

# GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Local Markets:

The Kenya's shilling strengthened to a near 13-month high on Friday, helped by commercial banks shedding their long dollar positions.

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>	163.00	165.70	<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.2675	1.2649
<b>EUR/KES</b>	140.00	142.50	<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.0867	1.0848
<b>INR/KES</b>		1.5845	<b>AUD/USD</b>	0.6610	0.6594
			<b>USD/INR</b>	83.1575	83.400
			<b>Commodities</b>		
			<b>Gold</b>	2340.82	2,277.68
			<b>Brent Crude</b>	89.90	90.94

## Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
<b>91 Days</b>	16.7243%	16.7290%	-
<b>182 Days</b>	16.8738%	16.8877%	-
<b>364 Days</b>	16.9898%	16.9899%	-
<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 fell more than \$1 a barrel on Monday, with Brent sliding under \$90, as Middle East tensions eased after Israel withdrew more soldiers from southern Gaza and committed to fresh talks on a potential ceasefire in the six-month conflict.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Asia-Pacific markets were mixed ahead of central bank decisions this week, with investors also awaiting inflation numbers from the U.S. and China.

## International Markets

**USD:** Most Asian currencies kept to a tight range on Monday, while the dollar steadied as a blowout nonfarm payrolls report saw traders sharply scale back expectations the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates in June.

**GBP:** The Pound has trimmed retraced post-NFP lows and is practically flat on the daily chart. Nonfarm Payrolls data shows that the US economy remains creating employment at a strong pace .A frail economic outlook and softer inflationary pressures are weighing on the Pound. The Sterling is regaining lost ground on Friday's US session following a significant reversal, with a strong US employment report sending the Dollar soaring. The pair, however, remains practically flat in the weekly chat after having whipsawed over the last few days.

**EUR:** EUR/USD edges lower on Monday as the upbeat US NFP continues to underpin the USD.A positive risk tone might cap the safe-haven buck and lend some support to the major. Traders now look to the US CPI, FOMC minutes and the ECB meeting for a fresh impetus.The EUR/USD pair struggles to capitalize on Friday's goodish rebound of around 50 pips from sub-1.0800 levels and meets with a fresh supply during the Asian session on Monday.

**INR:** The Indian rupee gained in early trading on Monday, continuing its upside momentum from the previous session, even though U.S. bond yields jumped as investors pared bets on a rate cut by the Federal Reserve in June.

**Source: Reuters.**

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