100-million-uncertified-goods-over-false-declaration/>
- BUA to invest ₦92bn in sugar production and refining
<http://punchng.com/bua-to-invest-n92bn-in-sugar-production-refining/>
- Hayat Kimya invests \$100mn diaper and tissue factory in Ogun State
<https://guardian.ng/business-services/hayat-kimya-invests-100-million-diaper-and-tissue-factory-in-ogun-state/>
- EU rejected 24 Nigeria exported products in 2016
<http://www.vanguardngr.com/2017/06/nafdac-says-eu-rejected-24-nigeria-exported-products-2016/>



MSMEs

- Bol's support for businesses hits ₦171bn
<https://guardian.ng/business-services/bois-support-for-businesses-hits-n171b/>
- CBN directs banks to diversify portfolios; fund MSMEs
<http://punchng.com/cbn-directs-banks-to-diversify-portfolios-fund-msmes/>
- Ogun State demolished structure owners get ₦1bn compensation
<http://punchng.com/ogun-demolished-structure-owners-get-n1bn-compensation/>
- Bol approves ₦300mn for creative industry
<http://punchng.com/boi-approves-n300m-for-creative-industry/>
- Bol pledges funds for Diaspora entrepreneurs
<http://punchng.com/boi-pledges-funds-for-diaspora-entrepreneurs/>
- Bol to assist SMEs with ₦376bn before end of 2019
<https://guardian.ng/business-services/boi-to-assist-smes-with-n376bn-before-end-of-2019/>
- Bol to finance Borno State MSMEs with ₦2bn
<http://punchng.com/boi-to-finance-borno-msmes-with-n2bn/>
- 25,000 MSMEs get ₦1trn from Bol
<http://punchng.com/25000-msmes-get-n1tn-from-boi/>
- UNIDO to support Nigeria's special economic zones and MSMEs
<http://punchng.com/unido-to-support-nigerias-special-economic-zones-msmes/>
- CAC closes manual registration in five states
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- Bol targets to grow businesses with ₦25bn in 2017
<https://guardian.ng/business-services/boi-targets-to-grow-businesses-with-n25bn-in-2017/>
- Only 20% of SMEs survive in Nigeria
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<http://punchng.com/osinbajo-signs-acts-to-ease-msmes-access-to-credit/>
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Oil and Gas

- Oando records ₦1.7bn profit in Q1 2017
<http://punchng.com/oando-records-n1-7bn-profit-in-q1/>
- NLNG exports 4,000th LNG cargo, plans expansion
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- Nigeria oil and gas provide investments in excess of \$50bn
<http://punchng.com/nigeria-oil-and-gas-provide-investments-in-excess-of-50bn-kachikwu/>
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<https://guardian.ng/business-services/shell-to-invest-25-billion-in-nigeria-other-countries/>
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- NNPC, partners to increase gas consumption by 285%
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- Shell's oil production in Nigeria rises by 7%
<http://punchng.com/shells-oil-production-in-nigeria-rises-by-7/>
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- NNPC finalising \$6bn worth of oil-for-product swaps
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- FG inaugurates Solid Minerals Development Fund board
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<http://punchng.com/kaduna-chinese-firm-sign-pact-for-new-refinery/>
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Power

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<http://punchng.com/power-system-collapsed-twice-in-april-report/>
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Retail and Services

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- Online mall Konga launches groceries shopping category
<https://guardian.ng/technology/online-mall-konga-launches-groceries-shopping-category/>



Telecoms

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