

# 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 129.00/129.80

**Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:**

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	129.00	129.80			
GBP/KES	172.50	173.80	GBP/USD	1.3400	1.3420
EUR/KES	149.00	150.00	EUR/USD	1.1567	1.1585
INR/KES		1.3710	USD/INR	95.00	94.90
			AUD/USD	0.7028	0.7049
			Commodities		
			Gold	4096.86	4198.19
			Brent Crude	93.56	91.36

**Benchmark Rates:**

Tenor	Current	Previous	
91 Days	8.5588%	8.3884%	
182 Days	8.5252%	8.2500%	
364 Days	8.7629%	8.6266%	
KES INFLATION	5.6%	4.4%	
KES CBR	8.75%	9.00%	
FED RATE	3.75%	3.75%	
ECB RATE	2.00%	2.40%	
BOE RATE	3.75%	4.00%	
RBI RATE	5.25%	5.25%	

**Top News**

**Oil:** The U.S. dollar on Wednesday ticked up slightly in a seesaw session, as a boost to safe haven demand was countered by positive interest rate cues sparked by a marginally soft to in-line consumer inflation report.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Asian stocks reversed early losses and inched higher on Thursday, aided by a mild recovery in battered technology shares and as markets held out hope for a pause in U.S.-Iran fighting. Regional markets took a weak lead-in from Wall Street after it was battered by persistent losses in tech, while a strong consumer inflation print for May also weighed. S&P 500 Futures steadied in Asian trade, recouping some initial losses.

**International Markets**

**USD:** The U.S. dollar on Wednesday ticked up slightly in a seesaw session, as a boost to safe haven demand was countered by positive interest rate cues sparked by a marginally soft to in-line consumer inflation report.

**GBP:** The GBP/USD pair gathers strength to around 1.3385 during the Asian trading hours on Thursday. However, the potential upside might be limited amid rising expectations for higher-for-longer US interest rates. Markets might turn cautious later in the day ahead of the US Producer Price Index report.

**EUR:** The EUR/USD pair trades in positive territory near 1.1540 during the early Asian trading hours. Rising bets that the European Central Bank will deliver a rate hike at its June policy meeting later on Thursday underpin the Euro against the Greenback.

**INR:** The rupee opened 25 paise lower on June 11 as fresh geopolitical tensions between the United States and Iran pushed Brent crude prices higher, thus dampening investor sentiment.

Source: Reuters.

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