

GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenya's shilling held steady against the dollar on Tuesday.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 160.90 – 164.60.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	160.50	164.60			
GBP/KES	205.60	209.00	GBP/USD	1.2741	1.2738
EUR/KES	175.00	178.80	EUR/USD	1.0895	1.0903
INR/KES		1.9845	AUD/USD	0.6597	0.6602
			USD/INR	83.048	83.0960
			Commodities		
			Gold	2,031.35	2,031.35
			Brent Crude	79.41	80.21

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%	25 th Jan, 24
BOE RATE	5.25%	5.25%	
RBI RATE	6.50%	6.50%	

Top News

Oil: Oil prices were little changed in Asian trading on Wednesday as weak demand and a recovery in supply limited the market's reaction to mounting geopolitical risk.

Asia-Pacific markets: Asian shares rose on Wednesday on optimism that Chinese authorities will offer support for its stock markets, which have plummeted to multi-year lows, while a hawkish tilt from the Bank of Japan lifted the yen.

International Markets

USD: Most Asian currencies kept to a tight range on Wednesday, while the dollar steadied near six-week highs as markets awaited more cues on when the Federal Reserve could begin trimming interest rates.

GBP: GBP/USD maintains its position below the psychological barrier of 1.2700. A break above the 1.2750 major level could lead the pair to revisit the monthly high at 1.2785. The pair could find a support zone around the 1.2650 major level and the 23.6% Fibonacci retracement at 1.2648. Technical analysis suggests a lack of a strong directional bias in the pair. GBP/USD recovers its recent gains, trading higher near 1.2690 during the Asian session on Wednesday.

EUR: EUR/USD attempts to gain ground ahead of PMI data from the Eurozone and Germany. The downbeat EU Consumer Confidence weighed on the Euro. The risk-averse sentiment is driving the US Dollar in an upward direction. Fed is expected to not adjust its monetary policy at the February's decision. EUR/USD strives to retrace its recent losses, trading slightly higher near 1.0850 during the Asian session on Wednesday.

INR: The Indian rupee ended slightly stronger on Thursday, aided by dollar inflows

Source: Reuters

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