

# GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

Thursday 9th November 2023

## Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling fell on Wednesday, as foreign-currency appetite from importers, oil marketers and manufacturers outweighed inflows.

Today's expected range is 150.40 – 157.90.

## Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	150.30	157.80			
GBP/KES	185.80	194.10	GBP/USD	1.2345	1.2290
EUR/KES	161.80	169.40	EUR/USD	1.0748	1.0720
INR/KES		1.9012	AUD/USD	0.6457	0.6473
			USD/INR	83.1595	83.1545
			Commodities		
			Gold	1,948.89	1,965.79
			Brent Crude	79.69	81.41

## Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	15.19%	15.11%	
182 Days	15.27%	15.13%	
364 Days	15.44%	15.39%	
KES INFLATION	6.90%	6.80%	14 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 23
KES CBR	10.50%	10.50%	03 <sup>rd</sup> Oct, 23
FED RATE	5.50%	5.50%	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 23
ECB RATE	4.50%	4.50%	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 23
BOE RATE	5.25%	5.25%	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 23
RBI RATE	6.50%	6.50%	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 23

## Top News

**Oil:** prices edged up on Thursday as markets shrugged off deflationary indicators in China and looked for further clues on the status of demand from the world's two biggest oil consumers.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Asian share markets rallied on Thursday and the dollar was weaker after most U.S stocks edged higher, and the S&P 500 recorded its longest winning streak in two years, with investors on high alert for signs that global interest rates have peaked.

## International Markets

**USD:** Most Asian currencies moved little on Thursday as disappointing inflation data from China weighed on sentiment, while weakness in the Japanese yen saw traders on edge over any government intervention.

**GBP:** GBP/USD struggles to gain any meaningful traction and oscillates in a narrow range on Thursday. A further decline in the US bond yields keeps the USD bulls on the defensive and lends some support. The uncertainty over the Fed's rate hike is holding back traders from placing fresh directional bets. The GBP/USD pair stalls the overnight modest bounce from the 1.2240 area or the weekly low near the 100-hour Simple Moving Average (SMA) and oscillates in a narrow trading band during the Asian session on Thursday.

**EUR:** EUR/USD moves sideways in the absence of clear directional momentum. Euro lies in positive territory after mixed Eurozone data on Wednesday. Downbeat US bond yields undermine the US Dollar. The EUR/USD hovers around 1.0710 during the Asian session on Thursday. The pair experiences a lack of directional momentum, leaving the pair without a clear trend.

**INR:** The rupee appreciated 2 paise to 83.25 against the US dollar in morning trade on Thursday, amid a drop in crude oil price and softness in the American currency. The local unit opened at 83.26 a dollar as compared to its previous close of 83.27.

Source: Reuters.

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