

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 | 173.10 | 175.20 | GBP/USD | 1.3526 | 1.3528 |
| EUR/KES | 149.65 | 151.60 | EUR/USD | 1.1698 | 1.1667 |
| INR/KES | | 1.4815 | USD/INR | 87.45 | 87.27 |
| | | | AUD/USD | 0.6565 | 0.6538 |
| | | | Commodities | | |
| | | | Gold | 3410.66 | 3388.65 |
| | | | Brent Crude | 68.31 | 67.49 |

Benchmark Rates:

| Tenor | Current | Previous | |
|---------------|---------|----------|--|
| 91 Days | 7.9999% | 8.0000% | |
| 182 Days | 8.0500% | 8.0706% | |
| 364 Days | 9.5691% | 9.5734% | |
| 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), the US crude oil benchmark, is trading around \$63.85 during the early Asian trading hours on Friday. The WTI edges lower amid concerns about oversupply and US pressure on India to halt Russian oil imports.

Asia-Pacific markets: Asian currencies edged lower on Friday as traders awaited the Federal Reserve's preferred gauge of inflation to assess U.S. rate cut bets for September, while the Indian rupee neared record lows amid pressure from secondary U.S. tariffs.

International Markets

USD: The US Dollar Index (DXY), which measures the value of the US Dollar (USD) against six major currencies, is gaining ground after three days of losses and trading around 98.00 during the Asian hours on Friday.

GBP: The GBP/USD pair halts its three-day winning streak, trading around 1.3500 during the Asian hours on Friday. The bullish bias prevails as the daily chart's technical analysis suggests that the pair remains within the ascending channel pattern.

EUR: EUR/USD loses ground after three days of losses, trading around 1.1660 during the Asian hours on Friday. Traders await July Retail Sales and August preliminary Consumer Price Index (CPI) data from Germany later in the day. Focus will shift toward the July US Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Price Index data due in the North American session.

INR: The Indian Rupee (INR) opens on a weak note against the US Dollar (USD) on Friday. The USD/INR jumps to near 87.90 as higher tariffs imposed by the United States (US) on imports from India, and the consistent outflow of foreign funds from Indian stock markets have remained major drags on the Indian Rupee.

Source: Reuters.

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