

GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

Thursday October 31st, 2024

Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling strengthened slightly against the U.S dollar on Wednesday bolstered by foreign currency inflows from remittances and the tea and tourism sectors.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 127.00/130.00

Indicaopensrates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	127.00	130.00			
GBP/KES	164.55	168.50	GBP/USD	1.2986	1.3033
EUR/KES	137.80	141.30	EUR/USD	1.0881	1.0847
INR/KES		1.5521	USD/INR	83.76	83.76
			AUD/USD	0.6596	0.6566
			Commodities		
			Gold	2785.50	2784.62
			Brent Crude	73.04	71.58

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	14.4321%	14.7657%	-
182 Days	15.1467%	15.6364%	-
364 Days	15.4691%	15.9115%	-
KES INFLATION	3.600%	4.40%	31 st Oct. 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 rose on Thursday, extending the previous day's rally, driven by optimism over U.S. fuel demand following an unexpected drop in crude and gasoline inventories, while reports that OPEC+ may delay a planned output increase offered support.

Asia-Pacific markets: Asia-Pacific markets slipped Thursday as investors look to the Bank of Japan's rate decision, as well as key business activity figures from China.

International Markets

USD: U.S. nonfarm payrolls closes out the week on Friday in the run-up to the presidential election on Tuesday. Some investors have been putting on trades betting Republican candidate Donald Trump will win, although he is still neck and neck with Vice President Kamala Harris in several polls. The dollar index, which measures the currency against six major rivals, rose 0.08% after softening the previous day. It hit its highest since July 30.

GBP: GBP/USD extends its losses for the second successive day, trading around 1.2950 during the Asian session on Thursday. This downside of the pair could be linked to the solid US Dollar (USD) as a market caution persists amid uncertainty surrounding the upcoming US presidential election.

EUR: The EUR/USD pair meets with some supply during the Asian session on Thursday and erodes a part of the previous day's gains to the 1.0870 area, or a one-and-half-week top. The downtick is sponsored by the emergence of some US Dollar (USD) dip-buying and drags spot prices below mid-1.0800s in the last hour.

INR: The Indian Rupee (INR) traded flat yesterday, Wednesday amid the consolidation of the US Dollar (USD). Rising US Treasury bond yields and sustained foreign outflows from domestic stocks might exert some selling pressure on the INR. Nonetheless, a further decline in crude oil prices might support the Indian Rupee as India is the world's third-largest oil consumer.

Source: Reuters.

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