



GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was stable against the U.S dollar on Monday, 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	156.85	159.20	GBP/USD	1.2228	1.2173
EUR/KES	131.70	133.80	EUR/USD	1.0273	1.0246
INR/KES		1.5090	USD/INR	86.22	86.04
			AUD/USD	0.6204	0.6160
			Commodities		
			Gold	2669.90	2685.79
			Brent Crude	80.55	81.20

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: Oil prices slipped at market open on Tuesday but remained near four-month highs as Chinese and Indian buyers sought new suppliers in the wake of the Biden administration's toughest sanctions yet on Russian oil.

Asia-Pacific markets: Asia-Pacific markets mostly rose Tuesday after a mixed session on Wall Street that saw the Dow soar and the Nasdaq slip as investors rotated out of tech stocks.

International Markets

USD: The dollar hung near its highest in more than two years on Tuesday as traders scale back U.S. rate cuts in 2025 after strong economic data, while investor worries about Britain's fiscal health kept frail sterling in the spotlight.

GBP: GBP/USD breaks its five-day losing streak, rebounding from its 15-month low of 1.2099, recorded on Monday. The GBP/USD pair remains above 1.2200 during the Asian trading hours on Tuesday as the Pound Sterling (GBP) gains ground amid improved investor confidence.

EUR: The EUR/USD pair halts its five-day losing streak, trading around 1.0250 during Tuesday's Asian session. A closer look at the daily chart suggests a continued bearish trend, with the pair moving lower within a descending channel pattern.

INR: The Indian Rupee (INR) recovers some lost ground on Tuesday after reaching a fresh all-time low in the previous session. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is likely to intervene to slow down the INR's depreciation, selling the USD in the spot and the forward markets. However, the local currency remains fragile amid a rise in crude oil prices and a massive withdrawal of foreign capital from Indian equities. Additionally, a stronger US Dollar (USD) after upbeat US employment data led to an expectation that the US Federal Reserve (Fed) will go for fewer interest rate cuts this year, dragging the INR lower.

Source: Reuters.

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