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Latam Daily | In Mexico Banxico keeps its MPR unchanged at 3.0%

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Banxico decided to keep its MPR unchanged, during its most recent meeting yesterday. Meanwhile, Banxico mentioned its concerns about a rise in the interest rates in the US, and its impact on the currency exchange rate remain the main risks to achieving and consolidating the convergence of inflation with the target of 3%

Mexico - Banxico monetary rate remains unchanged at 3.0% and the balance of risks shows no movement

The central bank emphasised that it not only seeks the convergence of inflation with the target of 3.0%, but also to consolidate it. At the moment, the beginning of the cycle of monetary rate is increasing in the US and its potential adverse effects on inflation pose the greatest risk to achieving the goal, as we believe that Banxico will change its monetary stance in sync with the Federal Reserve in the third quarter. The difference in the level of MPR between Mexico and the US, and the weak economic cycle in Mexico regarding US, could cause the rate of rises in the benchmark rates in Mexico to be lower than the US (See <u>Mexico Flash</u> in Spanish)

What to watch today

Chile - Monthly activity index (April, 7:30hrs NYT)

We expect Imacec to have increased 2.7% YoY in April, driven by positive contributions from manufacturing output and retail commerce but partially compensated by mining production.

Mexico - Consumer confidence index (May, 09:00hrs NYT)

We expect the consumer confidence indicator to have improved in May. Taking into account the job creation in the formal market in April (65,117 jobs registered with the IMSS), we see the CCI climbing to a level of 92.6 points (sa), compared to 91.3 points the previous month, in non-seasonally adjusted series.

Colombia - Inflation (May, 20:00hrs NYT)

We forecast a monthly increase of 0.29%, with food inflation showing signs of being tamed. As a result, headline inflation should post a growth of 4.4% YoY, a figure lower than April's inflation of 4.6%.

Colombia - BanRep's minutes (no set time)

BanRep will release the minutes for its last monetary policy meeting. In May, the Central Bank of Colombia kept its policy rate unchanged at 4.5%, in line with both market and our own in-house expectations. In our view, the minutes will provide additional insights regarding the economic outlook assessment made by the central bank's board.

Calendar indicators

| | Date | Period | Consensus | BBVAe | Actual | Prior |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Brazil | | | | | | |
| FGV CPI IPC-S | 01-June | 31-M ay | | | 0.72% | 0.68% |
| Trade Balance Monthly | 01-June | May | | \$2,500M | \$2761M | \$491M |
| Industrial Production MoM | 02-June | Apr | -1.4% | -1% | -1.20% | -0.8% |
| Selic Rate | 03-June | 03-Jun | 13.75% | 13.75% | 13.75% | 13.25% |
| Chile | | | | | | |
| Central Bank Meeting Minutes | 01-June | | | | | |
| Economic Activity YoY | 05-June | Apr | | 2.70% | | 1.6% |
| Economic Activity MoM | 05-June | Apr | | 0.80% | | -0.3% |
| Colombia | | | | | | |
| Exports FOB | 04-June | Apr | | \$3,326M | | \$3,4021/ |
| Colombia Monetary Policy Minu | t∈05-June | | | | | |
| CPI YoY | 06-June | May | 4.48% | 4.44% | | 4.64% |
| CPIMoM | 06-June | May | 0.33% | 0.29% | | 0.54% |
| CPI Core YoY | 06-June | May | | 0.19% | | 3.44% |
| CPI Core MoM | 06-June | May | | 4.41% | | 0.34% |
| Mexico | | | | | | |
| Remittances Total | 01-June | Apr | | \$2156M | \$2012.2M | \$2257.9M |
| Consumer Confidence Index | 05-June | May | | 92.6 | 91.3 | 91.3 |
| Gross Fixed Investment | 03-June | Mar | | 6.10% | 6.60% | 1.3% |
| Overnight Rate | 04-June | 04-Jun | 3.00% | 3% | 3% | 3.00% |
| Vehicle Production AMIA | 05-June to | May | | | | 283,392 |
| | 10-June | | | | | 203,392 |
| Peru | | | | | | |
| CPI YoY | 01-June | May | 3.00% | 3.21% | 3.37% | 3.02% |
| CPIMoM | 01-June | May | 0.27% | 0.41% | 0.56% | 0.39% |
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