



GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was stable on Wednesday with importer demand for dollars matched by supply.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 128.30/129.80

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	128.30	129.80			
GBP/KES	167.60	170.00	GBP/USD	1.3095	1.2945
EUR/KES	140.00	142.20	EUR/USD	1.0942	1.0819
INR/KES		1.5241	USD/INR	85.17	85.06
			AUD/USD	0.6301	0.6325
			Commodities		
			Gold	3136.90	3114.48
			Brent Crude	73.26	74.46

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	8.7907%	8.8402%	-
182 Days	9.0583%	9.0860%	-
364 Days	10.4117%	10.4613%	-
KES INFLATION	3.600%	3.500%	-
KES CBR	10.75%	11.25%	-
FED RATE	4.25%	4.50%	-
ECB RATE	2.90%	3.00%	-
BOE RATE	4.50%	4.75%	-
RBI RATE	6.25%	6.50%	-

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Oil: West Texas Intermediate (WTI) US Crude Oil prices extend the previous day's retracement slide from the \$72.00 neighborhood, or the highest level since February 21, and attract heavy follow-through selling during the Asian session on Thursday.

Asia-Pacific markets: Asia-Pacific markets plunged on Thursday, after U.S. President Donald Trump imposed hefty reciprocal tariffs on over 180 countries and territories - several of which are in the region.

International Markets

USD: The US Dollar weakened sharply on Thursday, after U.S. President Donald Trump's sweeping trade tariffs battered risk sentiment and pushed up fears of a potential recession. While Trump's protectionist policies stand to eventually benefit the greenback, a recession, along with potential monetary easing to support the economy, could undermine the dollar.

GBP: The GBP/USD pair gains strong follow-through positive traction for the second successive day on Thursday and advances to its highest level since October 2024 during the Asian session. Spot prices currently trade just above mid-1.3000s, up 0.40% for the day, and seem poised to climb further amid a bearish US Dollar (USD).

EUR: The EUR/USD pair saw a bullish surge after the Trump administration announced tariffs that turned out to be less severe than many investors had anticipated, given President Donald Trump's barrage of tariff threats over the last 72 days. While the specifics of these tariff proposals are intricate, US consumers should prepare for a uniform 10% tariff on all imports, a hefty 25% tariff on all cars and car parts, and varying 'reciprocal' tariffs at different rates depending on the country.

INR: The Indian Rupee (INR) remains under selling pressure on Thursday, pressured by the weakening in Asian equity and currency markets after US President Donald Trump imposed broad-based tariffs. New US tariff policies under the Trump administration exert some selling pressure on the INR.

Source: Reuters.

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