

GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

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Local Markets:

The Kenyan shilling was stable against the US dollar on Friday, data from the London Stock Exchange Group showed.

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	160.90	163.20	GBP/USD	1.2472	1.2425
EUR/KES	133.05	135.20	EUR/USD	1.0347	1.0302
INR/KES		1.5218	USD/INR	85.48	85.36
			AUD/USD	0.6250	0.6240
			Commodities		
			Gold	2633.29	2659.20
			Brent Crude	76.18	76.06

Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
91 Days	9.8946%	9.9546%	-
182 Days	10.0216%	10.0216%	-
364 Days	11.4095%	11.5372%	-
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 hovered at their highest since October on Monday as investors eyed the impact on global fuel demand from colder weather in the Northern Hemisphere and Beijing's economic stimulus measures.

Asia-Pacific markets: Asia-Pacific markets were mixed on Monday as investors assessed business activity figures from several key economies in the region.

International Markets

USD: The dollar strayed not too far from a two-year peak on Monday as traders awaited a raft of U.S. economic data releases this week, headlined by December's nonfarm payrolls report, for further clues on the Federal Reserve's rate outlook.

GBP: The GBP/USD pair struggles to capitalize on Friday's modest recovery gains and oscillates in a range, above the 1.2400 mark at the start of a new week. Spot prices, meanwhile, remain close to the lowest level since April 2024 touched last week and seem vulnerable to prolonging over a three-month-old downtrend on the back of a bullish US Dollar (USD).

EUR: EUR/USD edges lower after registering gains in the previous session, trading around 1.0300 during the Asian hours on Monday. Traders are expected to closely monitor the HCOB Composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for the Eurozone and the preliminary Consumer Price Index (CPI) data for Germany, both of which are scheduled for release later in the day.

INR: The Indian Rupee (INR) extends the decline on Monday after ending at a record closing low in the previous session. The local currency remains vulnerable amid the weakening of the Chinese Yuan, fewer rate cut expectations by the US Federal Reserve (Fed) and the threat of tariffs from incoming US President-elect Donald Trump's administration.

Source: Reuters.

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