

GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was stable against the dollar on Thursday, with dollar inflows from remittances and non-governmental organisations meeting importers demand.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 127.25/130.50

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	127.25	130.50			
GBP/KES	162.38	166.70	GBP/USD	1.2791	1.2726
EUR/KES	139.00	142.80	EUR/USD	1.0953	1.0946
INR/KES		1.5554	AUD/USD	0.6612	0.6570
			USD/INR	83.90	83.58
			Commodities		
			Gold	2419.10	2393.76
			Brent Crude	79.02	76.80

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	15.8177%	15.9884%	-
182 Days	16.7148%	16.8502%	-
364 Days	16.9141%	16.9206%	-
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: US crude oil inventories fell for a sixth straight week, reflecting positive demand. West Texas Intermediate (WTI), price edges higher on the back of falling crude inventories and positive US labor data.

Asia-Pacific markets: Most Asian currencies strengthened on Friday as positive economic readings from the U.S. and China helped soothe concerns over a recession, although improved risk appetite put renewed pressure on the Japanese yen.

International Markets

USD: The dollar rose after new U.S. labor market data showed that unemployment benefits fell more than expected last week, easing fears of an imminent recession.

GBP: The GBP/USD pair is seen building on the previous day's goodish rebound from the 1.2665 area, or a five-week low and gaining some follow-through positive traction for the second successive day on Thursday. The momentum lifts spot prices back above the mid-1.2700s during the Asian session and is sponsored by a modest US Dollar (USD) downtick.

EUR: EUR/USD halts its three-day losing streak, trading around 1.0920 during the Asian session on Friday. The upside of the EUR/USD pair could be attributed to the downbeat US Dollar (USD), which could be attributed to heightened expectations of a dovish policy outlook by the US Federal Reserve (Fed).

INR: The Indian Rupee (INR) gains traction on Friday. Traders increasingly expect the US Federal Reserve (Fed) to cut interest rates in September, which continue undermining the US Dollar (USD). Furthermore, the likely intervention by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) could prevent the local currency from depreciating.

Source: Reuters.

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