

# GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Local Markets:

The Kenya's shilling strengthened to a near 13-month high ,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>	163.40	166.10	<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.2678	1.2675
<b>EUR/KES</b>	140.20	142.80	<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.0879	1.0867
<b>INR/KES</b>		1.5865	<b>AUD/USD</b>	0.6642	0.6610
			<b>USD/INR</b>	83.1345	83.1575
			<b>Commodities</b>		
			<b>Gold</b>	2345.89	2,340.82
			<b>Brent Crude</b>	90.58	89.90

## 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 rose in early Asian trading after hopes diminished that negotiations between Israel and Hamas would lead to a ceasefire in Gaza and ease tension in the Middle East

**Asia-Pacific markets**: Asia-Pacific markets were mixed Tuesday as investors awaited consumer confidence data from Japan, with focus also on U.S. inflation numbers to assess the Federal Reserve's rate cut path.

## International Markets

**USD**: Most Asian currencies moved little on Tuesday and the dollar steadied in anticipation of key U.S. inflation data due later this week, while the Japanese yen moved back towards 34-year lows despite repeated warnings of government intervention.

**GBP**: GBP/USD gained ground on risk-on sentiment ahead of US consumer prices. CME Fed Watch Tool suggests the likelihood of a Fed rate cut in June has decreased to 51.1%.BRC Like-For-Like Retail Sales grew by 3.2% YoY in March, marking the strongest growth since August 2023.GBP/USD holds ground in the positive territory, hovering around 1.2650 during the Asian session on Tuesday.

**EUR**: EUR/USD could retest the previous week's high of 1.0876.The resistance zone appears around the 61.8% Fibo level of 1.0883 and the psychological level of 1.0900.The major level of 1.0850 could act as a key support, followed by the nine-day EMA at 1.0833.EUR/USD put efforts to continue its winning streak for the sixth successive session on Tuesday.

**INR**: India's currency and debt markets will be closed on Tuesday, April 9, for a holiday and will resume trading on Wednesday, April 10.The Indian rupee INR=IN weakened 0.02% to close at 83.3150 per U.S. dollar on Monday as dollar demand from state-run banks, likely on behalf of importer clients, eroded early gains in the local unit. The benchmark 10-year bond IN071833G=CC ended at 7.1501% on Monday, above its previous close of 7.1232%, tracking rise in U.S. peers as strong economic data further pushed back expectations around the timing of the Federal Reserve's first interest rate cut

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