



GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling firmed slightly against the dollar on Friday, data from The London Stock Exchange Group showed.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 128.60/130.10

Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
USD/KES	128.60	130.10			
GBP/KES	156.15	158.50	GBP/USD	1.2173	1.2364
EUR/KES	131.35	133.50	EUR/USD	1.0246	1.0339
INR/KES		1.5120	USD/INR	86.04	85.53
			AUD/USD	0.6160	0.6219
			Commodities		
			Gold	2685.79	2675.44
			Brent Crude	81.20	77.33

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	9.5935%	9.8946%	-
182 Days	10.0253%	10.0216%	-
364 Days	11.3342%	11.4095%	-
KES INFLATION	3.000%	2.720%	-
KES CBR	11.25%	12.00%	-
FED RATE	4.25%	4.50%	-
ECB RATE	3.00%	3.25%	-
BOE RATE	4.75%	5.00%	-
RBI RATE	6.50%	6.50%	-

Top News

Oil: West Texas Intermediate (WTI) Oil price extends its gains for the third consecutive session during the Asian trading hours on Monday. Crude Oil prices continue to climb amid growing concerns over potential supply disruptions triggered by new US sanctions on Russian Oil.

Asia-Pacific markets: Most Asian currencies weakened on Monday, seeing sustained pressure from strength in the dollar as stronger-than-expected U.S. payrolls data fueled increased expectations that interest rates will fall at a slower pace in 2025.

International Markets

USD: The dollar index and dollar index futures drifted higher in Asian trade after hitting their strongest levels since November 2022 on Friday. The greenback was boosted chiefly by stronger-than-expected nonfarm payrolls data for December, which showed the U.S. labour market remained strong.

GBP: The GBP/USD pair remains under heavy selling pressure for the fifth straight day and dives to its lowest level since November 2023, around the 1.2125 region during the Asian session on Monday. Moreover, the fundamental backdrop seems tilted in favor of bearish traders, though slightly oversold conditions on the daily chart warrant some caution before positioning for further losses.

EUR: The EUR/USD pair trades in negative territory for the fifth consecutive day around 1.0215 during the early Asian session on Monday. The US Dollar (USD) gathered strength on the upbeat US employment data for December, which is likely to support the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) stance to keep interest rates steady in January.

INR: The Indian Rupee (INR) weakens to near a fresh all-time low on Monday. The stronger-than-expected US employment data on Friday reinforced expectations that the US Federal Reserve (Fed) might not cut interest rates as aggressively this year. This, in turn, might provide some support to the Greenback and exert some selling pressure on the local currency.

Source: Reuters.

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