

GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

Kenya's shilling was weaker against the dollar in early trade on Wednesday

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
USD/KES	131.00	135.25			
GBP/KES	168.89	174.50	GBP/USD	1.2917	1.2919
EUR/KES	142.04	146.90	EUR/USD	1.0867	1.0878
INR/KES		1.6238	AUD/USD	0.6568	0.6614
			USD/INR	83.29	83.29
			Commodities		
			Gold	2372.70	2414.70
			Brent Crude	81.07	81.23

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	16.0215%	15.9954%	-
182 Days	16.8521%	16.8221%	-
364 Days	16.8971%	16.8795%	-
KES INFLATION	4.60%	5.1%	31st July 24
KES CBR	13.00%	13.00%	
FED RATE	5.50%	5.50%	
ECB RATE	3.75%	4.00%	
BOE RATE	5.25%	5.25%	
RBI RATE	6.50%	6.50%	

Top News

Oil: Oil prices eased on Thursday as concerns over weak demand in China, the world's largest crude importer, and expectations of a nearing ceasefire deal in the Middle East overcame gains in the previous session after draws in U.S. inventories.

Asia-Pacific markets: Most Asian currencies moved in a flat-to-low range on Thursday as a rout in equity markets kept traders largely averse towards risk-driven assets, while the dollar retreated ahead of key economic indicators in the coming days.

International Markets

USD: The dollar index, which measures the greenback against a basket of six currencies, and dollar index futures both fell slightly in Asian trade, extending an overnight decline amid increasing confidence that the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates in September.

GBP: The GBP/USD pair edges lower to 1.2895 during the Asian trading hours on Thursday. The higher possibility that the Bank of England (BoE) will begin cutting interest rates in August has undermined the Pound Sterling (GBP). In the absence of top-tier UK economic data releases, the GBP/USD pair will be influenced by the USD.

EUR: The EUR/USD pair trades in negative territory for the third consecutive day around 1.0835 during the Asian session on Thursday. The major pair adds to the previous day's losses amid a downbeat view of the Eurozone's economic outlook and rising expectation that the European Central Bank (ECB) would cut more rates in September.

INR: The Indian Rupee (INR) recovers some lost ground on Thursday amid the softer US Dollar (USD). The INR fell to an all-time closing low on Wednesday, pressured by the decline in Indian equities after the government's decision to raise capital gains tax from equity investments and equity derivative trades.

Source: Reuters.

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