

# GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Local Markets:

The Kenya's shilling was flat against the dollar on Thursday, with the Central Bank buying dollars to slow the strengthening of the local unit,

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
<b>USD/KES</b>	129.00	131.00			
<b>GBP/KES</b>	161.50	164.00	<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.2582	1.2587
<b>EUR/KES</b>	138.00	140.20	<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.0741	1.0767
<b>INR/KES</b>		1.5785	<b>AUD/USD</b>	0.6561	0.6542
			<b>USD/INR</b>	83.215	83.1820
			<b>Commodities</b>		
			<b>Gold</b>	2385.20	2,342.02
			<b>Brent Crude</b>	90.21	90.62

## Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
<b>91 Days</b>	15.7330%	16.7243%	-
<b>182 Days</b>	16.8684%	16.8738%	-
<b>364 Days</b>	16.5310%	16.9898%	-
<b>KES INFLATION</b>	6.60%	5.7%	30 <sup>th</sup> April 24
<b>KES CBR</b>	13.00%	13.00%	
<b>FED RATE</b>	5.50%	5.50%	
<b>ECB RATE</b>	4.50%	4.50%	
<b>BOE RATE</b>	5.25%	5.25%	
<b>RBI RATE</b>	6.50%	6.50%	

## Top News

**Oil :** Oil prices rose in early trade on Friday on heightened tensions in the Middle East, where Iran has promised to retaliate for a suspected Israeli air strike on its embassy in Syria, which could risk disruptions to supply from the oil producing region.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Asia-Pacific markets were mixed Friday after an inflation-fueled selloff in the previous session, with investor assessing economic data from Singapore and South Korea while awaiting China trade numbers.

## International Markets

**USD:** The dollar rose moderately on Thursday in choppy trading, as weaker-than-expected March U.S. producer prices did not relieve concerns about persistent inflation which has reinforced the belief that the Federal Reserve will delay cutting interest rates this year.

**GBP:** GBP/USD remains on the defensive around 1.2550 in Friday's early Asian session. The US Producer Price Index (PPI) increased by 2.1% YoY in March, missing the estimation of 2.2%. BoE's Greene said the rate cuts in the UK should remain "a way off" amid the persistence of inflation pressure. The GBP/USD pair remains on the backfoot near 1.2550 during the early Asian session on Friday. The market expects that the Bank of England (BoE) will cut its interest rate sooner than the US Federal Reserve (Fed) weighs on the Pound Sterling (GBP) and the major pair.

**EUR:** EUR/USD remains on the defensive around 1.0728 in Friday's early Asian session. US PPI figure rose 0.2% MoM in March, compared to the 0.3% estimate; yearly PPI climbed 2.1%, the biggest gain since April 2023. The ECB held its key interest rates steady at 4.0% for a fifth straight meeting on Thursday, as widely expected. The EUR/USD pair trades with a negative bias near 1.0728 on Friday during the early Asian session

**INR:** The rupee depreciated 7 paise to 83.38 against the US dollar in early trade on Friday, weighed down by a negative trend in domestic equities and elevated crude oil prices.

Source: Reuters.

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