

# GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Local Markets:

Kenya's shilling weakened against the dollar on Tuesday, weighed on by banks covering their position.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 131.00 – 135.25

## Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
<b>USD/KES</b>	131.00	135.25			
<b>GBP/KES</b>	170.46	174.40	<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.2919	1.2955
<b>EUR/KES</b>	143.46	147.00	<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.0878	1.0916
<b>INR/KES</b>		1.6262	<b>AUD/USD</b>	0.6614	0.6653
			<b>USD/INR</b>	83.29	83.30
			<b>Commodities</b>		
			<b>Gold</b>	2414.70	2392.23
			<b>Brent Crude</b>	81.23	82.33

## Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
<b>91 Days</b>	16.0215%	15.9954%	-
<b>182 Days</b>	16.8521%	16.8221%	-
<b>364 Days</b>	16.8971%	16.8795%	-
<b>KES INFLATION</b>	4.60%	5.1%	31st July 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:** Falling U.S. crude inventories caused oil prices to rebound on Wednesday after several days of decline, while expectations for a nearing ceasefire deal in the Middle East kept prices from continuing to climb.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Asia-Pacific markets are mixed on Wednesday as traders assessed July business activity data from Australia and Japan, and tech earnings from the U.S.

## International Markets

**USD:** The dollar steadied Tuesday, with traders appearing to take a breather as they digest the volatile political situation with little in the way of economic data until the release of U.S. personal consumption expenditure inflation figures for June on Friday.

**GBP:** The GBP/USD pair drifts lower for the second successive day – also marking the fourth day of a negative move in the previous five – and drops to a nearly two-week low during the Asian session on Wednesday. Spot prices currently trade just below the 1.2900 mark, down 0.15% for the day amid a modest US Dollar (USD), though any meaningful depreciating move seems elusive.

**EUR:** The EUR/USD pair prolongs its recent corrective slide from the vicinity of mid-1.0900s, or a four-month high touched last week, and remains under some selling pressure for the second straight day on Wednesday. This also marks the fourth day of a negative move in the previous five and drags spot prices to a nearly two-week low, around the 1.0840 region during the Asian session.

**INR:** The Indian Rupee (INR) trades on a flat note on Wednesday despite the modest recovery of the Greenback. The upside of INR might be capped after India's finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced on Tuesday at the Budget Session of Parliament to raise capital gains tax from equity investments and equity derivative trades.

Source: Reuters.

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