



GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was steady on Monday and was expected to gain ground bolstered by dollar inflows from tea export.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 127.10/130.10

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	127.10	130.10			
GBP/KES	167.90	172.00	GBP/USD	1.3241	1.3188
EUR/KES	141.45	145.00	EUR/USD	1.1159	1.1128
INR/KES		1.5580	USD/INR	83.50	83.57
			AUD/USD	0.6776	0.6748
			Commodities		
			Gold	2582.20	2588.46
			Brent Crude	73.13	71.75

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	15.7502%	15.7677%	-
182 Days	16.6248%	16.6255%	-
364 Days	16.8168%	16.8228%	-
KES INFLATION	4.40%	4.30%	30th Sept. 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 extended gains on Tuesday as the market eyed U.S. output concerns in the aftermath of Hurricane Francine and expectations of lower U.S. crude stockpiles.

Asia-Pacific markets: Asia-Pacific stocks traded mixed on Tuesday with Japan's Nikkei 225 dropping over 2%, as investors awaited for the Federal Reserve to kick off its monetary loosening cycle.

International Markets

USD: The dollar traded near its lowest levels of the year on Tuesday, on the eve of the expected the start to a U.S. easing cycle that markets are betting may begin with an outsized rate cut.

GBP: The GBP/USD pair oscillates in a narrow trading band just above the 1.3200 mark during the Asian session on Tuesday and consolidates the previous day's strong move up to over a one-week high. Investors opt to move to the sidelines ahead of the key central bank event risks – the highly-anticipated two-day FOMC meeting starting this Tuesday and the Bank of England (BoE) policy update on Thursday.

EUR: The EUR/USD pair trades on a softer note near 1.1125 amid the modest recovery in US Dollar (USD) during the Asian trading hours on Tuesday. Traders brace for the release of US Retail Sales data, which is due later in the day. On Wednesday, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) interest rate decision will take center stage.

INR: The Indian Rupee (INR) edges lower on Tuesday, snapping the three-day winning streak. The robust US Dollar (USD) demand from local importers, particularly oil companies, weighs on the local currency. Additionally, the rebound in crude oil prices might limit the INR's upside as India is the third-largest oil consumer after the United States (US) and China.

Source: Reuters.

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