

GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

Monday September 2nd, 2024

Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was unchanged on Friday, with little market activity. No major tickets on bids or offers were issued.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 127.00/129.95

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	127.00	129.95			
GBP/KES	166.76	170.70	GBP/USD	1.3161	1.3199
EUR/KES	140.42	143.90	EUR/USD	1.1087	1.1107
INR/KES		1.5554	AUD/USD	0.6792	0.6827
			USD/INR	83.55	83.54
			Commodities		
			Gold	2498.37	2517.90
			Brent Crude	76.41	80.29

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	15.7844%	15.7940%	-
182 Days	16.6327%	16.6686%	-
364 Days	16.8421%	16.8592%	-
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 losses on Monday with investors weighing higher OPEC+ production from October against a sharp drop in output from Libya amid sluggish demand in China and the U.S., the world's two biggest oil consumers.

Asia-Pacific markets: Asia-Pacific markets fell on Monday as investors assessed China's business activity numbers released over the weekend, while awaiting a slew of data due later this week.

International Markets

USD: The dollar climbed to a two-week top on Monday as traders pared bets for aggressive policy easing by the Federal Reserve with the focus now moving to a crucial U.S. jobs report at the end of this week.

GBP: The GBP/USD pair gains ground around 1.3135, snapping the three-day losing streak during the early Asian session on Monday. In the absence of top-tier economic data releases from the UK this week, the USD price dynamic will be the main driver for the GBP/USD.

EUR: EUR/USD breaks its three-day losing streak, trading around 1.1050 during the Asian session on Monday. The upside of the EUR/USD pair could be attributed to the tepid US Dollar (USD) following the dovish sentiment surrounding the US Federal Reserve (Fed). However, the US July's Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Index might have provided support for the Greenback and limited the upside of the pair.

INR: The Indian Rupee (INR) drifts lower on the stronger US Dollar (USD) on Monday. The INR was the second worst-performing Asian currency in August, pressured by strong USD from state-run banks. The latest data released on Monday showed that the HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) eased to 57.5 in August.

Source: Reuters.

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