

DAILY FX NEWSLETTER 20TH November 2019

Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling gained against the dollar on Tuesday with inflows from offshore investors buying stocks and government debt meeting dollar demand from merchandise importers. The pair opened at 101.80/101.00 and closed at 102.70/102.90.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

<i>Currency</i>	<i>Buying</i>	<i>Selling</i>	<i>Currency</i>	<i>Today</i>	<i>Previous</i>
USD/KES	101.50	102.10			
GBP/KES	131.05	131.90	GBP/USD	1.2916	1.2965
EUR/KES	112.40	113.20	EUR/USD	1.1081	1.1083
INR/KES		1.4420	AUD/USD	0.6821	0.6804
			USD/INR	71.63	71.81
			<i>Commodities</i>		
			Gold	1476	1472
			Brent Crude	60.70	62.24

T-Bills Rates:

<i>Duration</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Previous</i>
91 Days	6.680%	6.390%
182 Days	7.774%	7.261%
364 Days	9.784%	9.787%

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- Gold prices rose on Wednesday on heightened worries that a U.S.-China trade deal could hit a snag after President Donald Trump threatened fresh tariffs on Beijing and as the U.S. Senate passed a bill supporting Hong Kong anti-government protesters.
- Oil prices were steady on Wednesday, after falling the past two days, as a surge in U.S. stockpiles reinforced concerns about lackluster global economic growth amid the trade war between the United States and China, the world's two biggest oil consumers.

International Markets:

USD: The dollar and the safe-haven yen found support on Wednesday as a lack of clarity on U.S.-China trade talks kept investors cautious ahead of the release of minutes from the U.S. Federal Reserve's last policy meeting. Moves were slight as jaded traders again weighed mixed messages on trade, with more upbeat reports offset by U.S. President Donald Trump delivering yet another warning of more tariffs if talks fail.

GBP: Given the recent decline in the UK PM's public favorite status, the GBP/USD pair extends weakness as it trades around 1.2915 while heading into the London open on Wednesday. The ITV debate between the Tory and the opposition Labour leaders showed less of a drama as both showed a calm attitude while sticking to party agendas of Brexit and second referendum respectively.

EUR: EUR/USD's recovery rally has likely stalled and today's close will decide the next move, Tuesday's daily candle indicates. The pair's trading range of 1.1084-1.1063 witnessed on Tuesday fell within Monday's high and low of 1.1090 and 1.1048. Essentially, the pair created an inside bar candlestick pattern on Tuesday

INR: The rupee on Wednesday opened 14 paise down against the US currency due to some buying in the American currency by banks and importers. Rupee consolidated in a narrow range after remaining under pressure in the last few sessions following lack of cues on the domestic.

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