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## **GLOSSARY**

AfCFTA	African Continental Free Trade Area
BOF	Budget Office of the Federation
CBN	Central Bank of Nigeria
DSA	Debt Sustainability Analysis
DMO	Debt Management Office
FCT	Federal Capital Territory
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
FGN	Federal Government of Nigeria
FMBNP	Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning
FRA	Fiscal Responsibility Act
FSP	Fiscal Strategy Paper
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
I&E	Investors and Exporters
ICM	International Capital Market
IMF	International Monetary Fund
MAC	Market Access Countries
MTDS	Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy
MTEF	Medium-Term Expenditure Framework
NDP	National Development Plan
NBS	National Bureau of Statistics
OAGF	Office of Accountant-General of the Federation
PIA	Petroleum Industry Act

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### 1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 The Market Access Country-Debt Sustainability Analysis (MAC-DSA) Framework was used for 2022 DSA as in 2021. The MAC-DSA Template was used due to the fairly large amount of market-sourced funds in the Total Public Debt Stock, accounting for USD65.464bn (63 percent) of the Total Public Debt Stock of USD103.110bn as at September 30, 2022. The share of market-based securities in the External Debt Stock was 39.38 percent while that of Domestic Debt Stock is about 100 percent. Nigeria started using the Framework in 2021 following its classification as a Lower-Middle Income country and the rising share of market-based securities in its debt stock.
- 1.1.2 The objective of the 2022 MAC-DSA exercise is to assess the country's capacity to service its current and future debt obligations under both Baseline and Alternative (Shock) Scenarios. The outcomes serve as key inputs into Nigeria's Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF), the Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP), and the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) Annual Budget.
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### 1.2 Methodology

- 1.2.1 **Country Classification and Benchmarks:** The International Monetary Fund (IMF) classified Nigeria under the Emerging Market and Developing Country in its October 2022 World Economic Outlook (WEO) and in the Lower Scrutiny category of Emerging Market under the MAC-DSA Framework. This means that Nigeria is required to prepare only the basic MAC-DSA covering Baseline and Alternative Scenarios. Accordingly, Nigeria's 2022 MAC-DSA was prepared under the Lower Scrutiny category, but with additional country specific risks analyses for more in-depth sustainability assessment of the Total Public Debt stock.
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Benchmark of FGN Debt Service-to-Revenue ratio of 50 percent, in view of the threat to debt sustainability, due to high Debt Service-to-Revenue ratio.

1.2.3 The MAC-DSA Analytical Tool has an in-built 10-year data requirements (2012-2021) with 2022 as the base year, and a 5-year data projection (2023-2027) under various macroeconomic assumptions. The analyses cover Baseline, and Alternative scenarios, as well as other analyses, both of which include Realism of the Baseline Scenario, Vulnerability of the Debt Profile, Sensitivity to Macro-Fiscal Risk and Contingent Liabilities.

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## **2.1 Macroeconomic Assumptions (Baseline Scenario)**

2.1.1 The Baseline macroeconomic assumptions were those in the 2023-2025 MTEF and FSP based on which the 2023 Appropriation Act (2023 Repeal and Re-enactment Act) was formulated. The assumptions incorporate the relevant pillars and priorities of the National Development Plan (NDP), 2021-2025 taking into cognizance the current realities and changes in the economy in terms of output (GDP) and inflation.

2.1.2 Data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) showed that the real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew by 3.55 percent in the third quarter of 2022. The real GDP is projected to grow at the rates of 3.75, 3.30, 3.46 percent in 2023, 2024 and 2025, respectively. This will be driven by improvements in agricultural activities and in the operating environments for e-business and investments, as securities related challenges continue to decline. Inflation, much of which is imported, occasion by Russian war in Ukraine is projected to remain high at 17.16 percent in 2023. It is expected to gradually decline to 16.21 percent in 2024, as authorities implement policies aimed at stabilizing the local operating macroeconomic environment. Note that the projected inflation rate of 17.16 percent in 2023 is higher than 14.93 percent projected in the NDP for 2023 to reflect current realities.

2.1.3 The projection of the New Financing in the MTEF was projected to be in line with the Nigeria's MTDS, 2020-2023, which recommends more borrowing from domestic sources using long-term instruments relative to external sources. The MTDS targets 70:30 domestic and external debt composition, and 75:25 ratio for long and short-term debts with respect to domestic debt instruments. The MTDS also prioritize concessional and semi-concessional funding from multilateral and bilateral sources over market financing in the case of external borrowing. It is important to note that debt financing of Government deficit has been mainly from domestic sources in 2022 due to restricted market access for countries like Nigeria with below investment grade credits. This arose from global inflation and contractionary monetary policy actions of central banks of advanced economies that triggered reversal of capital flows from emerging markets. We expect the restriction in access to the International Capital Market (ICM) to continue in the near term, given the downgrade of Nigeria's credit rating by Moody's Investor Services to Caa1 from B3 in January, 2023. Meanwhile, it is assumed that external financing may be available from other non-concessional sources such as Development Finance Institutions (DFIs), Export Credit Agencies (ECAs) and International banks loan syndication to bridge the financing gaps.

## **2.2 Alternative Scenario (Shock Scenario)**

2.2.1 The Alternative or Shock Scenario assumes that the fiscal and monetary conditions and the general operating macroeconomic environment will deteriorate should Government fail to address the current economic challenges such as low revenues, subsidy on premium motor spirit and foreign exchange scarcity. The current inflation rate is projected to maintain an upward trend through 2023 and 2024, leading to higher interest rates and monetary policy tightening. This will lead to reduction in GDP and widening of the fiscal deficit. Consequently, real GDP growth is projected to decline sharply to 0.5 and 0.1 percent in 2023 and 2024, respectively, relative to 3.75 and 3.30 percent in the Baseline Scenario, while the Primary Balance (the difference between Federal Government Revenue and Non-Interest Expenditure) is projected to widen to -3.7 and -1.7 percent in 2023 and 2024, respectively, against the -2.2 and -0.7 in the Baseline Scenario.

2.2.2 In addition, Nominal Exchange rate is projected to depreciate to USD1/N646.7 from USD1/N435.57 in the MTEF, 2023-2025, while Interest Rate is increased by 200 basis points on an annual basis from 2023 to 2027, Contingent Liabilities in the range of ₦4.58 trillion as at December 2021 are expected to crystalize and add to the Public Debt stock. These have been included in the Total Public Debt stock

### 3.1 Key Outcomes

3.1.1 Tables 1 and 2 present the results under the Baseline and Alternative Scenarios, with respect to Total Public Debt, Gross Financing Needs, FGN Debt Service-to-Revenue and their respective risk assessment from 2023-2027.

**Table 1: Summary of Total Public Debt Sustainability Assessment**

Details	Threshold	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Total Public Debt-to-GDP (%)</b>	<b>40*</b>						
<i>Baseline</i>		23.4	37.1	37.2	37.0	36.6	35.3
<i>Alternative (Shocks)</i>		25.7	45.4	47.5	49.0	50.6	51.6
<b>Gross Financing Needs-to-GDP (%)</b>	<b>15**</b>						
<i>Baseline</i>		5.3	7.2	6.0	6.1	5.6	5.0
<i>Alternative (Shocks)</i>		5.3	8.8	8.0	8.7	9.0	9.1
<b>FGN Debt Service-to-Revenues (%)</b>	<b>50***</b>						
<i>Baseline</i>		36.5	73.5	95.6	105.4	83.5	86.3
<i>Alternative (Shocks)</i>		36.5	142.3	162.9	166.0	152.04	148.61

Note:

i. \* Nigeria's Self-Imposed Limit

\*\* MAC-DSA Threshold

\*\*\* Nigeria's Recommended Threshold

ii. Gross Financing Needs is Primary Deficit plus Debt Service (interest payment, principal repayment and other charges)

**Table 2: Summary of Total Public Debt Risks Assessment**

Details	Threshold	Outcome	Assessment
<b>Bond Spread (in Basis Points)</b>	600	947	High
<b>Annual Change in Short-term Debt (in percent of Total Debt)</b>	1.0	1.3	High
<b>Public Debt Held by Non-Resident (in percent of Total Debt)</b>	45	40	Moderate
<b>Public Debt in Foreign Currency (in percent of Total Debt)</b>	60	40	Moderate

#### a. Baseline Scenario

i. Table 1 shows that in spite of the increase in the debt stock, the Total Public Debt-to-GDP ratio at 37.1 percent in 2023 and thereafter to 2027 remained below the Nigeria's self-imposed limit of 40 percent, but this was due to the growth in GDP.

ii. The Gross Financing Needs-to-GDP ratio remained below its threshold of 15 percent throughout the projection period.

- iii. The FGN Debt Service-to-Revenue ratio beginning at 73.5 percent in 2023 to 2027 exceeded the Nigeria's recommended limit of 50 percent, due to low revenue performance of the Government.

#### **b. Alternative Scenario**

i. Although the outcomes of the MAC-DSA exercise under the Baseline Scenario indicate that the Total Public Debt-to-GDP and Gross Financing Needs-to-GDP ratios would remain within their respective thresholds of 40 percent and 15 percent, respectively, the outcomes under the Alternative Scenario are different. In Table 1, the Total Public Debt-to-GDP ratio exceeded the Nigeria's self-imposed limit of 40 percent at 45.4 percent in 2023, and thereafter to 2027. The Gross Financing Needs-to-GDP ratio increased to 9.1 percent in 2027, while the FGN Debt Service-to-Revenue ratio is relatively much higher than the threshold and Baseline Scenario, because of high mismatch between the country's revenue outlay and its expenditure profile and total GDP.

3.1.2 Table 2 presents the result in respect to Market Financing shocks, which is risk arising from increase in interest rates leading to high cost of borrowing, due to financial market uncertainties occasioned by Russian war in Ukraine. The Nigeria's 10-year Bond relative to United States 10 years Government Bond Spread exceeded the threshold of 600 basis points at 947 basis points (average between July to October, 2022). The share of Short-Term Debt to Total Public Debt exceeded the threshold of 1.0 percent, showing an increase in short-term debt in the Total Public Debt stock. The proportions of Total Public Debt held by Non-Resident and Public Debt in Foreign Currency are within their respective thresholds.

### **3.2 Summary of Findings**

3.2.1 The 2022 MAC-DSA exercise discloses the following:

- i. The projected Total Public Debt-to-GDP ratio increased to 37.1 percent in 2023, under the Baseline Scenario from 23.4 percent in 2022, due mainly to the inclusion of Ways and Means Advances at the CBN, Promissory Notes and New Borrowing for the year 2023 in the Debt Stock. There is very little borrowing space when compared to the Nigeria's self-imposed limit of Total Public Debt-to-GDP ratio of 40 percent set in the 2020-2023 MTDS under the Baseline Scenario. Under the Alternative Scenario, the self-imposed limit was exceeded at 45.4 percent.

- ii. The projected FGN Debt Service-to-Revenue ratio under the Baseline Scenario exceeded the Nigeria’s recommended threshold of 50 percent in 2023 at 73.5 percent. This highlights the need to grow revenues in the short to long-term in order to moderate this ratio.
- iii. The projected Eurobond Yield Spread widened from the 316 basis points obtained in 2022 to 947 basis points in the current exercise suggesting an increase in cost of new borrowings.
- iv. The proportion of Short-Term Debt in the Total Public Debt increased to 1.3 percent in 2023 from 1.1 percent in 2022. This is slightly higher than the threshold of 1.0 percent, which indicates some elements of refinancing risk.
- v. The Shares of Debt held by Non-Residents and denominated in Foreign Currency are within their respective thresholds.

### 3.3 Conclusion

**The analysis of the results of 2022 MAC-DSA shows that the Total Public Debt-to-GDP ratio is projected to increase to 37.1 percent in 2023 relative to 23.4 percent as at September 2022, due to the inclusion of the N8.80 trillion (New Borrowings) for the year 2023, the FGN Ways and Means at the CBN of over N23 trillion and estimated Promissory Notes issuance of N2.87 trillion in the Debt stock under the Baseline Scenario. The Country’s Debt stock remains sustainable under these criteria, but the borrowing space has been reduced when compared to the Nigeria’s self-imposed debt limit of 40 percent set in the MTDS, 2020-2023. On the other hand, FGN Debt Service-to-Revenue ratio at 73.5 percent in 2023 exceeds the recommended threshold of 50 percent due to low revenue, which means that there is need to significantly increase Government revenue. Under the Alternative Scenario, the Total Public Debt-to-GDP ratio at 45.4 percent in 2023 exceeds the Nigeria’s self-imposed debt limit of 40 percent, while the FGN Debt Service-to-Revenue also exceeds the recommended threshold of 50 percent.**

### 3.4 Recommendations

- 3.4.1 Based on the analysis of the results of the 2022 MAC-DSA, the DMO recommends the following:
  - i. Although the Baseline analysis projects Total Public Debt-to-GDP ratio at 37.1 percent for 2023 indicating a borrowing space of 2.9 percent (equivalent of about N14.66 trillion) when compared to the self-imposed limit of 40 percent, it is recommended that this should not be used as a basis for higher level of borrowing as was the case in the 2023 Budget. This is

because the outcome of the Shock Scenario, which is more realistic in the circumstances, exceeded the self-imposed limit.

- ii. The projected FGN Debt Service-to-Revenue ratio at 73.5 percent for 2023 is high and a threat to debt sustainability. It means that the revenue profile cannot support higher levels of borrowing. Attaining a sustainable FGN Debt Service-to-Revenue ratio would require an increase of FGN Revenue from N10.49 trillion projected in 2023 Budget to about N15.5 trillion.
- iii. With respect to expansion in fiscal deficit, there is need to strictly adhere to the provision of extant legislations on Government borrowing, especially the Fiscal Responsibility Act 2007 and Central Bank of Nigeria Act, 2007 as it relates to Ways and Means Advances, in order to moderate the growth rate of public debt.
- iv. There is urgent need to pay more attention to revenue generation by implementing far reaching revenue mobilization initiatives and reforms including the Strategic Revenue Growth Initiatives and all its pillars with a view to raising the country's tax revenue to GDP ratio from about 7 percent (one of the lowest in the world) to that of its peer.
- v. Government should encourage the private sector fund infrastructure projects through the Public-Private Partnership schemes and take out capital projects in the Budget that are being funded from borrowing, thereby reduce budget deficit and borrowing.
- vi. Government can reduce borrowing through privatization and/or sale of Government assets.

# CHAPTER ONE

## BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE

### 1.1 Background

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1.2.3 The 2021 MAC-DSA Report is divided into six (6) Chapters, as outlined below:

Chapter 1 - Background and Objective

Chapter 2 - Methodology, Scope of Debt Coverage and Benchmarks

Chapter 3 - Debt Portfolio Review and Realism of Baseline Forecast

Chapter 4 - Macroeconomic Assumptions

Chapter 5 - Stress Test Scenario, Fan Chart, Heat Map and Alternative Scenario

Chapter 6 – Summary of Findings, Conclusion and Recommendations

## CHAPTER TWO

### METHODOLOGY, SCOPE OF DEBT COVERAGE AND BENCHMARKS

#### 2.1 Methodology

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(MTDS), 2020-2023. For prudency, 2022 MAC-DSA exercise also incorporated an upper limit Benchmark of FGN Debt Service-to-Revenue ratio of 50 percent, in view of the threat to debt sustainability, due to high Debt Service-to-Revenue ratio.

Table 2.1 shows the Debt Burden Benchmarks.

**Table 2.1: Debt Burden Benchmarks**

S/N	Indicators	MAC-DSA	DMO's Self-imposed
I	Total Public Debt-to-GDP ratio (in Percent)	70	40
ii	Gross Financing Needs-to-GDP (in Percent)	15	-
iii	FGN Debt Service-to-Revenue	-	50

Note:

- i. Gross Financing Needs is defined as Primary Deficit plus Debt Service
- ii. Debt Service comprises of Interest payment, Principal Repayment and other Charges

Table 2.2 shows the Risk Indicators for the Emerging Market Debt Profile, and their respective Benchmarks.

**Table 2.2: Risk Indicators and Benchmarks for Emerging Market Debt Profile**

S/N	Indicators	Risk Measure	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
<b>Debt Profile Indicators</b>					
1	Bond Spread (basis points)	Liquidity/Refinancing	Below 200	Between 200 and 600	Above 600
2	External Financing Requirements (% of GDP)	Liquidity/Refinancing	Below 5	Between 5 and 15	Above 15
3	Share of Public Debt in Foreign Currency (in Percent of Total Public Debt)	Exchange rate	Below 20	Between 20 and 60	Above 60
4	Share of Debt held by Non-residents (in Percent of Total Public Debt)	Exchange Rate	Below 15	Between 15 and 45	Above 45
5	Share of Short-term in Total Public Debt (in Percent of Total Public Debt)	Refinancing	Below 0.5	Between 0.5 and 1.0	Above 1.0

## 2.4 Macro-Fiscal Shocks

2.4.1 The MAC-DSA Framework assesses risks associated with the Baseline Scenario mainly through Sensitivity Analysis. The Baseline Scenario is the basic projections of macroeconomic variables used as a reference for analysis, in which the outcomes assume that the current economic condition will be continued in the future. Shocks are applied to the Baseline Scenario to present the

impact of the shocks on the debt burden indicators. The shocks and their details are presented in Table 2.3 below.

**Table 2.3: Macro-Fiscal Shocks**

S/N	Shocks	Details
i.	Primary Balance	Widening of the Primary Balance (The difference between Federal Government Revenue and Non-Interest Expenditure) to -2.3 and -2.2 percent in 2023 and 2024, respectively, against the -2.2 and -0.7 in the Baseline Scenario.
ii	Real GDP Growth	Lowering of the real GDP growth by 1 standard deviation and increasing inflation by 25 basis points giving rise to a decline in real GDP growth to 1.0 and 0.6 percent in 2023 and 2024, respectively, relative to 3.7 and 3.3 percent in the Baseline Scenario.
iii.	Interest Rate	Interest rate is assumed to increase by 200 basis points
iv	Exchange Rate	The Exchange rate set forth in the MTEF is projected to increase by 38 percent.
v.	Combined Macro-Fiscal	The Macro-Fiscal Shock combines the real GDP growth, real interest rate, real exchange rate and the primary balance shocks to determine the impact of Macro-Fiscal shock on the Total Public Debt-to-GDP ratio.

## 2.5 Realism of Forecast

2.5.1 The Realism Tools are used to assess the credibility of the Baseline projections. The Tools and their details are shown in Table 2.4.

**Table 2.4: Realism Tools**

S/N	Tools	Details
i.	Past Forecast Error	It assesses whether the Baseline projections are consistent with the macroeconomic variables (growth, primary balance, and inflation) with the historical data and cross-country experience. A large forecast error is an indication of persistent optimism in the past projections.
ii	Projected Fiscal Adjustment	It assesses the realism of projected Fiscal Adjustment compared with the historical experience of the country and other countries' experiences. This is to guide against over-optimistic projection. The 3-year Cumulative Primary Balance Adjustment has a threshold of 3% of GDP for both the Advanced Economies and Emerging Market Countries.
iii.	Boom-Bust Analysis	The Boom-Bust tool compares growth assumptions for a country to the historical experience of boom-bust cases to serve as a reality check for growth countries. It applies to a country that may be in a boom with the likelihood of entering a bust that would increase the stock of Contingent Liabilities. It is triggered when Output has been greater than potential or projected Output for three years.

## 2.6 Fan Chart

2.6.1 Fan Chart presents the future pathways of debt ratios considering uncertainties of macroeconomic variables such as GDP growth rates, interest and exchange rates and inflation. In the Symmetric Fan Chart the upside risks match downside risks, whereas the Asymmetric Fan Chart presents the best assessment of the likelihood of risks.

## 2.7 Heat Map

2.7.1 The Heat Map summarizes in one place the results of the Template, but does not present the overall risk of debt distress rating. The result of the Heat Map combines with the Fan Chart and the Country-specific factors to determine the country's Overall Rating of risk of debt distress. The first and second rows assess the debt burden indicators, and the third row summarizes the Level of debt risks, which are classified low (green), moderate (yellow) and high (red), and as shown in Table 2.6

**Table 2.6: Heat Map (Risk Level)**

<b>Risk Level</b>	<b>Baseline Above Benchmark</b>	<b>Stress Test Above Benchmark</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>Low</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>	Where the debt burden indicator is below the benchmark under both the baseline and the stress test in any year of projection
<b>Moderate</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	Where the debt burden indicator is below the benchmark in the baseline, but above it in the stress test in any year of projection
<b>High</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>	Where the debt burden indicator is above the upper benchmark for that indicator for both the baseline and stress test

## CHAPTER THREE

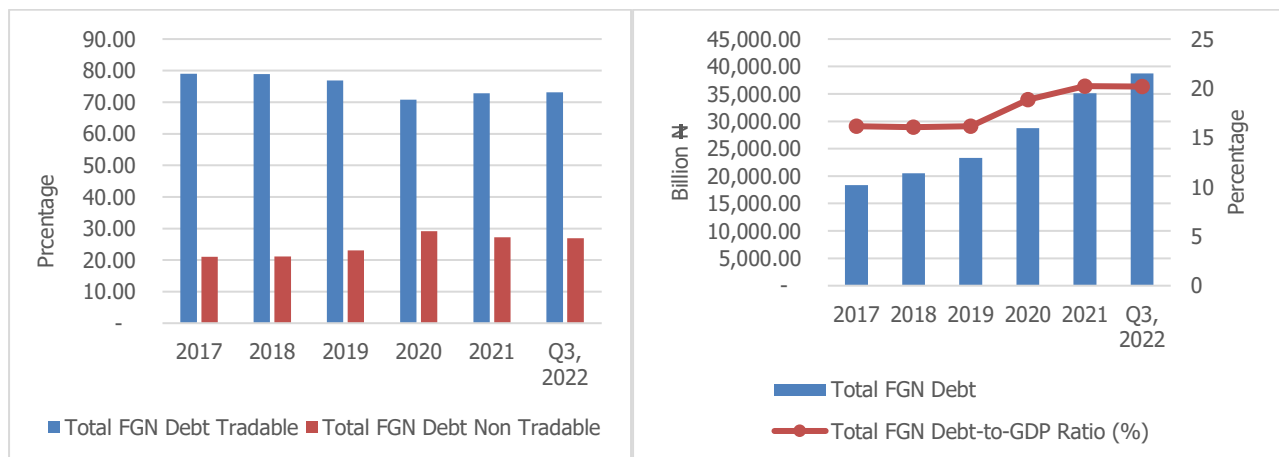
### DEBT PORTFOLIO REVIEW AND REALISM OF BASELINE FORECAST

#### 3.1 Debt Portfolio Review

3.1.1 The Total Public Debt-to-GDP ratio continued to increase to 22.97 percent as at September 30, 2022 from 20.23 percent in 2021, driven by new Borrowing, given the contraction in the real GDP growth rate of -1.9 percent and a larger fiscal deficit arising from the decline in revenue. This ratio remained below the Self-Imposed Limit of 40 percent of the GDP set in the MTDS, 2020-2023, and 70 percent in MAC-DSA benchmark and Economic Community of West African States' convergence threshold of 70 percent.

3.1.2 Total Public Debt has continued to be dominated by Tradeable (Market-Based) Debt with share of market-based accounting for 64 percent of the Total FGN Debt, (15 percent of External and 49 percent of Domestic) as at September 30, 2022. The currency composition of Total FGN Debt showed that Local Currency Debt (Domestic Debt) has a higher share of the Total Public Debt at 55.69 percent, while the Debt denominated in Foreign Currency (External Debt) was 44.31 percent as at September 30, 2022, against the target of 70:30 in the MTDS, 2020-2023. The share of Short-term debt has remained insignificant over the years. See Figures 3.1 to 3.4.

Figure 3.1: Total FGN Debt - Tradable and Non-Tradable Debts, 2017 – Q3,2022      Figure 3.2: Total FGN Debt and Total Public Debt to GDP Ratio (%), 2017 – Q3,2022

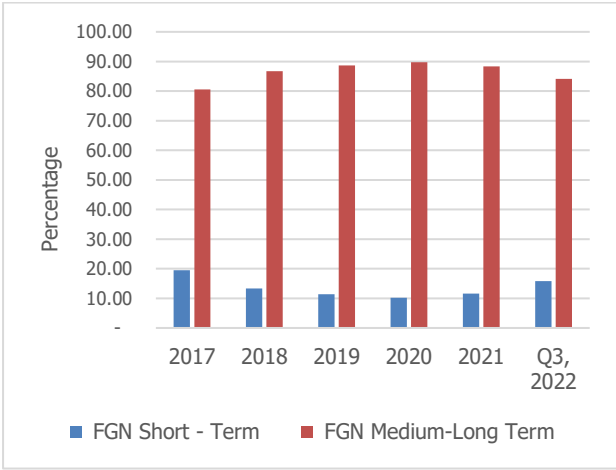


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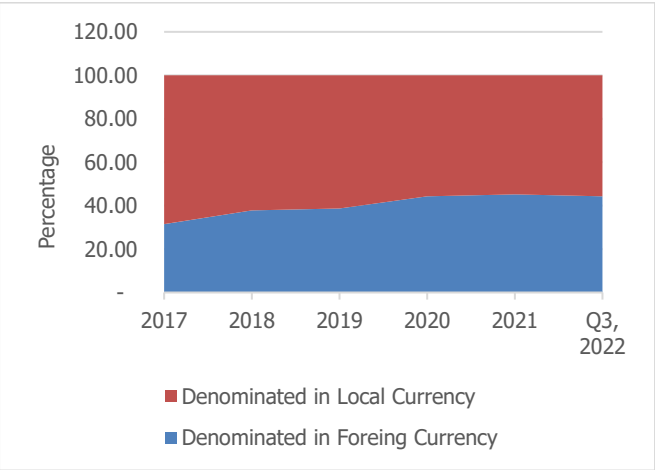
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Figure 3.3: Total FGN Debt – Short-Term and Medium-Long-Term Debts, 2017-Q3,2022

Figure 3.4: Total FGN Debt by Currency Composition, 2017-Q3,2022



Source: Debt Management Office



Source: Debt Management Office

## CHAPTER FOUR MACROECONOMIC ASSUMPTIONS

### 4.1. Baseline Assumptions

4.1.1 The Baseline macroeconomic assumptions were those in the 2023-2025 MTEF and FSP based on which the 2023 Appropriation Act (2023 Repeal and Re-enactment Act) was formulated. The assumptions incorporate the relevant pillars and priorities of the National Development Plan (NDP), 2021-2025 taking into cognizance the current realities and changes in the economy in terms of output (GDP) and inflation. The key macroeconomic assumptions are summarized in Table 4.1 and the details in Box 4.1

**Table 4.1: Selected Macroeconomic indicators, 2022-2027**

Indicators	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Real GDP Growth (%)</b>	3.55	3.75	3.30	3.46	3.45	3.66
<b>Real GDP Growth (N'TRN)</b>	74.96	77.77	80.34	83.11	85.98	89.13
<b>Nominal GDP (N'TRN)</b>	198.93	225.51	252.18	280.80	314.32	353.94
<b>Inflation (%)</b>	13.00	17.16	16.21	17.21	14.36	14.19
<b>Revenue (N'TRN)</b>	9.97	10.49	10.87	12.11	16.40	19.70
<b>Deficit/GDP (%)</b>	3.81	4.24	3.55	4.13	2.54	2.22
<b>Exchange Rate (USD1/N)</b>	410.15	435.57	435.92	437.57	445	445
<b>New Borrowing (N'TRN)</b>	6.92	8.80	8.84	10.62	7.98	7.68
<i>Domestic Borrowing (N'BN)</i>	<i>4.35</i>	<i>7.04</i>	<i>7.07</i>	<i>8.50</i>	6.38	6.14
<i>External Borrowing (N'BN)</i>	<i>2.57</i>	<i>1.76</i>	<i>1.77</i>	<i>2.12</i>	1.60	1.54

Source: Federal Ministry of Finance, Budget and National Planning (Budget 2022 and MTEF, 2023-2025), and DSA Team projections (2026-2027)

### Box 4.1: Baseline Scenario Assumptions

**Real and Nominal GDP Growth:** Despite the lingering effect of the Covid-19 pandemic and the on-going war in Ukraine and security challenges, the country's growth projections in the NDP were reviewed downwards. Real GDP growth is projected at 3.55 percent and 3.75 percent in 2022 and 2023, respectively. On average, real GDP is expected to grow by 3.53 percent per annum from 2022-2027, which is above the potential real GDP growth of 2.35 percent per annum during the corresponding period. In nominal terms, GDP is anticipated to grow by 14.64 percent in 2022, 13.35 percent in 2023, and an average of 12.62 percent from 2022-2027. This is above the potential nominal growth of 11.89 percent from 2022-2027. Dangote refinery is expected to come on stream during the period thereby moderating the contraction in the oil refining sub-sector and supporting the manufacturing sector.

The value of nominal GDP is projected at ₦198,930.02 billion in 2022, ₦225,482.49 billion in 2023, and ₦353,941.37 billion in 2027. Similarly, the consumption expenditure at current purchasers' value is expected to expand from ₦120,172.58 billion in 2022 to ₦121,933.05 billion in 2023 and ₦129,291.02 billion in 2027.

**Inflation Rate.** The Nigerian economy, just like the global economy, is experiencing rising inflation, due to the heightened economic and geopolitical uncertainties and disruptions in energy and commodity markets resulting from the lingering effect of the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing war in Ukraine. The headline inflation on a year-on-year basis increased to 16.98 percent in 2021 from 13.20 percent in 2020. It was expected that addressing security challenges in the country affecting agriculture and food production, as well as and oil theft affecting crude production, as well as the war in Ukraine is resolved, the war-induced global commodity price increases will decline, these would result in lowering inflation to 13.00 percent in 2022. However, the headline inflation on a year-on-year basis is projected at 17.16,16.21 and 17.21 percent in 2023, 2024 and 2025, respectively, on account of sustained upward pressure on prices expected to be driven by the current and lag effect of global price surge, due to the war in Ukraine, domestic insecurity, rising costs of imports, exchange rate depreciation, as well as supply bottlenecks.

**Export:** Export is expected to grow in the medium to long-term projected period, driven largely by anticipated improvement in the non-oil sector, as the government's efforts to diversify the economy yield positive results. Specifically, the policy measures in the critical sectors of the economy, particularly the interventions by the CBN are expected to drive this improvement. In addition, high commodity prices as a result of the lingering effect of COVID-19 and the Russia-Ukraine unrest are expected to improve non-oil export. Furthermore, the commencement of trading under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement is also expected to improve non-oil export. Similarly, crude oil and gas export is expected to grow, in the short to medium term. The growth would be supported by the sustained high prices at the international market and the expected gradual global economic recovery, which is likely to boost demand.

**Current Account Position:** The current account balance is expected to swing to the traditional surplus position in the short-term, driven largely by the steady rise in crude oil and gas prices at the international market and sustained inflow of remittances, as well as the improvement in non-oil export receipts. The surplus in the current account would be sustained in the medium to long-term horizon.

**Foreign Direct Investments:** The negative effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on global capital flows which has affected the inflow of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into the country is expected to further dampen the growth of FDI in the short-term. However, improved macroeconomic conditions, economic reforms, particularly structural reforms in critical areas such as infrastructural development, and the implementation of the Petroleum Industry Act are the major factors expected to drive growth in FDI inflow in the medium to long term.

**External Reserves:** External reserves at end-December 2022 was US\$37.39 billion, lower than the US\$42.60 billion in 2021. The level of External Reserves could finance 5.4 months of goods and services or 7.1 months for goods only, compared to 7.3 months or 9.6 months, respectively, in 2021. The external reserves is expected to remain comfortably above the international benchmark of 3.0 months of import cover in the medium to long-term horizon, hinged on the sustained improvement in crude oil production as government intensifies efforts to address the existing production challenges. In addition, the current account surplus in the medium to long-term horizon is assumed to support the maintenance of buoyant external reserves.

**Nominal Exchange Rate:** The effort of the CBN to unify the exchange rate in all the segments of the market led to further adjustment of the nominal exchange rate by adopting the Investors' and Exporters' window rate as the official exchange rate. Once the unification of the exchange rate is achieved within the shortest term, the nominal exchange rate is expected to remain stable in the medium and long-term, driven by the sustained and robust foreign exchange policy of the CBN aimed at enhancing the inflow of foreign exchange into the economy. The recent exchange rate reforms undertaken by the CBN to block leakages and ensure the enhanced inflow of remittances by Nigerians in the Diaspora is expected to further boost liquidity in the foreign exchange market, thereby curbing demand pressure in the short-term horizon.

**Fiscal Deficit:** Fiscal deficit in the 2022 appropriation act (amended) was ₦6.21 trillion or 3.37 percent of GDP, compared to ₦5.74 trillion or 4.02 percent of GDP in 2021 (2021 Budget and Supplementary). The fiscal

deficit is projected to stand at ₦9.04 trillion or 4.00 percent in 2023, ₦8.94 trillion or 3.55 percent in 2024 and ₦11.62 trillion or 4.13 percent in 2025. The deficits are above the threshold of 3 percent of GDP set by the Fiscal Responsibility Act, 2007, due to the economic challenge attributed to the Covid-19 pandemic. The deficit as a percentage of GDP is expected to start declining below the threshold from 2025 to the end of the projection period consistent with the projected faster growth of the GDP.

**New Financing:** New Financing in the MTEF was projected to be in line with the Nigeria's MTDS, 2020-2023, which recommends more borrowing from domestic sources using long-term instruments relative to external sources. The MTDS targets 70:30 domestic and external debt composition, and 75:25 ratio for long and short-term debts with respect to domestic debt instruments. The MTDS also prioritize concessional and semi-concessional funding from multilateral and bilateral sources over market financing in the case of external borrowing. It is important to note that debt financing of Government deficit has been mainly from domestic sources in 2022 due to restricted market access for countries like Nigeria with below investment grade credits. This arose from global inflation and contractionary monetary policy actions of central banks of advanced economies that triggered reversal of capital flows from emerging markets. We expect the restriction in access to the International Capital Market (ICM) to continue in the near term, given the downgrade of Nigeria's credit rating by Moody's Investor Services to Caa1 from B3 in January, 2023. Meanwhile, it is assumed that external financing may be available from other non-concessional sources such as Development Finance Institutions (DFIs), Export Credit Agencies (ECAs) and International banks loan syndication to bridge the financing gaps.

## 4.2 Alternative Scenario (Shock Scenario)

4.2.1 The Alternative or Shock Scenario assumes that the fiscal and monetary conditions and the general operating macroeconomic environment will deteriorate should Government fail to address the current economic challenges such as low revenues, subsidy on premium motor spirit and foreign exchange scarcity. The current inflationary trend is projected to maintain an upward trend through 2023 and 2024, leading to higher interest rates and tightening. These will further have negative impact on the real sector, and therefore employment and output (GDP). Consequently, real GDP growth is projected to decline to 0.5 percent in 2023 and 0.1 percent in 2024 relative to 3.75 and 3.30 percent in the Baseline Scenario, respectively. The Primary Balance (the difference between Federal Government Revenue and Non-Interest Expenditure) is projected to widen to -3.7 and -1.7 percent in 2023 and 2024 as against -2.2 and -0.7 in the Baseline Scenario, respectively.

4.2.2 In addition, Nominal Exchange rate is projected to depreciate to USD1/N646.7 from USD1/N435.57 in the MTEF, 2023-2025, while Interest Rate is increased by 200 basis points on an annual basis from 2023 to 2027, Contingent Liabilities in the range of ₦4.58 trillion as at December 2021 are expected to crystalize and add to the Public Debt stock. These have been included in the Total Public Debt stock.

## CHAPTER FIVE

### REALISM OF BASLINE FORECAST, FAN CHART AND HEAT MAP

#### 5.1 Realism of Baseline Forecast

##### 5.1.1 Forecast Error

Nigerian Median Forecast Errors are -1.18, -2.46 and -1.37 percent for real GDP growth, Primary Balance and Inflation, respectively, with Percentile Ranks of 21, 14 and 17 percent. These negative forecast errors show some optimism, meaning that the projected values are relatively higher than the actual values. The forecast errors were mainly from the Primary Balance forecast in the past years caused by oil price volatilities (Figures 5.1 and 5.2).

##### 5.1.2 Primary Balance

The 3-year Average Level of Cyclically-Adjusted Primary Balance at 2.51 percent of the GDP is less than the 3.5 percent of the GDP benchmark, indicating that the Primary Balance forecast was reasonable, when compared to other countries in Emerging Markets (Figure 5.2).

##### 5.1.3 Boom-Bust Analysis

The Boom-Bust Analysis does not apply to Nigeria due to the very low Private Sector Credit-to-GDP ratio. Data from the CBN shows that Private Sector Credit, which is the Banking System's Credit to the private sector as a percentage of GDP was on the average at about 3.7 percent in the past three years, 2019 to 2021, compared to the Benchmark of 15 percent (Figure 5.2).

#### 5.2 Fan Chart

5.2.1 The Fan Chart presents the possible evolution of Total Public Debt over the medium-term and are based on Symmetric and Asymmetric distribution of risks. Under the Symmetric distribution, there is a probability that the Debt level would remain below 45 percent of the GDP over the medium-term. In the Asymmetric distribution with no positive shock to Primary Balance and zero as the maximum positive Primary Balance shock as percent of GDP, there is the probability that the Debt level would also remain below the 45 percent of the GDP over the medium-term (Figure 5.3).

### **5.3 Heat Map**

5.3.1 The Heat Map identifies Market Perception, change in Share of Short-term-to- Total Public Debt and Share of Public Debt held by Non-Residents as the principal risks to Total Public Debt portfolio (Figure 5.3).

**Figure 5.1: Nigeria Public Sector Debt Sustainability Analysis (DSA) - Baseline Scenario**

**Nigeria Public Sector Debt Sustainability Analysis (DSA) - Baseline Scenario**

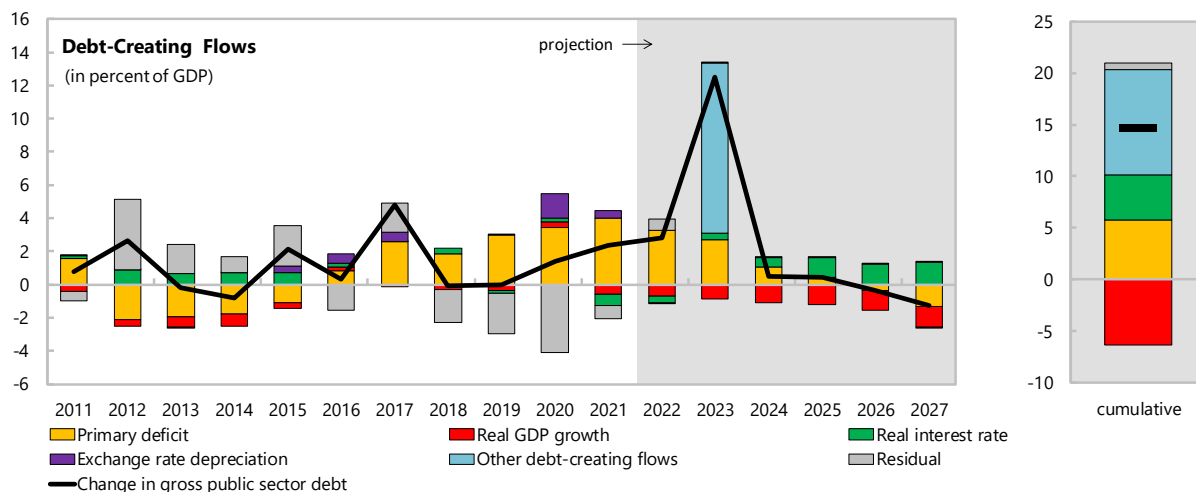
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**Debt, Economic and Market Indicators <sup>1/</sup>**

	Actual			Projections							As of October 28, 2022		
	2011-2019 <sup>2/</sup>	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Sovereign Spreads			
Nominal gross public debt	14.8	20.4	22.8	25.6	38.1	38.6	39.0	38.7	37.4	Bond Spread (bp) <sup>3/</sup>		1012	
Public gross financing needs	3.8	5.9	5.7	5.4	7.6	6.7	7.2	6.6	6.0	5Y CDS (bp)		990	
Public debt (in percent of potential GDP)	17.1	23.1	24.8	25.5	38.5	39.0	39.2	38.9	37.8	Ratings			
Real GDP growth (in percent)	3.0	-1.9	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.7	Moody's	Foreign	Local	
Inflation (GDP deflator, in percent)	8.0	7.9	10.1	10.6	9.3	8.3	7.6	8.2	8.6	S&P's	B-	B3	
Nominal GDP growth (in percent)	11.6	11.8	7.7	14.5	13.3	11.8	11.3	12.0	12.6	Fitch	B-	B-	
Effective interest rate (in percent) <sup>4/</sup>	11.8	8.9	6.9	8.9	11.4	10.3	11.2	12.1	12.8				

**Contribution to Changes in Public Debt**

	Actual			Projections							cumulative	debt-stabilizing primary balance <sup>9/</sup>
	2011-2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027			
Change in gross public sector debt	1.1	1.4	2.4	2.8	12.5	0.5	0.4	-0.3	-1.3	14.6		
Identified debt-creating flows	0.5	5.5	3.2	2.1	12.5	0.5	0.4	-0.3	-1.3	14.0		
Primary deficit	0.3	3.4	4.0	3.3	2.7	1.0	0.4	-0.4	-1.3	5.8		
Primary (noninterest) revenue and grants	7.4	4.6	2.8	8.4	7.9	7.4	7.3	8.0	8.2	47.2		
Primary (noninterest) expenditure	7.7	8.0	6.7	11.7	10.6	8.4	7.7	7.6	6.9	53.0		
Automatic debt dynamics <sup>5/</sup>	0.2	2.0	-0.8	-1.1	-0.4	-0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	-2.0		
Interest rate/growth differential <sup>6/</sup>	0.0	0.5	-1.2	-1.1	-0.4	-0.5	0.0	0.0	0.1	-2.0		
Of which: real interest rate	0.4	0.2	-0.6	-0.4	0.4	0.6	1.2	1.2	1.3	4.3		
Of which: real GDP growth	-0.3	0.3	-0.6	-0.7	-0.8	-1.1	-1.2	-1.2	-1.3	-6.3		
Exchange rate depreciation <sup>7/</sup>	0.2	1.5	0.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Other identified debt-creating flows	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	10.2		
Please specify (1) (e.g., privatization)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.3		
Contingent liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Please specify (2) (e.g., other debt flows)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.5		
Residual, including asset changes <sup>8/</sup>	0.5	-4.1	-0.8	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7		



Source: Debt Management Office

1/ Public sector is defined as general government.

2/ Based on available data.

3/ EMBIG (bp).

4/ Defined as interest payments divided by debt stock (excluding guarantees) at the end of previous year.

5/ Derived as  $[r - \pi(1+g) - g + ae(1+r)] / (1+g+\pi+gr)$  times previous period debt ratio, with  $r$  = effective nominal interest rate;  $\pi$  = growth rate of GDP deflator;  $g$  = real GDP growth rate;  $a$  = share of foreign-currency denominated debt; and  $e$  = nominal exchange rate depreciation (measured by increase in local currency value of U.S. dollar).

6/ The real interest rate contribution is derived from the numerator in footnote 5 as  $r - \pi(1+g)$  and the real growth contribution as  $-g$ .

7/ The exchange rate contribution is derived from the numerator in footnote 5 as  $ae(1+r)$ .

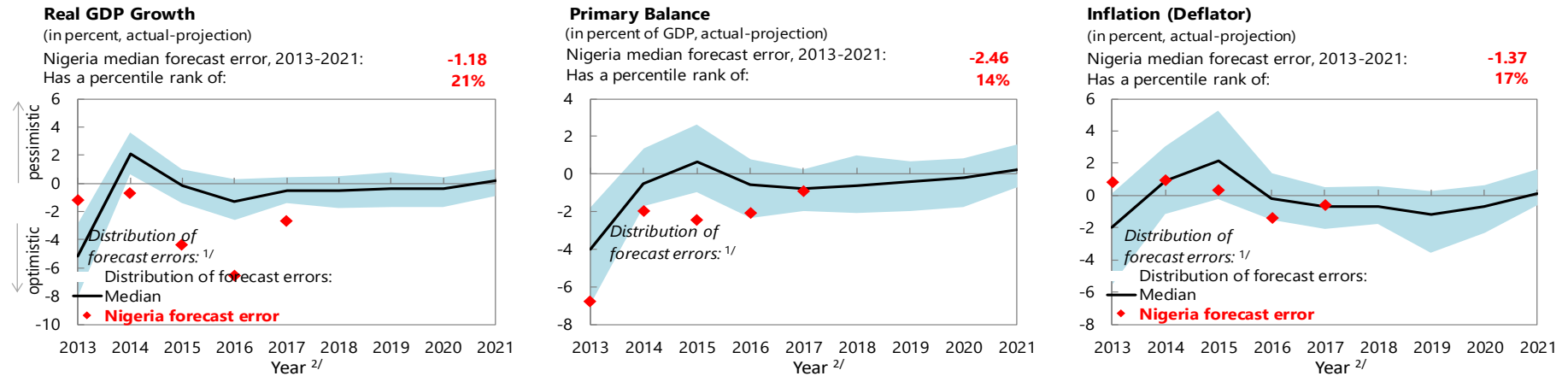
8/ Includes asset changes and interest revenues (if any). For projections, includes exchange rate changes during the projection period.

9/ Assumes that key variables (real GDP growth, real interest rate, and other identified debt-creating flows) remain at the level of the last projection year.

Source: Debt Management Office

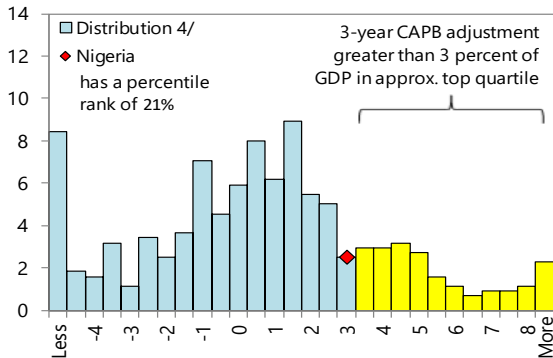
Figure 5.2: Nigeria Public DSA - Realism of Baseline Assumptions

Forecast Track Record, versus all countries

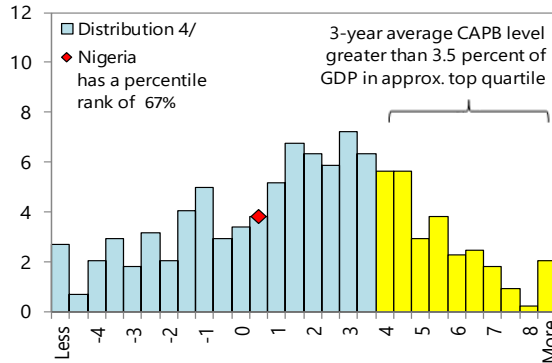


Assessing the Realism of Projected Fiscal Adjustment

3-Year Adjustment in Cyclically-Adjusted Primary Balance (CAPB) (Percent of GDP)

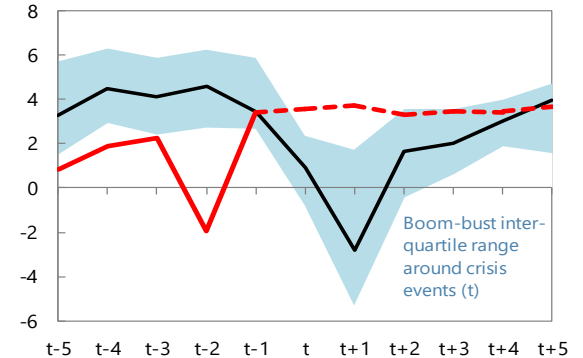


3-Year Average Level of Cyclically-Adjusted Primary Balance (CAPB) (Percent of GDP)



Boom-Bust Analysis<sup>3/</sup>

Real GDP growth (in percent)



Source : Debt Management Office

1/ Plotted distribution includes all countries, percentile rank refers to all countries.

2/ Projections made in the spring WEO vintage of the preceding year.

3/ Nigeria has had a positive output gap for 3 consecutive years, 2019-2021. For Nigeria, t corresponds to 2022; for the distribution, t corresponds to the first year of the crisis.

4/ Data cover annual observations from 1990 to 2011 for advanced and emerging economies with debt greater than 60 percent of GDP. Percent of sample on vertical axis.

Source: Debt Management Office

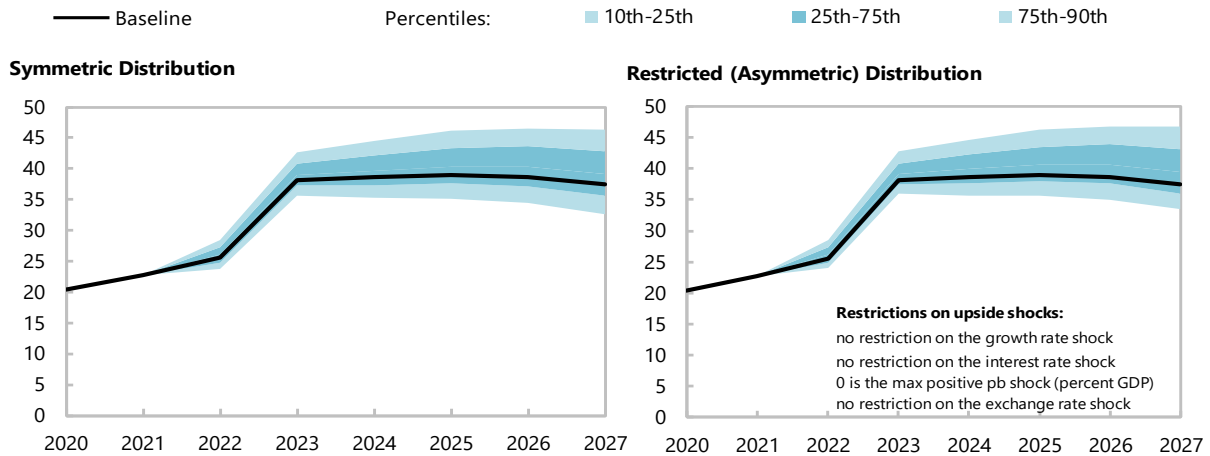
# Figure 5.3: Nigeria Public DSA Risk Assessment

## Heat Map

Debt level <sup>1/</sup>	Real GDP Growth Shock	Primary Balance Shock	Real Interest Rate Shock	Exchange Rate Shock	Contingent Liability Shock
Gross financing needs <sup>2/</sup>	Real GDP Growth Shock	Primary Balance Shock	Real Interest Rate Shock	Exchange Rate Shock	Contingent Liability Shock
Debt profile <sup>3/</sup>	Market Perception	External Financing Requirements	Change in the Share of Short-Term Debt	Public Debt Held by Non-Residents	Foreign Currency Debt

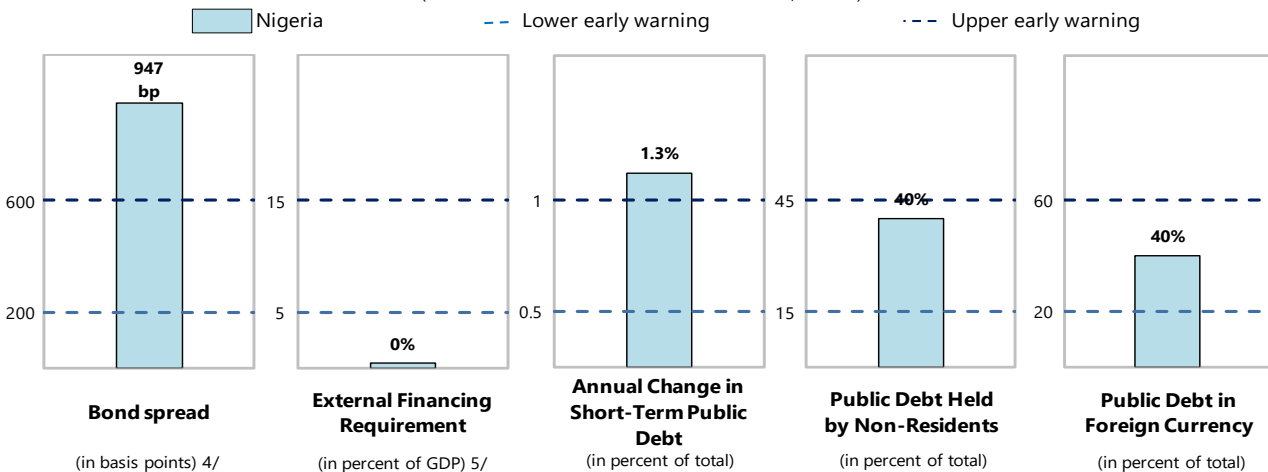
## Evolution of Predictive Densities of Gross Nominal Public Debt

(in percent of GDP)



## Debt Profile Vulnerabilities

(Indicators vis-à-vis risk assessment benchmarks, in 2021)



Source: Debt Management Office

1/ The cell is highlighted in green if debt burden benchmark of 70% is not exceeded under the specific shock or baseline, yellow if exceeded under specific shock but not baseline, red if benchmark is exceeded under baseline, white if stress test is not relevant.

2/ The cell is highlighted in green if gross financing needs benchmark of 15% is not exceeded under the specific shock or baseline, yellow if exceeded under specific shock but not baseline, red if benchmark is exceeded under baseline, white if stress test is not relevant.

3/ The cell is highlighted in green if country value is less than the lower risk-assessment benchmarks, red if country value exceeds the upper risk-assessment benchmark, yellow if country value is between the lower and upper risk-assessment benchmarks. If data are unavailable or indicator is not relevant, cell is white.

Lower and upper risk-assessment benchmarks are:

200 and 600 basis points for bond spreads; 5 and 15 percent of GDP for external financing requirement; 0.5 and 1 percent for change in the share of short-term debt; 15 and 45 percent for the public debt held by non-residents; and 20 and 60 percent for the share of foreign-currency denominated debt.

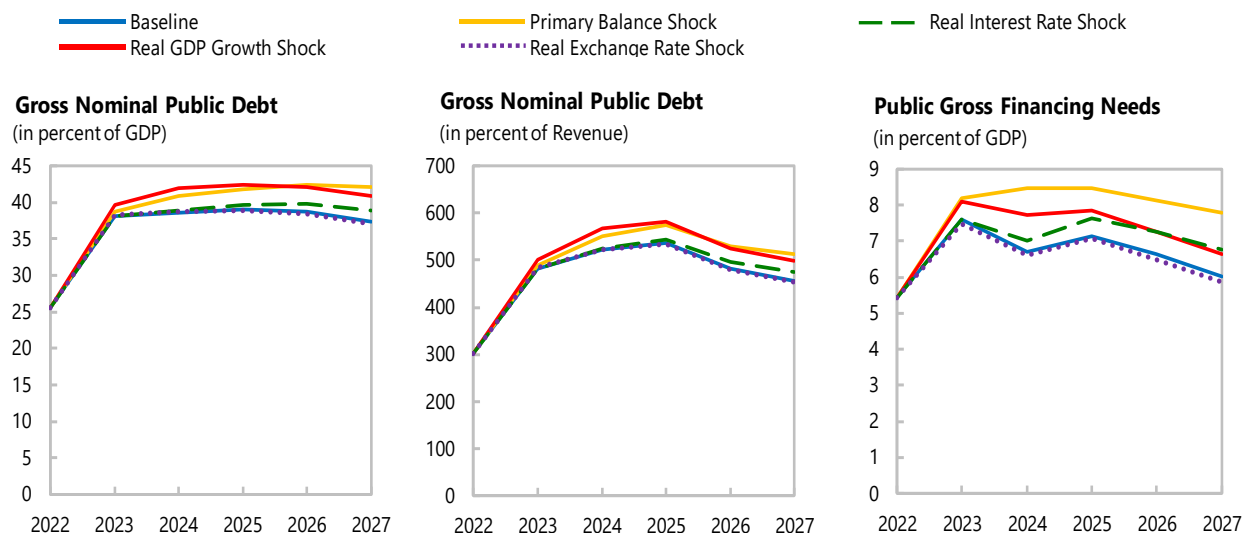
4/ EMBIG (bp), an average over the last 3 months, 28-Jul-22 to 28-Oct-22.

5/ External financing requirement is defined as the sum of current account deficit, amortization of medium and long-term total external debt, and short-term total external debt at the end of previous period.

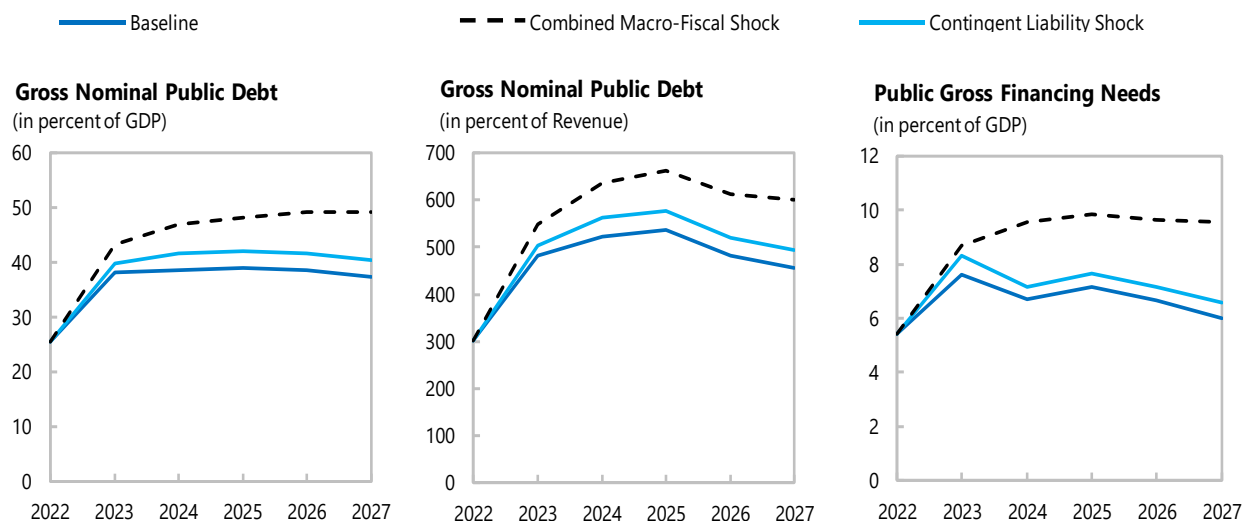
Source: Debt Management Office

**Figure 5.4: Nigeria Public DSA – Stress Tests**

**Macro-Fiscal Stress Tests**



**Additional Stress Tests**



**Underlying Assumptions**

(in percent)

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Primary Balance Shock</b>						
Real GDP growth	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.7
Inflation	10.6	9.3	8.3	7.6	8.2	8.6
Primary balance	-3.3	-3.3	-2.7	-1.0	-0.4	0.4
Effective interest rate	8.9	11.4	10.4	11.3	12.2	12.9
<b>Real Interest Rate Shock</b>						
Real GDP growth	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.7
Inflation	10.6	9.3	8.3	7.6	8.2	8.6
Primary balance	-3.3	-2.7	-1.0	-0.4	0.4	1.3
Effective interest rate	8.9	11.4	11.2	12.3	13.3	14.1
<b>Combined Shock</b>						
Real GDP growth	3.5	1.0	0.6	3.5	3.4	3.7
Inflation	10.6	8.6	7.6	7.6	8.2	8.6
Primary balance	-3.3	-3.3	-2.7	-1.0	-0.4	0.4
Effective interest rate	8.9	12.1	10.7	11.8	13.0	13.8
<b>Real GDP Growth Shock</b>						
Real GDP growth	3.5	1.0	0.6	3.5	3.4	3.7
Inflation	10.6	8.6	7.6	7.6	8.2	8.6
Primary balance	-3.3	-3.0	-1.6	-0.4	0.4	1.3
Effective interest rate	8.9	11.4	10.3	11.3	12.1	12.8
<b>Real Exchange Rate Shock</b>						
Real GDP growth	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.7
Inflation	10.6	18.9	8.3	7.6	8.2	8.6
Primary balance	-3.3	-2.7	-1.0	-0.4	0.4	1.3
Effective interest rate	8.9	12.1	9.9	10.8	11.7	12.5
<b>Contingent Liability Shock</b>						
Real GDP growth	3.5	1.0	0.6	3.5	3.4	3.7
Inflation	10.6	8.6	7.6	7.6	8.2	8.6
Primary balance	-3.3	-2.7	-1.0	-0.4	0.4	1.3
Effective interest rate	8.9	13.9	10.3	11.2	12.1	12.8

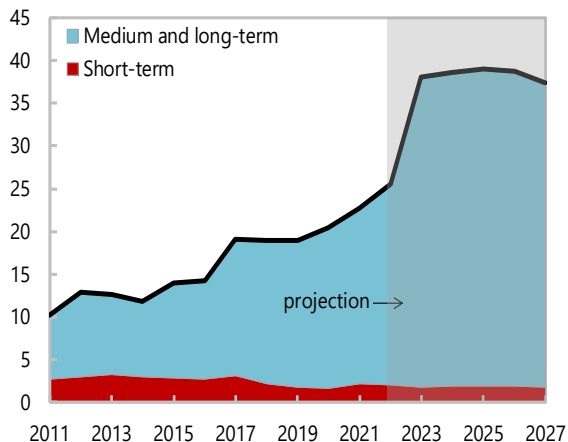
Source: Debt Management Office

**Figure 5.5: Nigeria Public DSA – Composition of Public Debt and Alternative Scenarios**

**Composition of Public Debt**

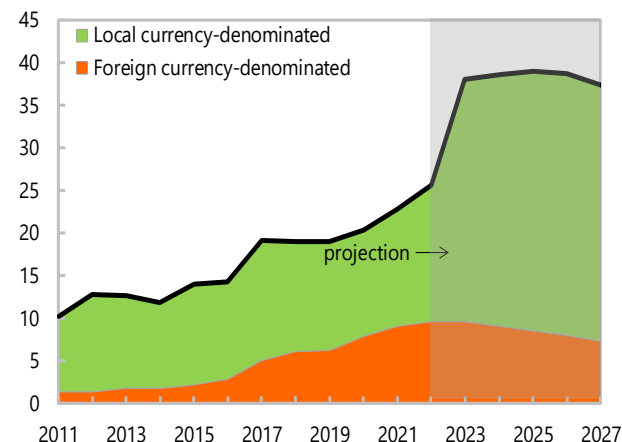
**By Maturity**

(in percent of GDP)



**By Currency**

(in percent of GDP)

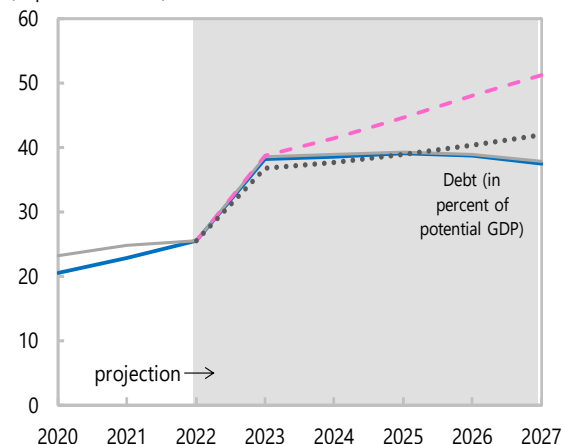


**Alternative Scenarios**

— Baseline      ..... Historical      - - - Constant Primary Balance

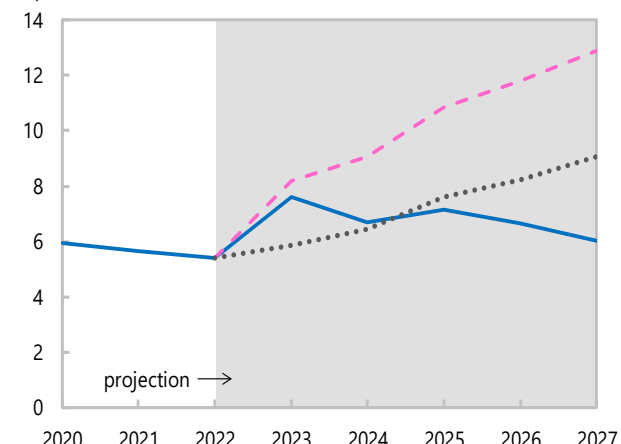
**Gross Nominal Public Debt <sup>1/</sup>**

(in percent of GDP)



**Public Gross Financing Needs**

(in percent of GDP)



**Underlying Assumptions**

(in percent)

Baseline Scenario	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	Historical Scenario	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Real GDP growth	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.7	Real GDP growth	3.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Inflation	10.6	9.3	8.3	7.6	8.2	8.6	Inflation	10.6	9.3	8.3	7.6	8.2	8.6
Primary Balance	-3.3	-2.7	-1.0	-0.4	0.4	1.3	Primary Balance	-3.3	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9
Effective interest rate	8.9	11.4	10.3	11.2	12.1	12.8	Effective interest rate	8.9	11.4	10.6	11.6	12.5	13.2
<b>Constant Primary Balance Scenario</b>													
Real GDP growth	3.5	3.7	3.3	3.5	3.4	3.7							
Inflation	10.6	9.3	8.3	7.6	8.2	8.6							
Primary Balance	-3.3	-3.3	-3.3	-3.3	-3.3	-3.3							
Effective interest rate	8.9	11.4	10.3	11.2	12.0	12.7							

Source: Debt Management Office

## CHAPTER SIX

### KEY OUTCOMES, CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 6.1 Key Outcomes

6.1.1 Tables 1 and 2 present the results under the Baseline and Alternative Scenarios, with respect to Total Public Debt, Gross Financing Needs, FGN Debt Service-to-Revenue and their respective risk assessment from 2023-2027.

**Table 1: Summary of Total Public Debt Sustainability Assessment**

Details	Threshold	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Total Public Debt-to-GDP (%)</b>	<b>40*</b>						
<i>Baseline</i>		23.4	37.1	37.2	37.0	36.6	35.3
<i>Alternative (Shocks)</i>		25.7	45.4	47.5	49.0	50.6	51.6
<b>Gross Financing Needs-to-GDP (%)</b>	<b>15**</b>						
<i>Baseline</i>		5.3	7.2	6.0	6.1	5.6	5.0
<i>Alternative (Shocks)</i>		5.3	8.8	8.0	8.7	9.0	9.1
<b>FGN Debt Service-to-Revenues (%)</b>	<b>50***</b>						
<i>Baseline</i>		36.5	73.5	95.6	105.4	83.5	86.3
<i>Alternative (Shocks)</i>		36.5	142.3	162.9	166.0	152.04	148.61

**Note:**

i. \* Nigeria's Self-Imposed Limit

\*\* MAC-DSA Threshold

\*\*\* Nigeria's Recommended Threshold

ii. Gross Financing Needs is Primary Deficit plus Debt Service (interest payment, principal repayment and other charges)

**Table 2: Summary of Total Public Debt Risks Assessment**

Details	Threshold	Outcome	Assessment
<b>Bond Spread (in Basis Points)</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>Annual Change in Short-term Debt (in percent of Total Debt)</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>Public Debt Held by Non-Resident (in percent of Total Debt)</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>Moderate</b>
<b>Public Debt in Foreign Currency (in percent of Total Debt)</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>Moderate</b>

## **a. Baseline Scenario**

The analysis of the results obtained under Baseline Scenario are presented hereunder.

- i. Table 1 shows a moderate increase in Total Public Debt-to-GDP ratio to a maximum of 37.1 percent in 2024, which is below the Nigeria's self-imposed limit of 40 percent throughout the projection period. These are also below the peer-group threshold of 70 percent recommended in the MAC-DSA.
- ii. The Gross Financing Needs-to-GDP ratio remained well below the MAC-DSA threshold of 15 percent throughout the projection period at a maximum of 5.6 percent in 2027.
- iii. The FGN Debt Service-to-Revenue ratio exceeded the recommended limit of 50 percent in 2023 throughout the projection period, with a minimum of 73.5 percent in 2023 due to the low revenue profile of the Government.

In summary, the debt sustainability parameters and outlook remained low and stable under the Baseline Scenario, except for the revenue challenge.

## **b. Alternative Scenario**

The results under the Alternative Scenario are as follows:

- i. In Table 1, the Total Public Debt-to-GDP ratio exceeded Nigeria's self-imposed limit of 40 percent at 45.4 percent in 2023 and rose slowly to 51.6 percent in 2027. The ratios are below the MAC-DSA peer-group threshold of 70 percent.
- ii. The Gross Financing Needs-to-GDP ratio at a maximum of 9.1 percent in 2027 is relatively higher than the results obtained under the Baseline, but well below the MAC-DSA threshold of 15 percent throughout the projection period.
- iii. The FGN Debt Service-to-Revenue ratios obtained are much higher than those under the Baseline and the country's recommended threshold of 50 percent due to the shocks. These highlight the urgent need to increase Government revenue.

6.1.2 Table 2 presents the results with respect to Market Financing shocks. The Eurobond Yield Spread relative to US Treasury (UST) Yields and Annual changes in short-term debt helps to explain the movement in cost of borrowing and refinancing risks in the Total Public Debt portfolio, respectively in periods of market volatilities. The Nigeria's 10-year Eurobond Yield Spread relative to 10-yr UST exceeded the threshold of 600 basis points at 947 basis points (average between July to October, 2022). This means that there will be increase in the cost of borrowing in the ICM by about 347 basis points due to market shocks. The share of Short-

Term Debt to Total Public Debt increased to 1.3 percent as against the threshold of 1.0 percent indicating an increase in the refinancing risk. The proportions of Total Public Debt held by Non-Resident and Public Debt in Foreign Currency are within their respective thresholds.

## 7.0 Summary of Findings

7.1 The 2022 MAC-DSA exercise discloses the following:

- i. The projected Total Public Debt-to-GDP ratio increased to 37.1 percent in 2023, under the Baseline Scenario from 23.4 percent in 2022, due mainly to the inclusion of Ways and Means Advances at the CBN, Promissory Notes and New Borrowing for the year 2023 in the Debt Stock. There is very little borrowing space when compared to the Nigeria's self-imposed limit of Total Public Debt-to-GDP ratio of 40 percent set in the 2020-2023 MTDS under the Baseline Scenario. Under the Alternative Scenario, the self-imposed limit was exceeded at 45.4 percent.
- ii. The projected FGN Debt Service-to-Revenue ratio under the Baseline Scenario exceeded the Nigeria's recommended threshold of 50 percent in 2023 at 73.5 percent. This highlights the need to grow revenues in the short to long-term in order to moderate this ratio.
- iii. The projected Eurobond Yield Spread widened from the 316 basis points obtained in 2022 to 947 basis points in the current exercise suggesting an increase in cost of new borrowings.
- iv. The proportion of Short-Term Debt in the Total Public Debt increased to 1.3 percent in 2023 from 1.1 percent in 2022. This is slightly higher than the threshold of 1.0 percent, which indicates some elements of refinancing risk.
- v. The Shares of Debt held by Non-Residents and denominated in Foreign Currency are within their respective thresholds.

## 7.2 Conclusion

**The analysis of the results of 2022 MAC-DSA shows that the Total Public Debt-to-GDP ratio is projected to increase to 37.1 percent in 2023 relative to 23.4 percent as at September 2022, due to the inclusion of the N8.80 trillion (New Borrowings) for the year 2023, the FGN Ways and Means at the CBN of over N23 trillion and estimated Promissory Notes issuance of N2.87 trillion in the Debt stock under the Baseline Scenario. The Country's Debt stock remains sustainable under these criteria, but the borrowing space has been reduced when compared to the Nigeria's self-imposed debt limit of 40 percent set in the MTDS, 2020-2023. On the other hand, FGN Debt Service-to-Revenue ratio at 73.5 percent in 2023**

**exceeds the recommended threshold of 50 percent due to low revenue, which means that there is need to significantly increase Government revenue. Under the Alternative Scenario, the Total Public Debt-to-GDP ratio at 45.4 percent in 2023 exceeds the Nigeria’s self-imposed debt limit of 40 percent, while the FGN Debt Service-to-Revenue also exceeds the recommended threshold of 50 percent.**

### **7.3 Recommendations**

7.3.1 Based on the analysis of the results of the 2022 MAC-DSA, the DMO recommends the following:

- i. Although the Baseline analysis projects Total Public Debt-to-GDP ratio at 37.1 percent for 2023 indicating a borrowing space of 2.9 percent (equivalent of about N14.66 trillion) when compared to the self-imposed limit of 40 percent, it is recommended that this should not be used as a basis for higher level of borrowing as was the case in the 2023 Budget. This is because the outcome of the Shock Scenario, which is more realistic in the circumstances, exceeded the self-imposed limit.
- ii. The projected FGN Debt Service-to-Revenue ratio at 73.5 percent for 2023 is high and a threat to debt sustainability. It means that the revenue profile cannot support higher levels of borrowing. Attaining a sustainable FGN Debt Service-to-Revenue ratio would require an increase of FGN Revenue from N10.49 trillion projected in 2023 Budget to about N15.5 trillion.
- iii. With respect to expansion in fiscal deficit, there is need to strictly adhere to the provision of extant legislations on Government borrowing, especially the Fiscal Responsibility Act 2007 and Central Bank of Nigeria Act, 2007 as it relates to Ways and Means Advances, in order to moderate the growth rate of public debt.
- iv. There is urgent need to pay more attention to revenue generation by implementing far reaching revenue mobilization initiatives and reforms including the Strategic Revenue Growth Initiatives and all its pillars with a view to raising the country’s tax revenue to GDP ratio from about 7 percent (one of the lowest in the world) to that of its peer.
- v. Government should encourage the private sector fund infrastructure projects through the Public-Private Partnership schemes and take out capital projects in the Budget that are being funded from borrowing, thereby reduce budget deficit and borrowing.
- vi. Government can reduce borrowing through privatization and/or sale of Government assets.





## Annexure 2: Nigeria's Alternative Scenario, 2022-2027

Alternative Scenario	First Year of projection					
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
<b>Total Public Debt</b>	55440.5	101528.6	115939.8	132088.4	151129.7	171219.4
o/w public guarantees	4580.7	4580.7	4580.7	4580.7	4580.7	4580.7
<b>Old Debt</b>	44741.5	50645.5	48788.2	45239.9	41878.4	37576.9
o/w domestic-currency debt	27963.8	27713.0	27443.0	25801.7	23335.8	20901.7
o/w foreign-currency debt	16777.7	22932.5	21345.2	19438.3	18542.6	16675.2
o/w short-term debt at original maturity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
o/w MLT debt	44741.5	50645.5	48788.2	45239.9	41878.4	37576.9
<b>New Debt</b>	10699.0	50883.1	67151.6	86848.5	109251.3	133642.4
o/w domestic-currency debt	8416.0	43784.8	57295.4	73863.5	93539.5	114974.4
o/w foreign-currency debt	2283.0	7098.4	9856.2	12985.0	15711.8	18668.0
o/w short-term debt at original maturity	4062.4	4399.4	6027.0	6942.6	8414.1	10157.6
o/w MLT debt	6636.6	46483.8	61124.6	79905.9	100837.2	123484.8
<b>Gross Financing Needs</b>	10784.6	20053.0	20667.9	25723.9	29689.1	33688.4
Primary deficit	6518.1	8148.6	4104.1	3053.5	2639.1	206.1
Interest revenues	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Debt service	4266.5	11904.4	16563.8	22670.4	27050.0	33482.2
Interest payments	3533.3	6196.0	10307.1	13095.1	16402.2	20079.1
Amortization payments	733.2	5708.4	6256.7	9575.3	10647.8	13403.1
<b>Effective interest rate</b>	8.9%	12.2%	10.6%	11.8%	12.9%	13.7%
<b>Real GDP growth</b>	3.5%	0.5%	0.1%	1.3%	2.2%	2.5%
<b>Inflation</b>	10.6%	9.3%	8.3%	7.6%	8.2%	8.6%
<b>Non-interest revenue-to-GDP ratio</b>	8.4%	3.2%	3.3%	3.3%	3.7%	4.1%
<b>Non-interest expenditure-to-GDP ratio</b>	11.7%	6.9%	5.0%	4.5%	4.6%	4.1%
<b>Primary balance</b>	-3.3%	-3.7%	-1.7%	-1.2%	-0.9%	-0.1%
<b>Nominal exchange rate -- average (LCU/USD)</b>	445.00	646.70	646.70	646.70	646.70	646.70
<b>Nominal exchange rate -- end of period (LCU/USD)</b>	446.00	646.70	646.70	646.70	646.70	646.70
<b>Interest rate shock, basis points, compared to baseline</b>	0	200	200	200	200	200
<b>Nominal GDP growth</b>	14.5%	9.9%	8.4%	9.0%	10.7%	11.3%
<b>Nominal GDP in LCU</b>	198,930.0	218,527.8	236,828.3	258,099.0	285,651.4	317,833.6
<b>Total public debt-to-GDP</b>	0.28	0.46	0.49	0.51	0.53	0.54
<b>Debt service-to-GDP</b>	0.02	0.05	0.07	0.09	0.09	0.11
<b>Gross financing needs-to-GDP</b>	0.05	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.11
<b>Total public debt-to-revenue</b>	3.30	14.74	14.78	15.45	14.24	13.24
<b>Debt service-to-revenue</b>	0.25	1.73	2.11	2.65	2.55	2.59
<b>Gross financing needs-to-revenue</b>	0.64	2.91	2.64	3.01	2.80	2.61

Source: Debt Management Office

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