

GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

Kenya's shilling gained ground on Wednesday, boosted by dollar inflows from tea exporters and low importer hard-currency demand.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 128.00 – 129.60.

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	127.00	129.50			
GBP/KES	162.00	165.10	GBP/USD	1.2795	1.2762
EUR/KES	137.50	139.90	EUR/USD	1.0821	1.0761
INR/KES		1.5572	AUD/USD	0.6668	0.6638
			USD/INR	83.34	83.35
			Commodities		
			Gold	2311.27	2,313.07
			Brent Crude	82.55	82.31

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	15.9654%	15.9545%	-
182 Days	16.6405%	16.6076%	-
364 Days	16.7311%	16.7061%	-
KES INFLATION	5.1%	5.0%	30 th June 24
KES CBR	13.00%	13.00%	
FED RATE	5.50%	5.50%	
ECB RATE	3.75%	4.00%	
BOE RATE	5.25%	5.25%	

Top News

Oil: Oil prices fell in early trade on Wednesday as investors digested news that the U.S. Federal Reserve has opted against cutting interest rates in the near future, while ample U.S. crude and fuel stocks further weighed on the market.

Asia-Pacific markets: Asia-Pacific markets rose on Thursday after the U.S. Federal Reserve held the federal funds rate at 5.25% to 5.5%, and shifted its “dot plot” to project only one rate cut this year.

International Markets

USD: The U.S. dollar retreated Wednesday, falling back after hitting a four-week high overnight ahead of the conclusion of the latest Federal Reserve policy meeting.

GBP: GBP/USD drifts lower on Thursday amid the hawkish Fed-inspired USD buying interest. The mixed technical setup warrants some caution before positioning for deeper losses. A daily close above the 1.2800 mark will set the stage for a further appreciating move.

EUR: EUR/USD remains stable as Eurozone Industrial Production is anticipated to decline on a monthly basis. The US Dollar advances following a hawkish hold from the Fed on Wednesday. EUR/USD remains stable following the trimming of losses registered in the previous session and trading around 1.0810 during the Asian hours on Thursday.

INR: Indian Rupee (INR) weakens on Thursday amid the persistent US Dollar (USD) demand from local oil companies and other importers. The hawkish hold by the US Federal Reserve (Fed) helped the Greenback to regain some composure despite the release of softer-than-expected US May inflation data

Source: Reuters.

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