

GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenya's shilling remains stable against the dollar.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 128.25/129.55

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	128.25	129.55			
GBP/KES	172.50	174.60	GBP/USD	1.3481	1.3487
EUR/KES	149.00	150.90	EUR/USD	1.1647	1.1661
INR/KES		1.4830	USD/INR	87.36	87.35
			AUD/USD	0.6515	0.6508
			Commodities		
			Gold	3377.73	3374.06
			Brent Crude	67.25	68.50

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	
91 Days	8.0000%	8.0107%	
182 Days	8.0706%	8.1195%	
364 Days	9.5734%	9.5824%	
KES INFLATION	3.800%	3.800%	
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) Oil price moves little after registering more than 2% decline in the previous session, trading around \$63.10 per troy ounce during the Asian hours on Wednesday. Crude Oil prices remain steady as traders adopt caution ahead of new United States (US) tariffs on India, the world's third-largest crude importer.

Asia-Pacific markets: Asia-Pacific markets traded mixed on Wednesday, breaking ranks with Wall Street, as investors assessed China industrial profits data, while the Australian dollar was largely unchanged after stronger-than-expected inflation data.

International Markets

USD: The US Dollar Index (DXY), which measures the value of the US Dollar (USD) against six major currencies, is recovering its recent losses and trading around 98.50 during the Asian hours on Wednesday. Traders await the upcoming release of the Q2 US Gross Domestic Product Annualized and July Personal Consumption Expenditures Price Index data, the Fed's preferred inflation gauge.

GBP: GBP/USD retraces its recent gains from the previous session, trading around 1.3450 during the Asian hours on Wednesday. The pair may regain its ground as the Pound Sterling (GBP) receives support from the dampened likelihood of further Bank of England (BoE) rate cuts, driven by persistent inflationary pressures. Inflation in the UK economy has been accelerating at a faster pace in recent months.

EUR: The EUR/USD pair edges lower to near 1.1630 during the Asian trading session on Wednesday. The major currency pair faces a slight selling pressure as political uncertainty in France has weighed on the Euro (EUR).

INR: The Indian rupee's USD/INR traded 0.1% higher. An additional 25% U.S. penalty tariff on Indian goods took effect on Wednesday, which came in response to India's purchase of Russian oil.

Source: Reuters.

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