



# GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

**Local Markets:**

The Kenyan shilling was slightly stronger against the dollar on Tuesday, bolstered by inflows from remittances and from non-governmental organizations.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 128.30/129.60

**Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:**

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
<b>USD/KES</b>	128.30	129.60			
<b>GBP/KES</b>	172.30	174.40	<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.3461	1.3405
<b>EUR/KES</b>	145.40	147.30	<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.1362	1.1282
<b>INR/KES</b>		1.5245	<b>USD/INR</b>	85.00	84.92
			<b>AUD/USD</b>	0.6483	0.6449
			<b>Commodities</b>		
			<b>Gold</b>	3313.95	3212.60
			<b>Brent Crude</b>	66.32	65.33

**Benchmark Rates:**

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
<b>91 Days</b>	8.3699%	8.3815%	-
<b>182 Days</b>	8.5831%	8.6010%	-
<b>364 Days</b>	10.0022%	10.0098%	-
<b>KES INFLATION</b>	4.110%	3.600%	-
<b>KES CBR</b>	10.00%	10.75%	-
<b>FED RATE</b>	4.25%	4.50%	-
<b>ECB RATE</b>	2.65%	2.90%	-
<b>BOE RATE</b>	4.25%	4.50%	-
<b>RBI RATE</b>	6.00%	6.25%	-

**Top News**

**Oil:** West Texas Intermediate (WTI), the US crude oil benchmark, is trading around \$62.95 during the Asian trading hours on Wednesday. The WTI price surges after CNN reported that US intelligence suggests Israel is making preparations to possibly strike Iranian nuclear facilities.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Most Asian currencies rose on Wednesday as investors assessed Japan's weak trade balance data, reflecting the effect of U.S. tariffs. Markets also digested signs of deteriorating sentiment around U.S.-China trade.

**International Markets**

**USD:** The US Dollar Index (DXY), which tracks the US Dollar (USD) against a basket of six major currencies, is extending its losses for the third successive session and trading lower at around 99.70 during the Asian hours on Wednesday. The Greenback depreciates, pressured by cautious remarks from Federal Reserve (Fed) officials regarding the economic outlook and business sentiment.

**GBP:** The GBP/USD pair extends its winning streak for the third successive session, trading around 1.3430 during Wednesday's Asian hours. The technical analysis of the daily chart suggests a persistent bullish bias as the pair remains within an ascending channel pattern.

**EUR:** The EUR/USD pair gathers strength to near 1.1330 during the early European session on Wednesday, bolstered by a weaker US Dollar (USD). The "sell America" theme continues after Moody's lowered the US rating from 'Aaa' to 'Aa1', citing that successive U.S. administrations had failed to reverse ballooning deficits and interest costs.

**INR:** The Indian Rupee (INR) edges lower on Wednesday. The US Dollar (USD) bids from foreign banks, likely on behalf of custodial clients, and the weaker Chinese Yuan weigh on the Indian currency. Additionally, a decline in local equities and a rise in crude oil prices also undermine the INR.

Source: Reuters.

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