



# GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

Friday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was steady on Thursday, supported by dollar inflows from diaspora money transfers and tea exports.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 128.40/129.90

### Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	128.40	129.90			
GBP/KES	163.65	166.00	GBP/USD	1.2775	1.2745
EUR/KES	135.75	137.90	EUR/USD	1.0602	1.0558
INR/KES		1.5411	USD/INR	84.29	84.13
			AUD/USD	0.6451	0.6458
			Commodities		
			Gold	2637.09	2655.59
			Brent Crude	72.01	72.29

### Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	10.4564%	11.2500%	-
182 Days	10.5485%	11.3377%	-
364 Days	11.9673%	12.4903%	-
KES INFLATION	2.720%	3.600%	December 2024
KES CBR	11.25%	12.00%	
FED RATE	4.50%	4.75%	
ECB RATE	3.25%	4.00%	
BOE RATE	4.75%	5.00%	
RBI RATE	6.50%	6.50%	

### Top News

**Oil:** Oil prices slipped in early Asian trading on Friday, with weak demand in focus after the OPEC+ group postponed planned supply increases and extended deep output cuts to the end of 2026.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Asia-Pacific markets were mixed Friday after Wall Street saw the Dow Jones Industrial Average drop more than 200 points and S&P 500 retreat from a record high.

### International Markets

**USD:** The US Dollar (USD) is under significant selling pressure on Thursday as markets gear up for the release of November's United States (US) Nonfarm Payrolls (NFP) data on Friday. The Greenback's decline has been driven by weaker-than-expected labour market signals, including a sharp rise in Initial Jobless Claims and an increase in layoffs reported by the November Challenger Job Cuts data.

**GBP:** The Pound Sterling (GBP) surges to near 1.2750 against the US Dollar (USD) in Thursday's North American session. The GBP/USD pair strengthens as the US Dollar slumps after the release of the United States (US) Initial Jobless Claims data for the week ending November 29.

**EUR:** EUR/USD rose on Thursday, gaining seven-tenths of a percent and clawing back toward the 1.0600 handle. The European Central Bank (ECB) is broadly expected to deliver another quarter-point rate cut next week, and market sentiment is tilting risk-on ahead of Friday's US Nonfarm Payrolls (NFP) jobs print.

**INR:** The Indian Rupee (INR) flat lines on Friday after bouncing off from its all-time low level in the previous session. The RBI Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) unanimously agreed to maintain the neutral policy stance, signaling a cautious approach to current economic conditions. The INR remains flat in immediate reaction to the rate decision.

Source: Reuters.

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