

DAILY FOREX NEWSLETTER

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The Kenya's shilling weakened on Monday to a new all-time low, hurt by increased dollar demand from the energy and manufacturing sectors amid low foreign-currency inflows.

Top News:

- The Brent crude benchmark opened slightly lower on Tuesday as the U.S. dollar strengthened and traders waited for cues from the U.S. Federal Reserve meeting minutes, after optimism over demand amid tightening supplies drove prices higher on Monday.
- Asia-Pacific markets were mixed on Tuesday as investors await regional private surveys for factory activity.

International Markets

USD: The dollar edged lower on Monday but kept close to Friday's six-week high, after a flurry of economic data reinforced market expectations of tighter monetary policy from the Federal Reserve.

GBP: GBP/USD clings to mild losses as markets await key data. US Treasury bond yields recover on full markets' return, geopolitical fears. UK PM Sunak struggles to achieve Brexit deal amid major backlash from Eurosceptic Conservative MPs. Preliminary S&P Global PMIs for February appear the key ahead of Wednesday's Fed Minutes. GBP/USD lacks follow-through as it prints mild losses around 1.2020 heading into Tuesday's London open, flirting with an intraday low by the press time.

EUR: EUR/USD has slipped firmly to near 1.0660 as the USD Index eyes more upside. S&P500 futures are showing losses ahead of the US opening after an elongated weekend. Most institutional investors are having pessimist view for Eurozone economic projections. The EUR/USD pair has slipped to near 1.0660 in the Asian session as the risk appetite of the market participants has trimmed ahead of the global PMI figures.

INR: USD/INR renews intraday low, after four-week uptrend, on technical breakdown. Downbeat oscillators add strength to the fall targeting 100-SMA, 200-SMA. Weekly descending trend line adds to the upside filters. USD/INR takes offers to refresh intraday low near 82.65 during the initial Indian trading session.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	125.75	134.00			
GBP/KES	152.60	161.40	GBP/USD	1.2045	1.2065
EUR/KES	135.40	143.20	EUR/USD	1.0695	1.0695
INR/KES		1.6380	AUD/USD	0.6950	0.6740
			USD/INR	81.74	81.73
			Commodities		
			Gold	1838	1841
			Brent Crude	83.22	83.41

T-Bills Rates:

Duration	Current	Previous
91 Days	9.623%	9.601%
182 Days	10.079%	10.042%
364 Days	10.638%	10.603%

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