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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling strengthened slightly against the U.S dollar on Wednesday, data from the London Stock Exchange Group showed.

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	174.35	176.50	GBP/USD	1.3617	1.3514
EUR/KES	147.85	149.80	EUR/USD	1.1554	1.1446
INR/KES		1.5250	USD/INR	84.98	84.90
			AUD/USD	0.6529	0.6544
			Commodities		
			Gold	3375.71	3338.09
			Brent Crude	69.50	66.86

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	9.75%	10.00%	
FED RATE	4.25%	4.50%	
ECB RATE	2.65%	2.90%	
BOE RATE	4.25%	4.50%	
RBI RATE	6.00%	6.25%	

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Oil: West Texas Intermediate (WTI), the US crude oil benchmark, is trading around \$67.00 during the Asian trading hours on Thursday. The WTI price climbs to near two-month highs amid heightened geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.

Asia-Pacific markets: Most Asian currencies rose on Thursday, led by gains in the South Korean won and the Japanese yen as the U.S. dollar weakened after President Donald Trump took a softer stance while affirming progress in U.S.-China trade negotiations.

International Markets

USD: The US Dollar Index (DXY), which measures the value of the US Dollar (USD) against six major currencies, is extending its losses for the second successive day and trading lower at around 98.40 during the Asian hours on Thursday. The Greenback faces challenges as cooler-than-expected US inflation in May has increased the odds of the Fed rate cut in September.

GBP: The GBP/USD pair extends its upside to near 1.3580 during the Asian trading hours on Thursday. The cooler-than-expected US inflation data weighs on the US Dollar (USD) against the Pound Sterling (GBP). The UK monthly Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for April and the US Producer Price Index (PPI) report will be in the spotlight later on Thursday.

EUR: The EUR/USD pair extends its weekly uptrend and climbs to the 1.1530 area or the highest level since April 22 during the Asian session on Thursday. Moreover, the fundamental backdrop favours bullish traders and suggests that the path of least resistance for spot prices is to the upside.

INR: The Indian Rupee (INR) opens on a slightly weak note against its major peers on Thursday ahead of the Indian Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for May, which will be published at 10:30 GMT. Investors will pay close attention to the retail inflation data as it will indicate whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will cut interest rates again in the August monetary policy meeting.

Source: Reuters.

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