
MACROECONOMIC NEWS

Economic Growth:

GDP growth slowed to 5.6% in 1Q19 from 6.5% in the corresponding period of 2018. This is mainly attributed to a slowdown in the Agricultural sector where growth reduced to 5.3% from 7.5% in 1Q18.

Currency:

The KES lost 0.4% against the USD during the week as dollar demand increased. The shilling is expected to lose some ground against the USD as dollar demand remains elevated.

Inflation:

Inflation rose to 5.7% in June from 5.49% in May. However, the CPI also decreased by 0.69% mainly due to a 1.6% decline in the Food and non-alcoholic beverages index.

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