

GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was unchanged 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 | 158.00 | 160.30 | GBP/USD | 1.2316 | 1.2242 |
| EUR/KES | 133.50 | 135.60 | EUR/USD | 1.0412 | 1.0333 |
| INR/KES | | 1.5106 | USD/INR | 86.12 | 86.14 |
| | | | AUD/USD | 0.6262 | 0.6233 |
| | | | Commodities | | |
| | | | Gold | 2726.61 | 2706.30 |
| | | | Brent Crude | 80.10 | 80.67 |

Benchmark Rates:

| Tenor | Current | Previous | Next meeting |
|----------------------|----------|----------|--------------|
| 91 Days | 9.5647% | 9.5935% | - |
| 182 Days | 10.0299% | 10.0253% | - |
| 364 Days | 11.3044% | 11.3342% | - |
| 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 were little changed in Asia trading on Tuesday as investors took stock of President Donald Trump's plan to apply new tariffs later than expected while boosting oil and gas production in the U.S.

Asia-Pacific markets: Asia-Pacific markets rose Tuesday, as investors awaited greater clarity on policies of U.S. President Donald Trump following his inauguration.

International Markets

USD: The dollar pared some overnight losses on Tuesday after U.S. President Donald Trump suggested the United States could impose tariffs on Canada and Mexico in the near future, challenging suggestions his policies would be more gradual.

GBP: GBP/USD loses ground after registering more than 1% gains in the previous session, trading around 1.2300 during the Asian hours on Tuesday. The pair faced challenges as the US Dollar (USD) regained ground after recent losses in the previous session, supported by news that President Donald Trump intends to direct federal agencies to review tariff policies and evaluate the United States' trade relationships with Canada, Mexico, and China.

EUR: EUR/USD remains in the negative territory after trimming its recent losses, trading around 1.0380 during the Asian hours on Tuesday. The Euro (EUR) remains under pressure as dovish expectations for the European Central Bank (ECB) continue to dominate.

INR: The Indian Rupee (INR) tumbles on Tuesday after reaching a one-week high in the previous session. The US Dollar (USD) might continue its upward trajectory due to demand from importers and a reversal of global financial flows toward the United States. Nonetheless, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) could prevent the local currency from significantly depreciating through active interventions in the foreign exchange markets. Additionally, the decline in crude oil prices supports the INR as India is the world's third-largest oil consumer.

Source: Reuters.

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