

# GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

## Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling held steady against the U.S dollar on Tuesday, according to data from the London Stock Exchange Group.

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	172.45	174.60	GBP/USD	1.3470	1.3596
EUR/KES	147.60	149.50	EUR/USD	1.1533	1.1590
INR/KES		1.5110	USD/INR	85.77	85.59
			AUD/USD	0.6531	0.6543
			Commodities		
			Gold	3392.49	3392.40
			Brent Crude	76.10	73.88

## 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:** West Texas Intermediate (WTI), the US crude oil benchmark, is trading around \$73.55 during the Asian trading hours on Wednesday. The WTI price extends the rally as the Middle East tensions escalate and the likelihood of the United States (US) involving the conflict increases.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Most Asian currencies moved little on Wednesday as markets remained largely risk-averse as the Israel-Iran war raged on, while the dollar edged lower before the conclusion of a Federal Reserve meeting.

## International Markets

**USD:** The US Dollar Index (DXY), which measures the value of the US Dollar (USD) against six major currencies, is retracing its recent gains and trading around 98.70 during the Asian hours on Wednesday.

**GBP:** GBP/USD edges higher after registering over 1% losses in the previous day, trading around 1.3440 during the Asian hours on Wednesday. Traders will focus on the UK Consumer Price Index data for May, scheduled to be released later in the day. The inflation data is anticipated to show that price pressures have cooled down. On Thursday, the Bank of England is also expected to keep interest rates steady at 4.25%.

**EUR:** The EUR/USD pair attracts some buyers to around 1.1500 during the Asian trading hours on Wednesday. A slew of downbeat US economic data weigh on the Greenback. However, escalating Israel-Iran tensions might cap the upside for the major pair. The US Federal Reserve (Fed) rate decision will be closely watched later on Wednesday.

**INR:** The Indian Rupee (INR) edges lower to near the weakest level in more than two months on Wednesday. The Indian currency remains under selling pressure, falling alongside most Asian peers as crude oil prices surged on rising geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. It's worth noting that India is the world's third-largest oil consumer, and higher crude oil prices tend to have a negative impact on the INR value.

Source: Reuters.

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