

GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was unchanged against the dollar on Wednesday, data from The London Stock Exchange Group showed.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 128.25/129.75

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	128.25	129.75			
GBP/KES	160.15	162.50	GBP/USD	1.2516	1.2498
EUR/KES	133.20	135.30	EUR/USD	1.0417	1.0405
INR/KES		1.4885	USD/INR	87.17	86.78
			AUD/USD	0.6295	0.6279
			Commodities		
			Gold	2869.30	2856.84
			Brent Crude	74.73	75.84

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	9.5219%	9.5252%	-
182 Days	10.0275%	10.0279%	-
364 Days	11.3132%	11.2945%	-
KES INFLATION	3.300%	3.000%	-
KES CBR	11.25%	12.00%	-
FED RATE	4.25%	4.50%	-
ECB RATE	3.00%	3.25%	-
BOE RATE	4.75%	5.00%	-
RBI RATE	6.50%	6.50%	-

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Oil: West Texas Intermediate (WTI), the US crude oil benchmark, is trading around \$71.00 during the early Asian session on Thursday. The WTI price edges lower amid a large build in US crude stockpiles and worries about renewed US-China trade tensions.

Asia-Pacific markets: Most Asian currencies weakened on Thursday, while the dollar steadied as traders remained on edge over a brewing trade war between the U.S. and China after Washington imposed new trade tariffs on Beijing.

International Markets

USD: The U.S. dollar's upward trajectory is anticipated to continue, with a growing number of currency strategists predicting the euro will drop to or below parity with the dollar. This sentiment has intensified compared to last month, with nearly one-third of those polled by Reuters now expecting this outcome, an increase from one-fifth previously.

GBP: GBP/USD halts its three-day winning streak, trading around 1.2490 during the Asian hours on Thursday. The Pound Sterling (GBP) could face downward pressure amid expectations that the Bank of England (BoE) will resume its policy-easing cycle, likely lowering interest rates by 25 basis points (bps) to 4.5% later in the day.

EUR: EUR/USD depreciates after two days of gains, trading around 1.0390 during the Asian session on Thursday. Traders await Eurozone Retail Sales data scheduled to be released later in the day.

INR: The Indian Rupee (INR) extends its downside on Thursday. The local currency remains under selling pressure amid the expectation that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) might cut the interest rates on Friday. Additionally, global trade war concerns fueled risk aversion among investors, weighing on the INR.

Source: Reuters.

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