

GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The The Kenyan shilling fell on Thursday, as dollar demand from the energy and manufacturing sectors exceeded meagre 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	150.40	157.90			
GBP/KES	185.00	193.35	GBP/USD	1.2260	1.2345
EUR/KES	161.40	168.60	EUR/USD	1.0690	1.0748
INR/KES		1.9025	AUD/USD	0.6387	0.6457
			USD/INR	83.1770	83.1595
			Commodities		
			Gold	1,956.59	1,948.89
			Brent Crude	80.44	79.69

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	15.2867%	15.19%	
182 Days	15.4057%	15.27%	
364 Days	15.6151%	15.44%	
KES INFLATION	6.90%	6.80%	14 th Nov, 23
KES CBR	10.50%	10.50%	03 rd Oct, 23
FED RATE	5.50%	5.50%	13 th Dec, 23
ECB RATE	4.50%	4.50%	14 th Dec, 23
BOE RATE	5.25%	5.25%	14 th Dec, 23
RBI RATE	6.50%	6.50%	13 th Dec, 23

Top News

Oil: Oil prices were little changed on Friday after rising in the previous session but are set to fall for a third week as concerns of supply disruptions from the Israel-Hamas conflict have ebbed allowing demand worries to reassert themselves.

Asia-Pacific markets: Asian stocks fell to their lowest in a week on Friday, while the dollar was firm as elevated Treasury yields weighed on sentiment after hawkish comments from U.S. Fed Chair Jerome Powell extinguished expectations of a peak in interest rates.

International Markets

USD: Most Asian currencies moved in a flat-to-low range on Friday, while the dollar held on to recent gains as comments from Federal Reserve officials saw traders reassess expectations of no more interest rate hikes.

GBP: GBP/USD consolidates its recent losses to the weekly low amid a bullish US Dollar. Reviving bets for one more Fed rate hike and a softer risk tone underpin the buck. Expectations that the BoE will start cutting rates in 2024 weigh on the British Pound. The downside remains cushioned as traders await the release of the UK Q3 GDP print. The GBP/USD pair enters a bearish consolidation phase on Friday and oscillates in a narrow band, around the 1.2220-1.2225 area, just above a one-week low touched during the Asian session.

EUR: EUR/USD faced a challenge as the US Dollar surged in the previous session. Euro experiences pressure on ECB's uncertainty regarding the next policy move. Fed Chair Powell stated IMF event that current policies may not be enough to curb inflation. EUR/USD recovers recent losses recorded in the previous session, trading higher near 1.0670 during the Asian session on Friday.

INR: The Indian rupee was little changed on Friday as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) likely sold U.S. dollars to prevent depreciation amid a rebound in U.S. Treasury yields.

Source: Reuters.

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