

NOVA Weekly Economic Report

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- Oil prices dropped about 6% to two-week lows on optimism that the U.S. and Iran are moving closer to a peace deal that could reopen the Strait of Hormuz, a key global oil shipping route. Brent crude fell to \$97.69 per barrel, while WTI declined to \$90.85. Despite progress in talks, both sides remain divided on major issues, leading analysts to caution that negotiations could still break down. Meanwhile, U.S. energy firms increased oil and gas rig counts for the fifth straight week, signaling expectations of stronger future output
- Asian stocks rose on Friday as investors grew hopeful about progress in U.S.-Iran peace talks, although key disagreements remain over Iran's uranium stockpile and the Strait of Hormuz.

Source: Reuters

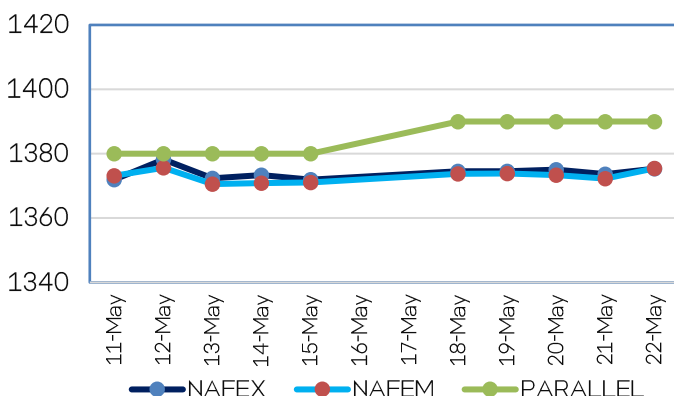
LOCAL NEWS

- According to CBN, Nigeria's FX reserves recorded a strong rebound in May 2026, rising by about \$551 million within the first three weeks of the month after experiencing sustained pressure throughout April. Data from the apex bank showed that gross external reserves increased from \$48.34 billion on May 4 to \$48.89 billion as of May 21, 2026, reflecting renewed improvement in Nigeria's external liquidity position and growing confidence in the foreign exchange market.
- The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) conducted one of its most aggressive single-session Open Market Operations (OMO) auctions on May 21, 2026, mopping up a combined N3.692 trillion across two instruments in a dramatic escalation of its liquidity tightening campaign.

Source: NAIRAMETRICS

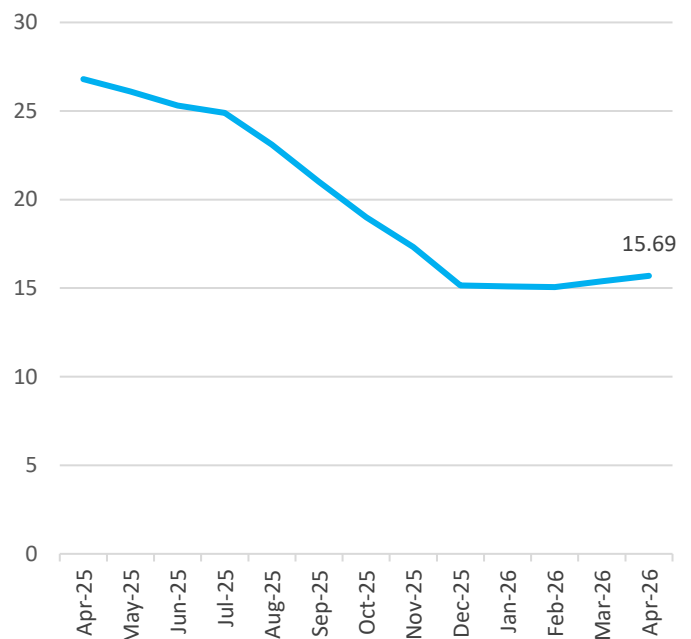
FOREIGN EXCHANGE

The NAFEX window, the naira closed at 1,375.38 & the NAFEM window closed at 1,375.458.



MACROS

Inflation Rate MoM (%)



ECONOMIC INDICATORS

INDICATORS	CURRENT	PREVIOUS
INFLATIONRATE (YoY%)	15.69%	15.69%
OIL PRICE (BRENT) (US\$/BARREL)	99.042	110.29
OIL PRODUCTION (MBPD)	1.8	1.8
FX RESERVE(USD MILLION)	\$49.37BN	\$48.54BN
MONETARY POLICY RATE	26.50	26.50

Source: Trading Economics, OPEC

BONDS

The FGN Bonds market traded quietly, with limited activity recorded during the session. Mild demand was observed on the mid-tenor bonds, although wide bid/offer spreads persisted, resulting in only a few trades being executed.

COUPON RATE- % p.a.	FGN BONDS	CLOSING YIELD (%)
13.98	23-Feb-28	16.71
19.30	17-Apr-29	16.76
18.50	21-Feb-31	17.22
19.00	21-Feb-34	16.85
13.00	21-Jan-42	14.07
15.70	21-Jun-53	14.95

Sources: FMDQ

T-BILLS

The Treasury Bills market closed the trading week on a quiet note. Activity was concentrated at the long end of the NTB curve, with the 20-May bill trading at 16.00%. On the OMO curve, the Jun, Aug, and Sep bills continued to witness trading activity throughout the session.

TYPE	SECURITY	DISCOUNT RATES (%)
NTB	4-Jun-26	15.72
NTB	9-Jul-26	15.90
NTB	6-Aug-26	15.74
NTB	8-Oct-26	16.20
OMO	23-Jun-26	20.96
OMO	7-Jul-26	20.62
OMO	12-Jan-27	16.84

Sources: FMDQ

MONEY MARKET

System liquidity opened with a positive balance of N2.78trn. (Opening balance was N78.9.bn, Standing Deposit Facility was N2.702trn, and Standing Lending Facility was N0n). The drop in liquidity is attributed to OMO Bills settlement worth 3.6Trn

MONEY MARKET RATES	22-May-26	21-May-26
Open Repo (OPR)	22.00	22.00
Overnight (O/N)	22.24	22.18

Source: CBN

COMMODITIES

	CURRENT RATE	PREVIOUS RATE
Wheat(\$/bu)	647.04	655.57
Cocoa(\$/Mt)	3796.00	4002.00
Gold(\$/t.oz)	4555.79	4545.37

Sources: FMDQ

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