

DAILY FX NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was stable on Tuesday, with inflows from diaspora remittances and offshore investors buying stocks expected to meet dollar demand from importers. The pair opened at 102.30/102.50 and closed at 102.30/102.50

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	102.10	102.70			
GBP/KES	131.20	132.05	GBP/USD	1.2854	1.2867
EUR/KES	112.45	113.25	EUR/USD	1.1021	1.1041
INR/KES		1.4496	AUD/USD	0.6850	0.6856
			USD/INR	71.63	71.51
			Commodities		
			Gold	1461	1454
			Brent Crude	61.81	62.38

T-Bills Rates:

Duration	Current	Previous
91 Days	6.390%	6.390%
182 Days	7.261%	7.189%
364 Days	9.787%	9.780%

Top News:

- Gold prices were little changed on Wednesday after U.S. President Donald Trump dashed investors' hopes for a positive sign on a U.S.-China trade deal with a speech that gave away little, while a firmer dollar limited upside for bullion.
- Oil prices dipped on Wednesday as prospects for a trade deal between the United States and China dimmed, weighing on the outlook for the global economy and energy demand.

International Markets:

USD: The dollar was little changed after U.S. President Donald Trump in a speech on Tuesday offered no new details on the state of the administration's trade war with China. Speaking at The Economic Club of New York, Trump instead took aim once again at the Federal Reserve, bemoaning the fact that the United States has higher interest rates than other developed economies.

GBP: While the absence of major catalysts from the UK has recently tamed the GBP/USD pair's moves, market's fear ahead of the key data/events also contributes to the latest inactivity. The cable seesaws around 1.2855 during pre-London open on Wednesday. Following the mixed readings of British employment details, the GBP/USD pair witnessed another negative in the form of the pressure on the United Kingdom's (UK) Prime Minister (PM) Boris Johnson to release a report concerning the Russian meddling in 2016 Brexit referendum.

EUR: EUR/USD trades better bid above the 1.10 handle ahead of the European open, having defended the last on several occasions in the overnight trades, Bears now await the key US inflation report and Federal Reserve (Fed) Chair Powell's testimony for the next push lower.

INR: The rupee on Wednesday opened 30 paise down against the US dollar on fresh concerns over US-China trade deal amid dismal industrial production number that was released on Monday. The forex market was closed on Tuesday for a public holiday.

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