



# GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

**Local Markets:**

The Kenyan shilling was steady on Monday, with dollar supply matching modest importer demand.

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
USD/KES	128.30	129.60			
GBP/KES	173.75	175.90	GBP/USD	1.3572	1.3584
EUR/KES	146.35	148.30	EUR/USD	1.1437	1.1449
INR/KES		1.5245	USD/INR	85.01	84.98
			AUD/USD	0.6541	0.6540
			Commodities		
			Gold	3316.30	3315.66
			Brent Crude	67.12	66.41

**Benchmark Rates:**

Tenor	Current	Previous	
91 Days	8.2816%	8.2927%	
182 Days	8.5433%	8.5642%	
364 Days	9.9985%	10.0000%	
KES INFLATION	3.800%	4.110%	
KES CBR	10.00%	10.75%	
FED RATE	4.25%	4.50%	
ECB RATE	2.65%	2.90%	
BOE RATE	4.25%	4.50%	
RBI RATE	6.00%	6.25%	

**Top News**

**Oil:** West Texas Intermediate (WTI), the US crude oil benchmark, is trading around \$64.65 during the Asian trading hours on Tuesday. The WTI price climbs to nearly seven-week highs, bolstered by a potential trade deal and a weaker US Dollar (USD). Investors await news from US-China trade talks in London for fresh impetus.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Most Asian currencies were subdued on Tuesday as investors exercised caution awaiting the outcome of U.S.-China trade negotiations in London, while the Japanese yen edged down even as the Bank of Japan reiterated its readiness to raise interest rates if inflation remains on track.

**International Markets**

**USD:** The US Dollar gained some ground ahead of U.S. consumer price index (CPI) inflation data, due on Wednesday. The US Dollar Index, which measures the greenback against a basket of major currencies, rose 0.2% in Asia hours. The US Dollar Index Futures were also trading 0.3% higher.

**GBP:** The GBP/USD pair retraces its recent gains, trading around 1.3540 during Asian hours on Tuesday. The technical analysis of the daily chart indicates a persistent bullish bias as the pair moves upwards within an ascending channel pattern.

**EUR:** The EUR/USD pair struggles to capitalize on the previous day's move higher and attracts fresh sellers near the 1.1435 region during the Asian session on Tuesday. The intraday slide is sponsored by a goodish pickup in the US Dollar (USD) demand and drags spot prices back below the 1.1400 round figure in the last hour.

**INR:** The Indian Rupee extends its winning streak against the US Dollar (USD) for the fourth trading day on Tuesday. The USD/INR pair ticks down to near 85.55 after opening, even as the US Dollar edges higher during Asian trading hours. Still, the US Dollar Index (DXY) is broadly in a tight range between 98.80-99.30 as investors hesitate to build fresh positions before the release of the United States (US)-China meeting minutes.

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