

GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling weakened on Friday as the trend of dollar demand from importers outmatching inflows continued.

The Trade and Development Bank (TDB) has lent Kenya \$210 million, Finance Minister Njuguna Ndung'u told Reuters on Friday, ahead of the maturation of a \$2 billion Eurobond in June.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 160.50 – 164.00.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	161.00	164.00			
GBP/KES	205.20	208.60	GBP/USD	1.2745	1.2699
EUR/KES	175.50	178.95	EUR/USD	1.0945	1.0903
INR/KES		1.9560	AUD/USD	0.6610	0.6560
			USD/INR	83.100	83.1340
			Commodities		
			Gold	2,023.29	2,012.70
			Brent Crude	78.16	78.26

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	16.2347%	16.1452%	-
182 Days	16.3007%	16.1874%	-
364 Days	16.4917%	16.3917%	-
KES INFLATION	6.60%	6.80%	30 th Jan, 24
KES CBR	12.50%	10.50%	06 th Feb, 24
FED RATE	5.50%	5.50%	
ECB RATE	4.50%	4.50%	1 st Feb, 24
BOE RATE	5.25%	5.25%	
RBI RATE	6.50%	6.50%	

Top News

Oil: Oil prices fell for a second day on Monday as economic headwinds pressured the global oil demand outlook and outweighed geopolitical concerns in the Middle East and an attack on a Russian fuel export terminal over the weekend

Asia-Pacific markets: Asian shares tracked Tokyo higher on Monday as AI hype helped the tech sector ahead of a week brimming with central bank meetings, major economic data and corporate earnings.

International Markets

USD: The U.S. dollar edged lower on Friday, pausing after five straight sessions of gains but still poised for a weekly climb, as recent economic data and comments from Federal Reserve officials dampened expectations of rapid cuts in interest rates.

GBP: GBP/USD moves higher on the subdued US Dollar amid a risk-on sentiment. The softer UK Retail Sales data might have contributed to the losses of the British Pound. US Dollar could draw support from safe-haven status during escalated geopolitical threats in the Middle East. GBP/USD retraces its recent losses registered on Friday, trading higher near 1.2720 during the Asian session on Monday.

EUR: EUR/USD could find immediate resistance at 23.6% Fibonacci retracement level at 1.0913. A breakthrough above the 14-day EMA at 1.0922 could lead the pair to reach the major level at 1.0950. A break below the psychological level at 1.0900 could push the pair to revisit the monthly low at 1.0884. EUR/USD extends its gains on the second successive day, trading around 1.0910 during the Asian hours on Monday.

INR: The Indian Rupee (INR) has traded in a slightly wider range in the last month, after months of tight trading around the 83.30 level against the US Dollar .

Source: Reuters

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