

# GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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## Local Markets:

Kenya's shilling was stable on Tuesday despite muted trading activity amid protests against tax hikes proposed under a finance bill presented in parliament.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 127.00 – 129.50

## Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
<b>USD/KES</b>	127.00	129.50			
<b>GBP/KES</b>	161.00	164.50	<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.2709	1.2696
<b>EUR/KES</b>	136.00	138.90	<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.0721	1.0705
<b>INR/KES</b>		1.556	<b>AUD/USD</b>	0.6681	0.6665
			<b>USD/INR</b>	83.70	83.43
			<b>Commodities</b>		
			<b>Gold</b>	2315.46	2328.51
			<b>Brent Crude</b>	85.43	86.06

## Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
<b>91 Days</b>	15.9716%	15.9719%	-
<b>182 Days</b>	16.7379%	16.6997%	-
<b>364 Days</b>	16.7545%	16.7538%	-
<b>KES INFLATION</b>	5.1%	5.0%	30 <sup>th</sup> June 24
<b>KES CBR</b>	13.00%	13.00%	
<b>FED RATE</b>	5.50%	5.50%	
<b>ECB RATE</b>	3.75%	4.00%	
<b>BOE RATE</b>	5.25%	5.25%	
<b>RBI RATE</b>	6.50%	6.50%	

## Top News

**Oil:** Oil prices fell in early Asian trade on Wednesday after an industry group reported a surprise jump in U.S. stockpiles, fueling concerns about weaker-than-expected demand in the top oil consuming nation.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Asia-Pacific markets were mixed Wednesday as Australia's inflation rate climbed for a third straight month, while semiconductor and related stocks jumped after Nvidia rallied overnight.

## International Markets

**USD:** The U.S. dollar rose on Tuesday, bolstered by hawkish comments from Federal Reserve officials as well as data showing a stable housing market in the world's largest economy, both suggesting that the central bank will not be in a rush to kickstart its rate-cutting cycle.

**GBP:** The GBP/USD pair extends its sideways consolidative price move for the second straight day and remains confined in a narrow range during the Asian session on Wednesday.

**EUR:** EUR/USD traded within familiar levels on Wednesday, keeping the Fiber trapped in near-term consolidation just north of 1.0700 as Euro traders hunker down for the wait to meaningful data releases.

**INR:** The Indian Rupee (INR) holds its ground on Wednesday after two days of gains. The INR received support from expectations of foreign inflows, as Indian bonds are set to enter the JP Morgan Emerging Market (EM) Bond Index on June 28. However, the upside for the Indian Rupee was restrained by month-end dollar demand from importers.

Source: Reuters.

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