

## ECONOMY

**Debt concerns, inflation push BoG to keep policy rate at 14.5%:** The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Bank of Ghana has maintained the policy rate at 14.5 percent, citing elevated risk to inflation and debt sustainability challenges which have triggered some negative reactions from foreign investors. The decision however comes as no surprise at all, as various analysts predicted same on the back of concerns raised by the Committee that moved it to keep the rate where it is after hiking it by a 100 basis points in November 2021 ([B&FT](#))

**GRA sets GH¢80.3bn revenue target for 2022:** The Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA), despite the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic has set a tax target of GH¢80.3 billion for the 2022 revenue collection year, the Finance Ministry has announced. The Authority, according to the Ministry is expected to meet this year's target just like it did in the mobilization of the 2021 target where it was able to collect a little over GH¢57.32 billion as against a target of GH¢57.02 billion ([B&FT](#))

**Bank of Ghana raises GHS 1.7bn:** The Bank of Ghana (BoG) has raised some GHS1,781m from the issuance of its own bills. The BoG bills with a maturity period of 14 days was auctioned by the Central Bank on Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022. Central Bank bills mostly employed through Open Market Operations (OMO) serves as a monetary policy tool used by central banks to regulate money supply ([www.norvanreports.com](http://www.norvanreports.com)).

**Moody's downgrades Ghana's rating to Caa1; but outlook stable:** Ratings agency, Moody's has downgrade Ghana's long-term issuer and senior unsecured debt ratings to Caa1 from B3 and changed the economic outlook to stable from negative. The downgrade to Caa1 reflects the increasingly difficult task the government faces addressing its intertwined liquidity and debt challenges. Recently, another ratings agency, Fitch, downgraded Ghana's credit rating to B-, from B and economic outlook to negative, from stable ([Ghanaweb](#))

## SECTORAL

**Value of MoMo transactions drop by GH¢3bn ahead of E-levy passage:** Data published by the Bank of Ghana (BoG) has revealed that the value of mobile money transactions has dropped by GH¢3.2 billion in December last year, less the one month after Finance Minister, announced in the 2022 budget of an electronic transfer levy (E-Levy). According to the report, the value of transactions on the country's largest payment platform decreased to GH¢82.9 billion in December from GH¢86.1 billion recorded in November 2021, representing a 3.8 percentage points decline ([B&FT](#))

**Prices of goods to go up by 12% over implementation of amended VAT:** Consumers may have to pay an increase of about eight to twelve percent from February for some commodities should the Ghana Revenue Authority (GRA) implement the amended Value Added Tax (VAT) rate. This is according to the Importers and Exporters Association of Ghana (IEAG). The association says, the amendment, which was gazetted on December 31, 2021, will see the business community move from paying a three percent flat rate plus one percent COVID-19 levy to paying VAT of about twenty percent. They further lamented that businesses with capital from GH¢500,000 would be paying more than twenty percent even though standard VAT should not be more than 12.5 percent per the amendment ([CBN](#))

**Banks likely to give more loans if Ghana card policy takes effect – Bankers Assoc:** The Ghana Association of Bankers, says it is confident banks will be willing to give out more loans after the Ghana Card becomes the only card accepted for all financial transactions. The Bank of Ghana has directed all licensed and regulated financial institutions under the central bank, to accept only the Ghana Card for transactions from July 1, 2022 ([CBN](#))

**Gov't to institute financing policy for state-owned firms -Fin. Min:** The Finance Minister, Ken Ofori-Atta, has announced a financing policy for specified entities, particularly state-owned enterprises (SOEs) in the short to medium term, aimed at making them profitable and efficient ([Business24](#))

## POLICY

**AfCFTA members conclude negotiations on rules of origin to enhance free trade:** Member states of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) have concluded their negotiations on the rules of origin, a move expected to further reduce tariffs on original goods produced within the African continent. This was disclosed by the Chairperson of the African Union Ministers of Trade, Ebrahim Patel. He maintained that the adopted rules could cover 87.7 percent of goods on the tariff lines of the AfCFTA member states ([CBN](#))

**180 exports firms listed for gov't support under AfCFTA:** The Ministry of Trade and Industry has announced a trade facilitation support programme for Ghanaian exporters seeking to explore market opportunities under the African Continental Free Trade Area. According to deputy sector minister, the intervention is a market expansion programme which constitutes an integral part of government's action plan towards booting Ghana's participation in intra-African trade ([Business24](#))

## MARKETS

### Interest Rates

Inflation Rate (C) (Dec. 2021): **12.6%**  
Inflation Rate (P) (Nov.2021): **13.6%**  
BoG Policy Rate (Feb, 2022): **14.5%**  
GRR (Jan, 2022): **14.04%**

### Treasury Securities Rates

91-Day: **12.2759%**

Source: [BoG: 03.02.2022](#)

### Foreign Exchange Rates

	Buy	Sell
Pound Sterling (£):	GH¢8.2705/	GH¢8.2794
Dollar (US\$)	GH¢6.0996/	GH¢6.1058
Euro (€)	GH¢6.8892/	GH¢6.8955

Source: [BoG 03.02.2022](#)

### Average Returns

([Doobia.com: 03.02.2022](#))

Money M. Funds:	<b>3.00%</b>
Real Est. Funds:	<b>1.53%</b>
Balanced Funds:	<b>3.95%</b>
Equity Funds:	<b>0.66%</b>
Ethical Funds:	<b>1.38%</b>
Fixed Inc. Funds:	<b>3.89%</b>

## TRADE & INVESTMENT

**GHANA-TURKEY ECONOMIC RELATIONS: 5 key sectors that require immediate attention:** The Ghana-Turkey economic relationship has grown from strength to strength especially in the last decade as Turkey's overall Africa policy began to take shape. Bilateral trade and investment in the Ghanaian economy by Turkish companies has grown significantly culminating in record growth at the end of 2020. Today, there are Turkish companies operating in many key sectors of our economy including aviation, energy, construction, water generation, education among several others ([B&FT](#))

## INTERNATIONAL

**IMF cautions Ghana, other African countries over worsened food insecurity:** The International Monetary Fund recently reported detailing food inflation trends in subSaharan Africa. According to findings by the multilateral lender, food prices are increasingly driving inflation across the region and the situation is proving to be 'hopeless'. ([www.norvanreports.com](http://www.norvanreports.com))