

GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenya's shilling held steady against the U.S dollar on Thursday, as foreign-currency inflows matched demand from manufacturing and other sectors.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 127.00/130.00

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	127.00	130.00			
GBP/KES	166.46	170.50	GBP/USD	1.3137	1.3113
EUR/KES	141.26	144.80	EUR/USD	1.1153	1.1173
INR/KES		1.5564	AUD/USD	0.6744	0.6761
			USD/INR	83.53	83.57
			Commodities		
			Gold	2492.76	2506.91
			Brent Crude	77.27	76.02

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	15.7940%	15.8094%	-
182 Days	16.6686%	16.7078%	-
364 Days	16.8592%	16.8664%	-
KES INFLATION	4.30%	4.60%	31st Aug. 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%	
RBI RATE	6.50%	6.50%	

Top News

Oil: Oil prices were steady in early Asian trading on Friday, but were poised to end the week lower as downward revisions to U.S. employment data raised demand concerns and ceasefire talks in Gaza eased worries about supply disruptions.

Asia-Pacific markets: Asia-Pacific markets mostly fell on Friday as investors awaited U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell's comments at Jackson Hole gathering of global central bankers.

International Markets

USD: The U.S. dollar was calm on Friday as traders braced for comments from Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell, while Bank of Japan Governor Kazuo Ueda aimed to soothe lingering market nerves after a surprise rate hike last month.

GBP: The GBP/USD pair trades in positive territory for the seventh consecutive day near 1.3105 during the early European session on Friday. The confidence of investors that the US Federal Reserve (Fed) will start easing monetary policy in the upcoming September meeting continues to undermine the US Dollar (USD) broadly.

EUR: The EUR/USD pair regains positive traction on the last day of the week and for now, seems to have stalled its pullback from the vicinity of over a one-year high touched on Wednesday. Spot prices currently trade around the 1.1125 region and draw support from the emergence of fresh selling around the US Dollar (USD).

INR: The Indian Rupee (INR) trades with mild gains on Friday as the dovish US Federal Reserve (Fed) minutes and lower crude oil prices support the local currency. Traders also expect the INR's downside might be limited as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) might step in to sell the USD and prevent the INR from breaching the key 84.00 level.

Source: Reuters.

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