

GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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	173.20	175.30	GBP/USD	1.3533	1.3540
EUR/KES	151.30	153.30	EUR/USD	1.1827	1.1829
INR/KES		1.4660	USD/INR	88.37	88.30
			AUD/USD	0.6647	0.6617
			Commodities		
			Gold	3773.91	3755.11
			Brent Crude	67.70	66.21

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	
91 Days	7.9461%	7.9716%	
182 Days	8.0098%	8.0194%	
364 Days	9.5366%	9.5483%	
KES INFLATION	4.50%	4.15%	
KES CBR	9.50%	9.75%	
FED RATE	4.00%	4.25%	
ECB RATE	2.40%	2.65%	
BOE RATE	4.00%	4.25%	
RBI RATE	5.50%	6.00%	

Top News

Oil: West Texas Intermediate (WTI) Oil price edges lower after registering more than 2% in the previous session, trading around \$63.50 per barrel during the Asian hours on Wednesday. Crude Oil prices gained ground after the American Petroleum Institute's Weekly Statistical Bulletin reported a drop in United States (US) crude inventories, heightening supply concerns.

Asia-Pacific markets: Asian currencies and the U.S. dollar were largely unchanged on Wednesday after Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell struck a cautious tone regarding future rate cuts, while the Australian dollar gained after hot consumer inflation data raised concerns about future RBA cuts.

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 two days of losses and trading around 97.30 during the Asian hours on Wednesday. Traders await the upcoming US Q2 Gross Domestic Product Annualized and Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Price Index data, the Federal Reserve's preferred inflation gauge, due later in the week.

GBP: The GBP/USD pair loses ground to near 1.3510 during the early European session on Wednesday. The Pound Sterling (GBP) weakens against the US Dollar (USD) on downbeat UK S&P Global Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) data for September. The Bank of England (BoE) External Member Megan Greece is set to speak later on Wednesday.

EUR: The EUR/USD pair edges lower to around 1.1800, snapping the two-day winning streak during the Asian trading hours on Wednesday. The downtick of the major pair is pressured by a rebound in the US Dollar (USD) after the Federal Reserve (Fed) Chair Jerome Powell's speech.

INR: The Indian Rupee (INR) refreshes its all-time low around 89.10 against the US Dollar (USD) at open on Wednesday. The USD/INR pair trades in uncharted territory as an absence of a breakthrough in trade discussions between India and the United States (US) over the bilateral trade agreement and the announcement of a hike in H-1B visa fees by Washington.

Source: Reuters.

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