

## **NIGERIA'S EXCHANGE RATE**

### POLICIES AND REGIMES





**=** 1960 -1970

Fixed regime (gold value under Bretton Wood system)

1974 - 1978

Adjustable peg regime

1978 - 1985

Managed float regime

1986

Second-tier Foreign Exchange Market (SFEM)

1987

FFEM and SFEM merged into Foreign Exchange Market (FEM)

1992

Complete float

1995

Autonomous Foreign Exchange Market (AFEM)

1999

Interbank Foreign Exchange Market (IFEM)

2002

Retail Dutch Action System (RDAS)

2006

Wholesales Dutch Auction System (WDAS)

2009

Reintroduction of RDAS (Q1) and returning to WDAs (Q2)

2011

Wholesales Dutch Auction System-Forward (WDAS-FWD) 2015

RDAS reintroduced (Q1) and IFEM (from Q2) and Forex restriction on 41 items

2016

Two-way quote IFEM on FMDQ-advised FX systems

2017

**I&E** window

2023

Harmonisation of exchange rates



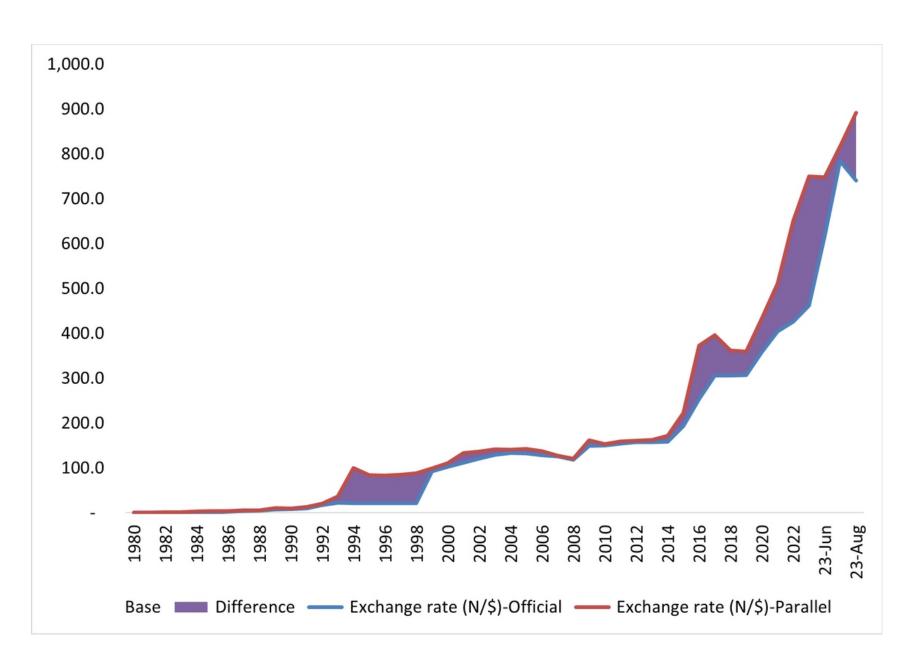
# TREND OF EXCHANGE RATES





### AND DEVALUATIONS IN NIGERIA

- Nigeria's exchange rate has experienced major devaluation over the years. It increased from N0.50/US\$1 in 1980 to N2.0 in 1986.
- In 1999 it also rose to N92.7 and further to N148.9 in 2009.
- The naira continued to depreciate as it rose to N193.3, N253.5 and N305.8 in 2015, 2016 to 2017 respectively.
- The official exchange rate ended 2022 at N448.6/\$1.
- It increased from N466 to N755 in June 2023, following the harmonization of the country's multiple exchange rates
- Generally, the official and parallel exchange rates exhibit similar trends in most of the years, with the latter usually higher.
- They diverged significantly between 1993 and 1999.
- Divergence was also pronounced from 2015, until the introduction of the I&E window in April 2017.
- Another round of divergence commenced from 2020 until June 2023 when the unification policy was announced.
- However, the convergence following the policy announcement was short-lived as the parallel market rate continued to move upward recording N915/US\$1 with the official at N773/US\$1 on 28th August, 2023.

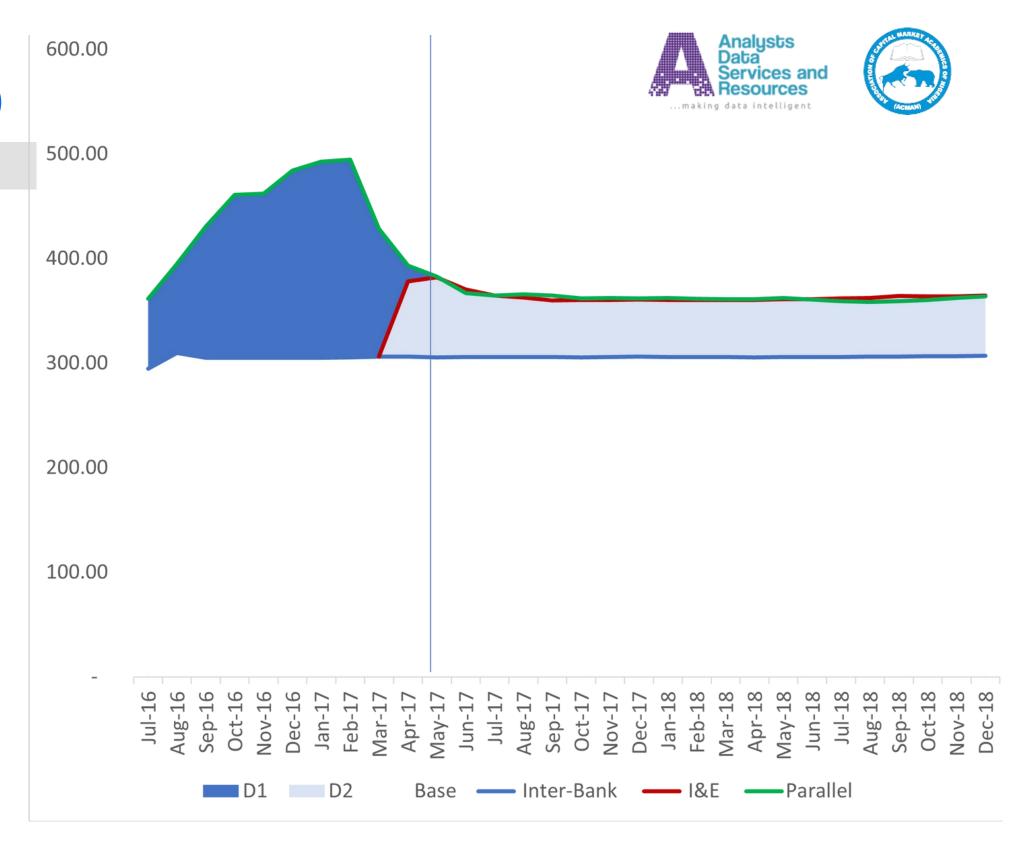


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# **I&E WINDOW**

## CASE STUDY (APRIL, 2017)

- In February 2016, the divergence between official (interbank) and parallel markets was very high.
- While the official rate was relatively stable around N306/US\$1, the parallel rate rose to about N500/US\$1.
- The I&E Window was introduced in April, 2017 average of N378.11, depicting a 24% deprecation from the Interbank rate.
- Following this, the parallel market rate crashed to meet the I&E rate at around N382/US\$1 in May 2017.
- Thereafter, the Naira appreciated and stabilized in the two markets to about N361 for some months.
- Meanwhile, the interbank rate continued to operate at a lower rate of N306.5/US\$1 over this period.



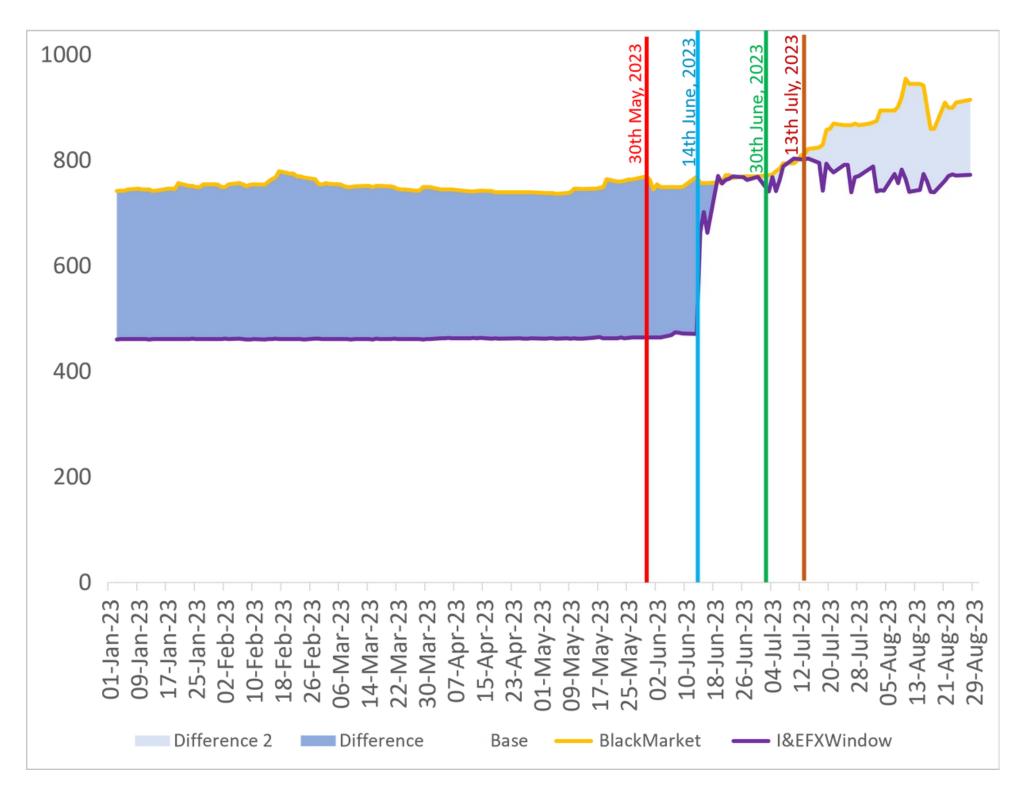


## **EXCHANGE RATES**





#### BEHAVIOUR FOLLOWING UNIFICATION



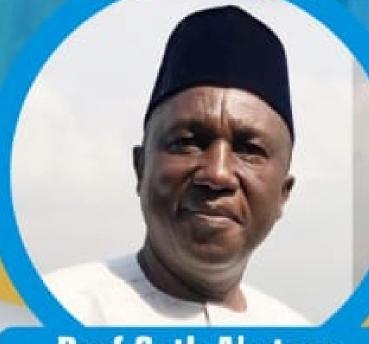
**30 May 2023**: Following the President's promise at his inauguration to look into the country's multiple exchange rate, the parallel rate depreciated from N764 to N770

**14 June 2023:**Following CBN's announcement of market unification, the official exchange rate depreciated from N471.7 to N664.0

**20 Jun – 30 June, 2023:** Official and Parallel rates were very close and stable.

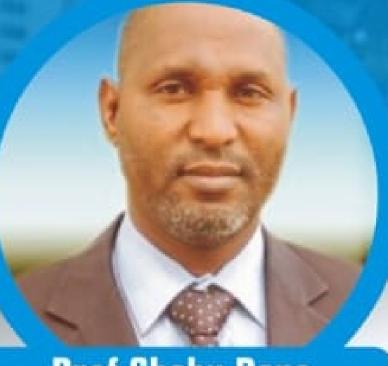
06 July – 13 July, 2023:Both rates were very close but depreciated

14 July, 2023 till date: The official exchange rate has been fluctuating around a constant mean while the parallel rate has continued to depreciate; recording N773/US\$1 and N915/US\$1 on 28-Aug-23 respectively.



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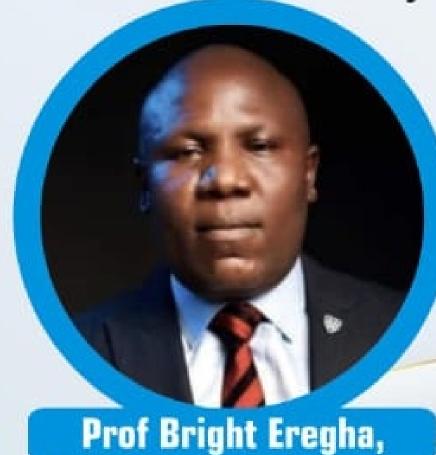
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