

The Kenya's shilling eased on Tuesday, as demand for dollars from manufacturers and fuel importers outweighed supply from diaspora remittances.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previou
USD/KES	118.50	126.00			
GBP/KES	136.50	145.85	GBP/USD	1.1580	1.1535
EUR/KES	119.10	127.20	EUR/USD	1.0095	1.0012
INR/KES		1.5480	AUD/USD	0.6535	0.6495
			USD/INR	80.90	81.05
			Commodities		
			Gold	1708	1669
			Brent Crude	94.93	97.64

T-Bills Rates:

Duration	Current	Previous
91 Days	9.139%	9.127%
182 Days	9.691%	9.678%
364 Days	10.109%	9.965%

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- Asia-Pacific stocks were mixed as investors await the results of the United States midterm elections and China's annualized producer prices fell for the first time in October since December 2020.
- Gold prices jumped over 2% on Tuesday to firm above the key \$1,700 per ounce level, boosted by a fall in the dollar and bond yields and technical buying, while market focus remained on U.S. inflation data later this week.

International Markets

<u>USD</u>: The dollar slid on Tuesday as rising German bond yields strengthened the euro, but a strong reading of the consumer price index later this week could reverse the currency's slide.

GBP: GBPUSD prints mild gains in a struggle to extend the recent upside near one-week high. Chatters surrounding US elections updates, China's covid woes probe buyers.UK PM Sunak's likely plan to raise top tax rate, recession fears also challenge upside moves.US/UK political updates, China's coronavirus news may entertain traders ahead of Thursday's US CPI, Friday's UK Q3 GDP.GBPUSD seesaws around the mid-1.1500s during the fourday uptrend as bulls and bears jostle amid early Wednesday. While the Cable pair's previous gains could be linked to the broad US dollar weakness, the recent anxiety in the market appeared to have probed the bulls of late.

EUR: EURUSD retreats from two-month high, snaps three-day uptrend with mild losses. Covid woes, election jitters probe the previous risk-on mood. Hawkish ECB Speak, downbeat US data keeps buyer's hopeful. Fed speak, political and covid updates will be crucial for intraday directions as bears seek entry. EURUSD remains sidelined around 1.0060 while pausing a three-day winning streak near a two-month during early Wednesday. The major currency pair cheered broad US dollar weakness to refresh the multi-day high before the latest challenges to the optimism probed the bulls.

INR: The Indian rupee strengthened 0.45% versus the U.S. dollar, as the dollar wobbled amid U.S. mid-term elections, with a potential Congressional gridlock seen as a negative for the greenback.

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