

DAILY FOREX NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling edged lower on Friday, with foreign currency demand mainly coming from fuel importers and manufacturers.

Top News

- Oil prices rose on Friday to their highest in over half a year and snapped a two-week losing streak, buoyed by expectations of tightening supplies.
- Asia-Pacific markets largely traded higher as China's factory activity for August expanded and the central bank announced a cut in reserve requirements to boost the economy.

International Markets

USD: U.S. employers added to their workforce vigorously last month despite the advanced stage of the business cycle, undeterred by the Federal Reserve's most aggressive tightening campaign in decades, underscoring the labor market's exceptional resilience and its ability to provide support to the broader economy during the latter part of 2023.

GBP: The newly released UK Annual National Accounts 2023 show that the UK economy grew by more than previously thought in 2020 and 2021. The upward revisions to both years mean that GDP is now estimated to be 0.6% above pre-coronavirus levels pandemic levels in Q4 2021 against a previous estimate of 1.2% below, according to the Office for National Statistics.

EUR: EUR/USD reversed its direction and fell below 1.0800, reaching 1.0780, the lowest level in a week. Following an initial negative reaction to NFP data, the US Dollar experienced a significant rally and is maintaining its strength towards the end of the week.

INR: The rupee on September 1 opened higher against the US dollar after India's gross domestic product data came better than expected. India's economy exceeded expectations by growing 7.8 percent in the April-June quarter and would further attract overseas money flow.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	144.80	148.25			
GBP/KES	182.50	187.20	GBP/USD	1.2650	1.2700
EUR/KES	156.00	160.30	EUR/USD	1.0820	1.0900
INR/KES		1.7900	AUD/USD	0.6520	0.6500
			USD/INR	82.30	82.20
			Commodities		
			Gold	1944	1940
			Brent Crude	88.55	87.07

T-Bills Rates:

Duration	Current	Previous
91 Days	13.9851%	13.7332%
182 Days	13.9388%	13.4911%
364 Days	13.7650%	14.0140%

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