

# GLOBAL MARKETS NEWSLETTER

Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## Local Markets:

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

Today's expected USD/KES trading range is 128.25/129.75

## Indicative FX rates as at 8.30am:

Currency	Buying	Selling	Currency	Today	Previous
<b>USD/KES</b>	128.25	129.75			
<b>GBP/KES</b>	159.90	162.20	<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.2498	1.2428
<b>EUR/KES</b>	133.05	135.20	<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.0405	1.0323
<b>INR/KES</b>		1.4952	<b>USD/INR</b>	86.78	86.75
			<b>AUD/USD</b>	0.6279	0.6213
			<b>Commodities</b>		
			<b>Gold</b>	2856.84	2816.50
			<b>Brent Crude</b>	75.84	75.14

## Benchmark Rates:

Tenor	Current	Previous	Next meeting
<b>91 Days</b>	9.5219%	9.5252%	-
<b>182 Days</b>	10.0275%	10.0279%	-
<b>364 Days</b>	11.3132%	11.2945%	-
<b>KES INFLATION</b>	3.300%	3.000%	-
<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 were little changed on Wednesday after volatile trading in the previous session as investors shrugged off the impact of China's tariffs on U.S. energy imports though President Donald Trump's renewed push to eliminate Iranian crude exports provided some support.

**Asia-Pacific markets:** Asia-Pacific markets were mixed Wednesday after Wall Street rose overnight, shrugging off Trump tariffs and China's retaliatory measures. All eyes are on China, which resumed trading after the Lunar New Year holidays and as the Chinese government announced tariffs on U.S. imports in retaliation to duties on its exports.

## International Markets

**USD:** The US Dollar Index (DXY), which measures the value of the US Dollar against a basket of currencies, loses momentum after struggling to revisit the 110.00 level and declined below 108.00. Meanwhile, traders brace for Friday's US Nonfarm Payrolls (NFP) data, which is expected to shape the Federal Reserve's (Fed) monetary policy direction.

**GBP:** The GBP/USD pair struggles to capitalize on its strong gains registered over the past two days and consolidates near a one-week top, below the 1.2500 psychological mark during the Asian session on Wednesday. The downside, however, remains cushioned amid some follow-through US Dollar (USD) selling.

**EUR:** The EUR/USD pair struggles to capitalize on this week's solid recovery from the 1.0200 neighborhood, or the lowest level since January 13, and oscillates in a range near the weekly top touched earlier this Wednesday. Spot prices currently trade around the 1.0375-1.0380 region, nearly unchanged for the day amid mixed fundamental cues.

**INR:** USD/INR continues its upward momentum for the fourth consecutive day, trading around 87.10 during Wednesday's Asian session. The risk-sensitive Indian Rupee (INR) remains under pressure due to increased risk aversion following rising trade tensions between the US and China.

Source: Reuters.

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