

DAILY FX NEWSLETTER
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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was under pressure on Tuesday from merchandise importers buying dollars to ship in higher volumes of goods ahead of the holiday season, but supply came in before close of trade to strengthen the shilling.

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	102.05	102.50			
GBP/KES	132.40	133.40	GBP/USD	1.3010	1.2945
EUR/KES	112.80	113.65	EUR/USD	1.1085	1.1080
INR/KES		1.4370	AUD/USD	0.6835	0.6850
			USD/INR	71.68	71.55
			<i>Commodities</i>		
			Gold	1480	1460
			Brent Crude	61.30	61.06

T-Bills Rates:

<i>Duration</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Previous</i>
91 Days	7.162%	7.131%
182 Days	8.204%	8.215%
364 Days	9.800%	9.804%

Top News:

- Asian shares extended their losses on Wednesday after U.S. President Donald Trump said a trade deal with China might have to wait until after the 2020 presidential election, dashing hopes for a quick preliminary agreement.
- Oil prices rose on Wednesday ahead of a meeting of OPEC and its allies to discuss whether to extend production curbs to support the market, while industry data showing that U.S. crude stockpiles fell more than expected helped to lift prices.

International Markets:

USD: The dollar held steady in morning trade in Asia Wednesday morning after US President Donald Trump raised doubts that a trade deal with China will be signed before the end of next year.

GBP: GBP/USD registers modest moves ahead of the key data. Tory lead in the recent polls earlier propelled the pair to multi-week top. Trade/political headlines, US data add burden on the market watchers. Following its run-up to the six-week top, GBP/USD takes rounds to 1.3000 while heading into the London open on Wednesday. The quote rallied to the multi-week high on Tuesday after recent polls raised odds of the ruling Conservatives Party's victory in December election. Traders are now gearing up for the key United Kingdom (UK) data that contributes majorly to the GDP

EUR: EUR/USD remains below key resistance at 1.1097 amid renewed trade tensions. The focus is on the US ADP Employment report and ISM Non-Manufacturing data. A big miss on US data will likely yield a convincing move above 1.1097. A breakout in EUR/USD will likely remain elusive unless key US data releases on Wednesday miss expectations by a big margin

INR: USD/INR drops to the intra-day low of 71.71 during the initial trading session of the Indian markets on Wednesday. The pair earlier surged to the nine-day high amid increasing global trade pessimism

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