



GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling held steady against the dollar on Monday 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	174.40	176.20	GBP/USD	1.3596	1.3598
EUR/KES	148.45	150.20	EUR/USD	1.1590	1.1585
INR/KES		1.5160	USD/INR	85.59	85.49
			AUD/USD	0.6543	0.6523
			Commodities		
			Gold	3392.40	3427.99
			Brent Crude	73.88	74.87

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	
91 Days	8.1789%	8.2816%	
182 Days	8.4948%	8.5433%	
364 Days	9.7500%	9.9985%	
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%	

Top News

Oil: Oil prices climbed on Tuesday on concerns the Iran-Israel conflicts may intensify, raising the risks of further unrest and the potential disruption of oil supply from the key Middle east producing region.

Asia-Pacific markets: Global stocks wavered, and oil price rose on Tuesday as conflict between Israel and Iran entered its fifth day, while the yen was choppy after the Bank of Japan decided to slow the pace of reduction in its bond purchase from April next year.

International Markets

USD: The dollar steadied on Tuesday while the yen rose following the Bank of Japan's (BOJ) rate decision, with eyes on Governor Kazuo Ueda's post-meeting press conference for clues on the rate outlook.

GBP: GBP/USD consolidates in a narrow range on Tuesday amid mixed fundamental cues. BoE rate cut bets undermine the GBP and cap the upside amid a modest USD uptick. Dovish Fed expectations keep the USD bulls on the defensive and support the major. Traders also seem reluctant ahead of the crucial Fed/BoE policy meetings this week. The GBP/USD pair lacks any firm intraday directional bias and oscillates in a narrow trading band, above mid-1.3500s during the Asian session on Tuesday.

EUR: EUR/USD gains ground from improved risk sentiment amid easing fears over escalating tensions in the Middle East. The likelihood of an ECB rate cut in September has declined to 50%, down from 60%. Traders anticipate the Fed to keep rates steady on Wednesday, while pricing in odds of a rate cut in September. EUR/USD holds ground for the second successive session, trading around 1.1560 during the Asian hours on Tuesday.

INR: The Indian rupee traded nearly flat on Tuesday as early gains from likely portfolio inflows faded amid weak risk appetite due to heightened geopolitical tensions in the Middle east.

Source: Reuters.

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