

DAILY FOREX NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenya's shilling was little changed on Friday, and traders said it was forecast to weaken, undermined by increased importer dollar demand, and a generally stronger dollar on global markets.

Top News:

- Asian shares slipped on Monday ahead of a week packed with Central Bank meetings and U.S. inflation data, while the euro eked out a gain on relief the far right did not win the first round of the French presidential elections.
- Oil prices slipped \$2 a barrel in early Asian trading on Monday, following a second straight weekly decline after world consumers announced plans to release a record volume of crude and oil products from strategic stocks and as China lockdowns continued.

International Markets

USD: The dollar was up on Monday morning in Asia, with the euro starting the week off strong as incumbent Emmanuel Macron led in the first round of voting in the French presidential election. Other moves were small as investors await central bank policy decisions in Europe, Canada, New Zealand, and South Korea

GBP: GBP/USD has spiked from 1.3000 amid positive cues on the Russia-Ukraine peace talks. A bearish open gap by the DXY below 100.00 has underpinned the pound. UK's Industrial Production and Manufacturing Production will remain the major events on Monday. The GBP/USD pair has attracted some significant bids to nearly 1.3000 amid optimism over a ceasefire between Russia and Ukraine. The comments from the Kremlin on Friday that Russia's special operation in Ukraine could be completed in foreseeable future given aims are being achieved and work is being carried out by the military and peace negotiators

EUR: EUR/USD is on the front foot to start the week, testing 1.09 territories. The French elections have kicked started bulls into gear. French President Emmanuel Macron is leading in the polls of the last round of the presidential elections. EUR/USD is testing the 1.09 area at the start of the week following a recovery from the lows on Friday near 1.0840. The price rallied to a high of 1.0919 in the open as markets are relieved that the incumbent French President Emmanuel Macron is leading in the polls of the presidential elections.

INR: The Indian rupee rose against the dollar as hedging by exporters and expectations of investment inflows offset weak Asian cues.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	114.50	117.40			
GBP/KES	147.50	154.20	GBP/USD	1.3040	1.3110
EUR/KES	123.50	129.80	EUR/USD	1.0920	1.0890
INR/KES		1.5680	AUD/USD	0.7480	0.7510
			USD/INR	75.55	75.45
			Commodities		
			Gold	1944	1930
			Brent Crude	100.80	100.42

T-Bills Rates:

Duration	Current	Previous
91 Days	7.377%	7.302%
182 Days	8.219%	8.164%
364 Days	9.743%	9.752%

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