

Africa Weekly: Oil and politics dominate news headlines

Top Political News

Mozambique's main opposition party leader Afonso Dhlakama has announced a permanent truce, saying that this was the result of the discussions that both Renamo and the government have had in recent weeks. This is a positive development that could lead to the signing of an agreement between both parts for a sustainable political solution in the country. Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari missed his third consecutive weekly cabinet meeting, raising concerns about his health situation and his ability to govern the country. News over the weekend also indicated that the president has travelled to London once again for another medical check-up. Also on Nigeria, Senate Leader Ahmad Lawan said that he hopes that the country's budget will be ready for voting by May 9. The country's lawmakers in the Senate and House of Representatives must vote on whether to accept the budget by the constitutional deadline of June 30. South Africa's business leaders reportedly told President Jacob Zuma in a recent meeting that trust between the government and the private sector was destroyed after the developments in recent weeks, namely his decision to dismiss Pravin Gordhan as the country's Finance minister. On this topic, a high court in South Africa ordered Zuma to explain why he made the changes to his cabinet, marking another setback for the president who continues to face increasing protests and calls to resign.

Central Banks

South Africa's central bank said that the country faces a high risk and probability of further downgrades to its credit ratings after the recent downgrades to junk by both S&P's and Fitch. Moody's, which has South Africa at the second-lowest investment grade level, plans to visit the country in the coming weeks to review its rating. The central bank warned that further downgrades could trigger high levels of selling off of bonds by foreign investors, which could also result in a significant depreciation of the rand. Regarding monetary policy, central bank governor Lesetja Kganyago said that the end of the interest rate hiking cycle does not mean that the central bank will start cutting rates. Investors are currently pricing in 20bp of rate cuts by the end of the year but Kganyago warned that investors may be "running ahead of themselves". Nigeria may lift foreign currency restrictions for importers of certain goods and allow them to access foreign currency on the country's interbank market. This would be the central bank's latest move to ease foreign-currency restrictions after it introduced a window for portfolio investors to trade at a market-determined exchange rate at the end of April. In June 2016, Nigeria's central bank removed a 197-199 naira to the dollar currency peg.

Commodities

Oil was severely under pressure last week after data showed an expansion in US output, raising fears that it could undermine the efforts being carried out by OPEC and its partners to rebalance supply and demand in the world market. WTI fell below the US\$ 45 a barrel level for the first time since the agreement to cut oil output was signed in November 2016. Brent prices slid more than 7% in the week, registering a third weekly decline, but are recovering part of the losses in today's trading session. This recent performance comes despite the increasing odds of OPEC eventually deciding to extend the agreement beyond the June deadline when it next meets in Vienna, on May 25. Russia recently stated that extending the deal could make sense given the current situation in the oil market. Meanwhile, **Nigeria's** Oil minister said that the cartel is likely to extend oil-production cuts for another six months. Minister Kachikwu also said he expects Nigeria to pump about 2.4 million barrels per day (bpd) in one year (vs. 1.6 million bpd in April).

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Stock Markets		Change				52 Week Range		
Index (Country)	08/05/2017	1 Week	1 Month	1 Year	Year to Date	Low	High	
Africa								
FTSE/JSE All Share (South Africa)	53,509.55	-0.57%	1.24%	4.07%	5.64%	48,935.90	54,704.22	
EGX 30 (Egypt)	12,692.15	1.33%	-3.10%	67.63%	2.81%	6,831.59	13,544.42	
Gaborone Domestic Index (Botswana)	9,363.92	0.39%	1.11%	-9.18%	-0.39%	9,005.95	10,315.38	
Nairobi SE All Share (Kenya)	135.22	1.46%	1.71%	-7.14%	1.41%	119.62	147.50	
All Share Index (Nigeria)	26,235.63	1.87%	1.90%	2.08%	-2.38%	24,547.37	31,073.32	
Ghana Stock Exchange (Ghana)	1,884.87	-0.03%	-0.71%	4.64%	11.59%	1,507.84	1,907.86	
Namibia Overall Index (Namibia)	1,047.25	-3.33%	-0.10%	9.85%	-2.00%	924.79	1,143.91	
Tanzania All Share Index (Tanzania)	2,328.02	4.81%	1.34%	-6.45%	5.90%	1,978.68	2,829.99	
Americas								
Dow Jones Industrial Avg. (USA)	21,006.94	0.32%	1.70%	18.41%	6.30%	17,063.08	21,169.11	
S&P 500 (USA)	2,399.29	0.63%	1.86%	16.63%	7.17%	1,991.68	2,400.98	
Nasdaq (USA)	6,100.76	0.88%	3.79%	28.81%	13.33%	4,574.25	6,102.72	
Ibovespa (Brazil)	65,709.73	1.60%	1.73%	27.05%	9.10%	48,066.67	69,487.58	
Europe								
Euro Stoxx 50 (Europe)	3,646.56	2.44%	4.31%	24.17%	10.82%	2,678.27	3,666.80	
FTSE 100 (UK)	7,292.20	1.23%	-0.78%	19.04%	2.09%	5,788.74	7,447.00	
DAX (Germany)	12,708.19	2.17%	3.95%	28.76%	10.69%	9,214.10	12,762.04	
PSI 20 (Portugal)	5,265.54	4.61%	5.72%	5.51%	12.53%	4,175.28	5,274.45	
IBEX 35 (Spain)	11,111.10	3.69%	5.53%	27.68%	18.81%	7,579.80	11,184.40	
CAC (France)	5,398.12	2.48%	5.12%	25.50%	11.02%	3,955.98	5,442.10	
SMI (Switzerland)	9,010.44	2.24%	4.28%	16.48%	9.62%	7,475.54	9,016.96	
Asia								
Nikkei 225 (Japan)	19,895.70	3.14%	4.81%	23.21%	4.09%	14,864.01	19,929.48	
Topix (Japan)	1,585.86	3.15%	4.54%	21.99%	4.43%	1,192.80	1,587.23	
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	7,053.81	-1.67%	-1.21%	20.51%	10.16%	5,715.15	7,322.13	
Shangai All Share (China)	3,223.88	-2.41%	-6.33%	5.75%	-0.79%	2,910.50	3,456.92	
CSI 300 (China)	3,358.81	-2.35%	-4.51%	7.30%	1.47%	3,027.44	3,583.72	

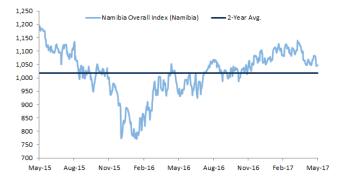
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JOHANNESBURG STOCK EXCHANGE ALL SHARE INDEX

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NAMIBIA OVERALL INDEX



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NIGERIA STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX



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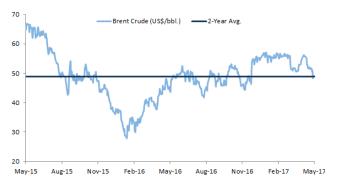


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Commodities		Change				52 Week Range	
	08/05/2017	1 Week	1 Month	1 Year	Year to Date	Low	High
Energy							
WTI Crude (US\$/bbl.)	46.11	-5.59%	-11.73%	3.25%	-14.17%	39.19	55.24
Brent Crude (US\$/bbl.)	49.01	-4.87%	-11.28%	8.02%	-13.75%	41.51	58.37
Natural Gas (US\$/MMBtu)	3.24	0.68%	-0.74%	54.07%	-13.08%	1.91	3.99
Gasoline (US\$/gal.)	150.41	-1.51%	-13.86%	0.53%	-9.67%	126.68	177.10
Coking Coal (US\$/ton)	184.37	-22.73%	-2.35%	94.71%	-20.11%	82.56	308.80
Precious Metals							
Gold (US\$/oz.)	1,231.40	-1.92%	-1.83%	-4.84%	6.92%	1,123.90	1,377.50
Silver (US\$/oz.)	16.34	-2.62%	-9.98%	-6.67%	2.20%	15.70	21.09
Platinum (US\$/oz.)	917.25	-1.52%	-2.33%	-12.21%	1.57%	889.73	1,194.64
Other Metals							
Copper (US\$/lb.)	248.00	-6.42%	-6.31%	15.30%	-1.02%	201.30	282.30
Aluminum (US\$/MT)	1,903.00	-1.09%	-2.96%	18.31%	12.40%	1,531.00	1,981.00
Zinc (US\$/MT)	2,582.00	-0.58%	-7.06%	38.74%	0.23%	1,809.00	2,985.00
Гin (US\$/MT)	19,575.00	-1.26%	-2.64%	12.82%	-7.34%	15,425.00	22,000.00
ron Ore (US\$/ton)	61.73	-10.28%	-24.29%	2.46%	-21.73%	48.18	94.86
Agriculture							
Cocoa (US\$/MT)	1,866.00	1.19%	-11.61%	-40.40%	-12.23%	1,805.00	3,237.00
Coffee (US\$/lb.)	133.10	1.56%	-3.06%	10.09%	-2.88%	120.80	176.00
Sugar (US\$/lb.)	15.42	-4.70%	-8.05%	-2.03%	-20.96%	15.12	23.90
Cotton (US\$/lb.)	79.76	-0.59%	6.53%	29.42%	12.89%	60.25	81.56
Corn (US\$)	359.50	-2.64%	0.00%	-4.39%	2.13%	301.00	439.25
Wheat (US\$)	426.00	-3.78%	0.47%	-6.01%	4.41%	359.50	524.00
Soy (US\$)	960.25	0.13%	1.94%	-6.43%	-3.64%	929.75	1,208.50

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BRENT CRUDE (US\$/BARREL)



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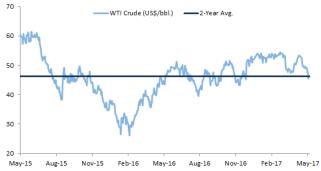
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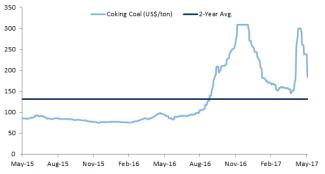


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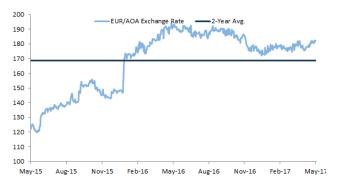


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Currencies		Change				52 Week Range	
	08/05/2017	1 Week	1 Month	1 Year	Year to Date	Low	High
Kwanza (Angola)							
Dollar (USA)	166.95	0.09%	0.42%	1.36%	0.80%	163.78	169.65
Euro	181.79	-0.53%	-3.36%	5.94%	-4.10%	171.73	193.68
Sterling (UK)	215.34	-0.72%	-4.40%	13.20%	-4.98%	198.78	253.90
Rand (South Africa)	12.28	0.83%	-3.17%	-9.15%	-1.35%	10.59	13.58
Real (Brazil)	52.24	-0.02%	1.33%	-7.90%	-2.47%	46.13	54.88
Metical (Mozambique)							
Dollar (USA)	64.00	1.56%	3.13%	-14.86%	11.53%	49.25	79.38
Euro	69.47	1.16%	0.67%	-10.73%	8.08%	54.98	89.22
Sterling (UK)	81.94	1.42%	0.02%	-4.18%	7.57%	71.74	104.52
Rand (South Africa)	4.74	2.41%	-0.08%	-24.16%	10.14%	0.48	5.82
Rand (South Africa)							
Dollar (USA)	13.51	-0.74%	3.26%	12.25%	1.69%	12.31	15.98
duro	14.81	-1.27%	-0.17%	16.54%	-2.41%	13.38	17.94
Sterling (UK)	17.54	-1.46%	-1.23%	24.68%	-3.39%	15.45	23.34
Real (Brazil)	4.26	-0.86%	4.63%	1.37%	-1.13%	3.92	4.69
Vaira (Nigeria)							
Dollar (USA)	316.99	-2.05%	-0.63%	-37.23%	-0.52%	197.00	350.25
Auro	345.45	-0.94%	-3.42%	-34.42%	-4.00%	220.58	390.34
duro							
Dollar (USA)	1.10	0.55%	3.43%	-3.72%	4.20%	1.03	1.14
Sterling (UK)	0.84	0.17%	1.09%	-6.42%	1.09%	0.76	0.94
Franc (Switzerland)	1.09	-0.04%	-1.62%	1.76%	-1.31%	1.06	1.11
(Japan)	123.33	-1.14%	-4.68%	-0.02%	-0.29%	109.57	124.65

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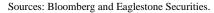
EUR/AOA EXCHANGE RATE



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US\$/ZAR EXCHANGE RATE







US\$/MZN EXCHANGE RATE



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ZAR/MZN EXCHANGE RATE

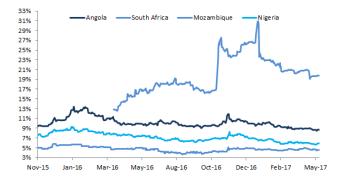


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African Eurobonds			Cha	nge		52 Week Range	
	08/05/2017	1 Week	1 Month	1 Year	Year to Date	Low	High
Angola							
(12/11/2025; 9.5%)	104.754	-0.174%	1.181%	6.892%	7.708%	85.813	106.125
	8.697%	0.029%	-0.199%	-1.001%	-1.110%	8.475%	11.916%
Dem. Republic of Congo							
(30/06/2029; 4.0%)	76.920	0.720%	2.646%	5.551%	18.484%	63.918	76.920
	9.149%	-0.123%	-0.281%	-0.190%	-1.607%	9.149%	11.248%
Ethiopia							
(11/12/2024; 6.625%)	99.614	-0.094%	2.255%	10.515%	7.585%	87.005	100.542
	6.689%	-0.075%	-0.356%	-1.265%	-1.024%	6.532%	8.836%
Gabon							
(16/06/2025; 6.95%)	99.395	0.019%	0.716%	15.074%	5.614%	81.096	100.875
	7.048%	-0.003%	-0.113%	-1.643%	-0.775%	6.808%	10.115%
Ghana							
(07/08/2023; 7.875%)	98.484	-0.661%	-0.460%	22.772%	-0.386%	79.958	101.277
	8.186%	0.140%	0.098%	-2.620%	0.089%	7.652%	12.103%
Ivory Coast							
(03/03/2028; 6.375%)	100.456	-0.595%	0.959%	6.646%	2.335%	94.100	107.735
	6.315%	0.078%	-0.121%	-0.705%	-0.281%	5.551%	7.103%
Kenya							
(24/06/2024; 6.875%)	101.404	-0.227%	0.898%	8.741%	6.536%	90.762	102.167
	6.623%	0.041%	-0.157%	-1.153%	-0.952%	6.489%	8.397%
Mozambique							
(18/01/2023; 10.5%)	72.378	0.062%	5.338%	-7.799%	19.801%	53.636	83.477
	19.764%	0.099%	-0.962%	4.561%	-5.143%	15.820%	30.906%
Namibia							
(29/10/2025; 5.25%)	101.517	-0.025%	1.327%	3.073%	3.907%	97.369	108.164
	5.028%	0.003%	-0.187%	-0.395%	-0.500%	4.183%	5.629%
Nigeria							
(12/07/2023; 6.375%)	102.660	-0.696%	0.456%	10.296%	5.702%	89.933	103.594
	5.853%	0.140%	-0.093%	-1.371%	-0.910%	5.688%	8.233%
Rwanda							
(02/05/2023; 6.625%)	102.143	#VALUE!	0.510%	4.807%	2.388%	93.364	103.140
	6.190%	-0.030%	-0.105%	-0.788%	-0.445%	6.052%	7.857%
Senegal							105.0.5
(30/07/2024; 6.25%)	102.863	0.377%	0.937%	8.719%	2.665%	91.875	105.862
a	5.758%	-0.065%	-0.160%	-1.104%	-0.425%	5.382%	7.600%
Seychelles	100 100	0.010-1	0.00.5-1		0.4017	04510	102
(01/01/2026; 7.0%)	103.123	-0.310%	0.225%	6.041%	2.401%	96.748	103.662
	7.405%	0.052%	-0.027%	-0.708%	-0.319%	7.330%	8.160%
South Africa	400.055		1 00 101				
(16/09/2025; 5.875%)	108.875	0.577%	1.991%	0.577%	1.752%	105.750	117.370
	4.582%	-0.087%	-0.176%	-0.180%	-0.276%	3.686%	5.058%
Zambia	101 500	0.40004			-		100.007
(30/07/2027; 8.97%)	106.738	-0.400%	1.473%	33.589%	7.738%	79.487	108.282
	7.990%	0.059%	-0.215%	-2.807%	-0.980%	7.806%	12.383%

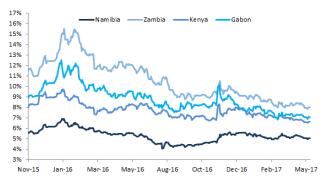
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08/05/2017	MOODYS	S&P	FITCH	MOODYS	S&P	FITCH		
Angola	B1	В	В	NR	В	В		
Botswana	A2	A-	NR	NR	A-2	NR		
Burkina Faso	NR	B-	NR	NR	В	NR		
Cameroon	B2	В	В	NR	В	NR		
Cape Verde	NR	В	В	NR	В	В		
Egypt	B3	B-	В	NR	В	В		
Ethiopia	B1	В	В	NR	В	В		
Gabon	B1	NR	B+	NR	NR	В		
Ghana	B3	B-	В	NR	В	В		
Ivory Coast	Ba3	NR	B+	NP	NR	В		
Kenya	B1	B+	B+	NR	В	В		
Lesotho	NR	NR	B+	NR	NR	В		
Mali	NR	NR	WD	NR	NR	NR		
Mauritius	Baa1	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR		
Могоссо	Ba1	BBB-	BBB-	NR	A-3	F3		
Mozambique	Caa3	SD	RD	NR	SD	С		
Namibia	Baa3	NR	BBB-	NR	NR	F3		
Nigeria	B1	В	B+	NR	В	В		
Republic of Congo	B3	B-	CCC	NR	В	С		
Republic of Zambia	B3	В	В	NR	В	В		
Rwanda	B2	В	B+	NR	В	В		
Senegal	Ba3	B+	NR	NR	В	NR		
Seychelles	NR	NR	BB-	NR	NR	В		
South Africa	Baa2	BB+	BB+	P-2	В	В		
Tunisia	Ba3	NR	B+	NR	NR	В		
Uganda	B2	В	B+	NR	В	В		

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