

# GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling remained steady against the U.S dollar on Tuesday, according to data from The London Stock Exchange Group.

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 128.30/129.80

## Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
<b>USD/KES</b>	128.30	129.80			
<b>GBP/KES</b>	159.75	162.10	<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.2481	1.2481
<b>EUR/KES</b>	133.90	136.00	<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.0467	1.0467
<b>INR/KES</b>		1.5052	<b>USD/INR</b>	86.23	86.18
			<b>AUD/USD</b>	0.6273	0.6281
			<b>Commodities</b>		
			<b>Gold</b>	2761.78	2741.90
			<b>Brent Crude</b>	77.32	77.53

## Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
<b>91 Days</b>	9.5252%	9.5647%	-
<b>182 Days</b>	10.0279%	10.0299%	-
<b>364 Days</b>	11.2945%	11.3044%	-
<b>KES INFLATION</b>	3.000%	2.720%	-
<b>KES CBR</b>	11.25%	12.00%	-
<b>FED RATE</b>	4.25%	4.50%	-
<b>ECB RATE</b>	3.00%	3.25%	-
<b>BOE RATE</b>	4.75%	5.00%	-
<b>RBI RATE</b>	6.50%	6.50%	-

## Top News

**Oil:** Oil prices fell for the second day in a row as investors digest crude oil supply disruptions in Libya. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) US Crude Oil prices also tick lower during the Asian session on Wednesday and erode a part of the previous day's modest recovery gains from a nearly three-week low.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Most Asian currencies edged higher on Wednesday as investors were cautious amid the ongoing Federal Reserve policy meeting, where commentary on inflation will be crucial in light of recent U.S. tariff concerns.

## International Markets

**USD:** The U.S. dollar remained resilient, supported by expectations of slower rate cuts and the lingering impact of President Donald Trump's tariff policies, which continue to weigh on regional currencies. While the Fed is widely expected to hold rates steady on Wednesday, its commentary on inflation and future rates will be critical for currency markets.

**GBP:** GBP/USD remains steady after registering losses in the previous session, trading around 1.2440 during the Asian hours on Wednesday. The pair's downside could be attributed to the increased risk aversion due to tariff threats made by US President Donald Trump.

**EUR:** EUR/USD halts its two-day losing streak, trading around 1.0440 during the Asian hours on Wednesday. However, the pair could continue facing challenges amid risk-off sentiment ahead of the Federal Reserve's (Fed) interest rate decision scheduled later in the North American session.

**INR:** The Indian Rupee (INR) steadies on Wednesday after its largest single-day fall in two weeks in the previous session. The local currency remains on the defensive amid renewed concerns about trade tariffs from US President Donald Trump, along with the sustained foreign fund outflows. Nonetheless, the routine foreign exchange intervention from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) might help limit the INR's losses.

Source: Reuters.

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