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## No IMF bias towards ‘excessive austerity’, report finds

The International Monetary Fund has not been biased towards “excessive austerity” in the post-2008 period, but still needs to make changes to the way it designs programmes, a report finds. The IMF’s Independent Evaluation Office conducted the study of growth policies in IMF programmes from 2008–2019. ([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 13/09/21)

## Central banks set monetary policy around eight times a year

Central bank policy-makers tend to meet less than once a month to decide on the setting of their main policy tools – at least in more routine times. The frequency of meetings can change, depending on economic conditions, with unscheduled, emergency meetings often convened at times of stress. ([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 14/09/21)

## Central banks split on blackout periods

Half of respondents to the Monetary Policy Benchmarks 2021 said, they operate some form of ‘blackout period’ around their policy decisions. Blackout periods, also known as ‘quiet periods’ or ‘purdah’, are when policy-makers cannot make statements related to a policy decision. Of the 32 central banks that provided data on whether they operate a blackout period, 16 said they do and 16 said they do not. ([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 14/09/21)

## Strategies for change: central banks’ quest for diversity

In July 2021, Bank of England Governor, Andrew Bailey admitted the central bank had fallen short in fostering diversity and supporting minority staff. It was a stark admission from the BoE, which on the surface has been one of the more active central banks when it comes to diversity within its walls. ([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 14/09/21)

## Cœuré issues urgent call for CBDC development

The Head of the Bank of International Settlements’ innovation hubs has urgently called on central banks to begin designing central bank digital currencies. Speaking in Slovenia on Sept. 10, Benoît Cœuré said the time has now passed for central banks to “get going” as stablecoins, bigtechs and crypto firms threatened to disrupt the payments landscape. ([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 13/09/21)

## Investors turning more bearish on global economy

Barely a tenth of respondents in a monthly fund manager survey expect a stronger global economy in the coming months, marking the lowest proportion since last April’s initial COVID-19 panic, BoFA’s Sept. edition of the survey showed. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 14/09/21)

## Job vacancies surge past one million in new record

Job vacancies have hit a record high as the economic recovery continues, according to official figures. The number of vacancies in the three months to August rose above 1m for the first time since records began in 2001. Figures also showed employee numbers were back at pre-Covid levels in Aug, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said. ([www.bbc.com](http://www.bbc.com) 14/09/21)

## Euro zone bond yields await US inflation

Euro zone bond yields hovered near two-month highs on Tuesday, with the focus on a US inflation print due later in the day. The data, due at 1230 GMT, will be watched closely before next week’s US Federal Reserve meeting. It is expected to show consumer prices. Prices rose 0.4% in August, down from 0.5% in July, according to a Reuter’s poll. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 14/09/21)

CURRENCY	BUYING		SELLING	
+USD/GBP	1.3842	(1.3847)	1.3843	(1.3848)
+USD/EUR	1.1808	(1.1829)	1.1809	(1.1830)
*GHS/USD	5.8532	(5.8532)	5.8590	(5.8590)
*GHS/GBP	8.1020	(8.1049)	8.1107	(8.1136)
*GHS/EUR	6.9118	(6.9237)	6.9186	(6.9305)

+SOURCE: BOG INTERNAL TRANSACTION RATES: 14/09/21 (Rates for 13/09/21 in brackets)

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### **PBoC opens up wealth management to Hong Kong and Macau**

The People's Bank of China is allowing qualified retail investors on the mainland to buy offshore wealth management products for the first time, in collaboration with central banks in Hong Kong and Macau. The three regulators unveiled the rules of the two-way scheme, dubbed Wealth Management Connect, on Sept 10, according to a PBoC statement. ([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 13/09/21)

### **China regulatory moves, Evergrande woes hit stocks**

A more than 1% slide in mainland China and Hong Kong stocks on Beijing's tightening control over businesses weighed on emerging markets stocks, while deepening crisis at debt-laden Evergrande saw it flag property sales drop and liquidity crunch. MSCI's index of EM stocks, which is heavily weighted towards China, lost 0.3%. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 14/09/21)

### **Chinese yuan weakens to 6.4500 against USD Tuesday**

The central parity rate of the Chinese currency renminbi, or the yuan, weakened 3 pips to 6.4500 against the US dollar, according to the China Foreign Exchange Trade System. In China's spot foreign exchange market, the yuan is allowed to rise or fall by 2 % from the central parity rate each trading day. ([www.xinhuanet.com](http://www.xinhuanet.com) 14/09/21)

### **Japan's 10-year bond yield unchanged amid equity rally**

Yields on benchmark 10-year Japanese government bonds (JGBs) were unchanged on Tuesday amid a rally in domestic equities that also countered positive results from the Finance Ministry's liquidity-enhancing bond auction. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 14/09/21)

### **Foreign direct investment into India to stay robust**

International investors remain confident of India's short- and long-term growth prospects and are readying plans to make additional and new investments in the country, according to a survey of 1200 business leaders released by Deloitte. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 14/09/21)

### **European shares seen higher ahead of us inflation data**

European stocks are seen opening on a positive note Tuesday as investors wait for US Aug inflation data due out later in the day for directional cues. The pan European Stoxx 600 gained 0.3%. The German DAX and the UK's FTSE 100 both rose around 0.6% while France's CAC 40 index inched up 0.2%. ([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 14/09/21)

### **Oil prices advance amid continued supply concerns**

Reflecting lingering concerns about US supply, the price of crude oil showed a notable move to the upside during trading on Monday. After jumping \$1.58 or 2.3% to \$69.72 a barrel last Friday, crude for Oct; delivery climbed \$0.73 or 1% to \$70.45 a barrel. The increase in the price of crude oil also came as OPEC lowered its forecast for oil demand in the fourth quarter of 2021, but raised the outlook for oil demand in 2022.

([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 13/09/21)

### **Remittances to Nigeria, others might drop to \$41bn this year**

Remittances to Nigeria and other African countries are expected to decrease by 5.4% from \$44bn in 2020 to a projected total of \$41bn in 2021, due to the effects of COVID-19 pandemic, according to findings of Continental Migration Report 2021. The report titled, "African regional review of implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration," was produced by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) in partnership with the African Union Commission (AUC).

([www.guardian.ng](http://www.guardian.ng) 14/09/21)

### **World Bank values Ghana's agriculture sector at \$12.1bn**

Ghana's agriculture sector, according to the World Bank Group commanded a total value \$12.1bn in 2019. According to the Bretton Wood institution, the sector's contribution to GDP for the same year was 17.3 percentage points recording an annual average growth rate of 5.2% between 2017-2020.

([www.norvanreports.com](http://www.norvanreports.com) 14/09/21)

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