

GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling rebounded against the U.S dollar on Wednesday after losing ground slightly in the previous session, data from The London Stock Exchange Group showed.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 128.40/129.90

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	128.40	129.90			
GBP/KES	162.45	164.80	GBP/USD	1.2682	1.2668
EUR/KES	134.35	136.50	EUR/USD	1.0493	1.0522
INR/KES		1.4967	USD/INR	86.79	86.76
			AUD/USD	0.6319	0.6352
			Commodities		
			Gold	2890.60	2915.72
			Brent Crude	72.77	73.28

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	8.9477%	8.9697%	-
182 Days	9.3116%	9.4100%	-
364 Days	10.5261%	10.5941%	-
KES INFLATION	3.300%	3.000%	-
KES CBR	10.75%	11.25%	-
FED RATE	4.25%	4.50%	-
ECB RATE	3.00%	3.25%	-
BOE RATE	4.75%	5.00%	-
RBI RATE	6.50%	6.50%	-

Top News

Oil: Oil prices edged up from two-months low on Thursday after U.S president Donald Trump announced a reversal of a license given to Chevron to operate in Venezuela potentially lightening crude supply.

Asia-Pacific markets: Asian currencies weakened on Thursday as the U.S. dollar gained, driven by uncertainty over the timing of tariffs promised by President Donald Trump, while investors cautiously awaited a key U.S. inflation report to gain further insight into the Federal Reserve's interest rate trajectory.

International Markets

USD: The US Dollar Index (DXY), which tracks the performance of the US Dollar against a basket of six major currencies, is attempting a modest recovery early Thursday but remains near yearly lows at 106.50. Traders continue to weigh increased Federal Reserve (Fed) rate cut expectations and the latest tariff developments from US President Donald Trump.

GBP: GBP/USD depreciates after two consecutive sessions of gains, trading around 1.2660 during Asian hours on Thursday. The pair loses ground as the US Dollar (USD) strengthens amid increased risk aversion and rising US Treasury yields.

EUR: The EUR/USD pair loses ground to around 1.0465 during the Asian trading hours on Thursday. The Euro (EUR) weakens after US President Donald Trump threatened to slap 25% tariffs on the European Union. Investors await the release of the estimate of US Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the fourth quarter (Q4) and the weekly Initial Jobless Claims for fresh impetus, which are due later on Thursday.

INR: The Indian Rupee (INR) softens on Thursday. The local currency remains on the defensive due to month-end US Dollar (USD) demand by importers. Additionally, capital outflows amid uncertainty over US trade tariffs contribute to the INR's downside. Nonetheless, a likely foreign exchange intervention by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) might help limit the Indian Rupee's depreciation.

Source: Reuters.

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