

# NEWSLETTER

## GLOBAL MARKETS

### Local Markets:

Kenyan shilling has remained relatively stable against the dollar in recent months, generally trading within a narrow range, though its prolonged stability has led to some expert scrutiny.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 128.10/129.40

### Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	128.10	129.40			
GBP/KES	172.95	175.10	GBP/USD	1.3530	1.3580
EUR/KES	149.75	151.70	EUR/USD	1.1720	1.1765
INR/KES		1.4445	USD/INR	89.58	89.75
			AUD/USD	0.6780	0.6755
			Commodities		
			Gold	4462.84	4469.48
			Brent Crude	59.98	61.59

### Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	
91 Days	7.7286%	7.7281%	
182 Days	7.8000%	7.8000%	
364 Days	9.2095%	9.2109%	
KES INFLATION	4.50%	4.50%	
KES CBR	9.00%	9.50%	
FED RATE	3.50%	3.75%	
ECB RATE	2.40%	2.65%	
BOE RATE	4.00%	4.25%	
RBI RATE	5.25%	5.50%	

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### Top News

**Oil:** West Texas Intermediate (WTI) US Crude Oil prices extend the previous day's sharp pullback from the \$58.65-\$58.70 region, or over a one-week high, and attract heavy selling for the second straight day on Wednesday. The commodity drops to the lowest level since December 19, around the \$55.70-\$55.65 area, during the Asian session, and seems vulnerable to slide further.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Asian stock markets were mixed on Wednesday, with most major indices edging lower after strong gains earlier in the week, while South Korean shares climbed to fresh record highs, buoyed by renewed optimism around artificial intelligence.

### International Markets

**USD:** The US Dollar Index (DXY), which measures the value of the US Dollar (USD) against six major currencies, is edging lower after registering modest gains in the previous session and hovering around 98.50 during the Asian hours on Wednesday. Traders are looking forward to the upcoming US economic data that could shape expectations for Federal Reserve (Fed) policy.

**GBP:** GBP/USD gains some ground after registering modest gains in the previous session, trading around 1.3510 during the Asian hours on Wednesday. The pair edges higher as the US Dollar (USD) struggles ahead of the US ISM Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) and JOLTs job openings due later in the day.

**EUR:** EUR/USD gains ground after three days of losses, trading around 1.1700 during the Asian hours on Wednesday. On the daily chart, technical analysis indicates a potential for a bearish bias; the 14-day Relative Strength Index (RSI) at 47 (neutral) confirms waning momentum.

**INR:** The Indian Rupee (INR) gains sharply against the US Dollar (USD) at the open on Wednesday, with the USD/INR pair slumping almost 0.5% to near 89.80. However, the pair is expected to remain under pressure as renewed trade frictions between the United States (US) and India, and the consistent Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) selling in the Indian equity market, will likely keep the Indian Rupee on the backfoot.

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