

GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

Thursday 11th April 2024

Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was little changed on Tuesday. The shilling was on a long-running losing streak, throughout 2022 and 2023, but this year it has recovered sharply and is up more than 20% against the U.S. currency.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 129.00 – 131.00.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	129.00	131.00			
GBP/KES	162.20	165.20	GBP/USD	1.2587	1.2678
EUR/KES	139.00	141.20	EUR/USD	1.0767	1.0879
INR/KES		1.5785	AUD/USD	0.6542	0.6642
			USD/INR	83.1820	83.1345
			Commodities		
			Gold	2343.02	2,345.89
			Brent Crude	90.62	90.58

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	16.7243%	16.7290%	-
182 Days	16.8738%	16.8877%	-
364 Days	16.9898%	16.9899%	-
KES INFLATION	6.60%	5.7%	30 th April 24
KES CBR	13.00%	13.00%	
FED RATE	5.50%	5.50%	
ECB RATE	4.50%	4.50%	
BOE RATE	5.25%	5.25%	
RBI RATE	6.50%	6.50%	

Top News

Oil : Oil prices extended gains on Thursday, after rising a dollar a barrel in the prior session, as investors braced for a worsening of the Middle East crisis, potentially involving Iran, the third-largest oil producer in the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Asia-Pacific markets: Asia-Pacific markets tumbled after U.S. inflation for March came in hotter than expected, stoking worries that the Federal Reserve may keep interest rates higher for longer.

International Markets

USD: Most Asian currencies weakened on Thursday as hotter-than-expected U.S. inflation data put the dollar at a five-month high, while weakness in the Japanese yen saw markets wary of any potential intervention.

GBP: GBP/USD trades on a softer note around 1.2540 in Thursday's early Asian session. A resilient US economy and elevated inflation are likely to derail Fed's plans to cut interest rates this year. Any hints about May rate cuts or any dovish remarks from the BoE might exert pressure on the GBP. The GBP/USD pair remains under selling pressure near 1.2540 after bouncing off the 2024 low of 1.2520. The sell-off in the major pair is driven by the firmer US Dollar (USD) after the upside surprises in US Consumer Price Index (CPI) data in March. **EUR:** EUR/USD attracts some sellers near 1.0745 on the firmer USD on Thursday. The pair resumes its bearish stance below the key EMA, with an oversold RSI condition. The key support level is seen at the 1.0725–1.0730 zone; the first upside target is located at 1.0800. The EUR/USD pair loses traction around 1.0745 on Thursday during the early European session. The hotter-than-expected US inflation data boosted the Greenback to yearly highs and exerted some selling pressure on the EUR/USD pair.

INR: India's currency, debt and equity markets will be closed on Thursday, April 11, for a holiday. Trading will resume on Friday, April 12. The blue-chip NSE Nifty 50 .NSEI added 0.49% to 22,753.80 on Wednesday, while the BSE Sensex .BSESN settled 0.47% higher at 75,038.15, led by metals and energy stocks. The Indian rupee INR=IN strengthened 0.16% versus the U.S. dollar, and quoted at 83.20 per dollar, aided by likely inflows and lower U.S. bond yields.

Source: Reuters.

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