

NEWSLETTER

GLOBAL MARKETS

Local Markets:

Kenyan shilling has remained relatively stable against the dollar in recent months, generally trading within a narrow range. The shilling's recent stability has been supported by robust diaspora remittances, healthy foreign exchange reserves and managed import demand.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 128.80/129.90

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	128.80	129.90			
GBP/KES	171.50	172.80	GBP/USD	1.3310	1.3395
EUR/KES	148.05	149.50	EUR/USD	1.1510	1.1586
INR/KES		1.4050	USD/INR	92.50	91.95
			AUD/USD	0.7080	0.7126
			Commodities		
			Gold	4840.50	4997.26
			Brent Crude	111.74	101.01

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	
91 Days	7.5636%	7.5795%	
182 Days	7.8457%	7.8216%	
364 Days	8.4805%	8.6434%	
KES INFLATION	4.40%	4.50%	
KES CBR	8.75%	9.00%	
FED RATE	3.50%	3.75%	
ECB RATE	2.00%	2.40%	
BOE RATE	3.75%	4.00%	
RBI RATE	5.25%	5.25%	

Top News

Oil: Oil prices rose on Thursday, with benchmark Brent rising as much as \$5 a barrel, after Iran attacked energy facilities across the Middle East following a strike on the South Pars gas field, a major escalation in the war with the United States and Israel.

Asia-Pacific markets: Asian stocks fell on Thursday, with Japan's benchmark leading losses after the Bank of Japan kept interest rates unchanged and flagged rising uncertainty over inflation as surging oil prices and escalating Middle East conflict clouded the outlook. Regional equities weakened after Wall Street declined overnight following a hawkish message from the Federal Reserve.

International Markets

USD: The U.S. dollar strengthened against other major currencies on Wednesday, on track to claw back losses from the past two sessions after the U.S. Federal Reserve left interest rates unchanged.

GBP: The GBP/USD pair gathers strength near 1.3290 during the early European trading hours on Thursday. However, the potential upside for the major pair might be limited amid the ongoing conflict in the Middle East and the hawkish tone from the US Federal Reserve. All eyes will be on the UK employment report and the Bank of England interest rate decision on Thursday.

EUR: EUR/USD recovers its losses registered in the previous session, hovering near 1.1490 during Asian trading hours on Thursday. Daily chart technical analysis indicates a persistent bearish bias as the pair moves downwards within a descending channel pattern.

INR: The Indian rupee hit a fresh record low on Thursday, as a surge in oil prices driven by escalating Middle East tensions, and a stronger U.S. dollar weighed heavily on the currency. The rupee's USD/INR pair rose 0.2% to 93.318 -- its highest level ever. It had jumped 0.8% on Wednesday.

Source: Reuters.

For further enquiries, kindly call: Joseph Nyamache /Daniel Yegon, Direct Lines: +254 111 030 600/626/681.

DISCLAIMER: Even though care and caution has been taken in the preparation of the opinions, forecasts and provision of information contained in this report, the Bank does not take any responsibility or give any warranties as to their accuracy or completeness, nor does the bank assume liability for any losses arising from errors or omissions or the results obtained from the use of such information.