In the U.S., the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) of the Federal Reserve signaled its target range for the federal funds unchanged at 1.25% to 1.5% at their January 31st 2018 meeting. The pair moved however, reiterating its commitment to raise rates gradually as economic conditions warranted. According to policy makers, inflation is envisaged to be a manner that will allow for further gradual increases in the federal funds rate. In a separate 28.4% in December 2017 from 2.7% in the previous month. The number of unemployed rose to 1.65 million in the review month, 10,000 persons above the number in November. Movement declined by 70,000 to 65.51 million in November. The labour force fell by 65,000 to 67.59 million. For ages 15 to 24, the jobless rate went up to 4.4% from 4.1% in November. In December 2016, unemployment rate was 5.1%. Elsewhere in Brazil, the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) reported that the country’s unemployment rate declined to 11.8% in the last quarter of 2017 from 12% in the previous period. The average unemployment rate for 2017 was 12.7%, higher than 11.5% in 2016. For full year 2017, 13.2 million persons were unemployed compared to 11.7 million a year earlier. The number of unemployed persons in 2016. The number of employed persons rose by 264,000 to 106.0 million and the labour force increased by 1.7 million to 109.5 million.

Global Economy

In the U.S., the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) of the Federal Reserve maintained its target range for the federal funds unchanged at 1.25% to 1.5% at their January 31st 2018 meeting. The pair moved however, reiterating its commitment to raise rates gradually as economic conditions warranted. According to policy makers, inflation is envisaged to be a manner that will allow for further gradual increases in the federal funds rate. In a separate report, the broadcasting expenditure of $20,000 to $65,51 million from $65,58 million in the review month, 10,000 persons above the number in November. Employment declined by 70,000 to 65.51 million in November. The labour force fell by 65,000 to 67.59 million. For ages 15 to 24, the jobless rate went up to 4.4% from 4.1% in November. In December 2016, unemployment rate was 5.1%. Elsewhere in Brazil, the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) reported that the country’s unemployment rate declined to 11.8% in the last quarter of 2017 from 12% in the previous period. The average unemployment rate for 2017 was 12.7%, higher than 11.5% in 2016. For full year 2017, 13.2 million persons were unemployed compared to 11.7 million a year earlier. The number of unemployed persons in 2016. The number of employed persons rose by 264,000 to 106.0 million and the labour force increased by 1.7 million to 109.5 million.