

TREASURY MARKET UPDATE 15TH JUNE 2021

DOMESTIC NEWS

The Kenyan shilling was unchanged against on Monday the U.S. dollar as foreign currency demand and supply became matched. An uptick in activity across the counters saw the pair oscillate between gains and losses, ending the session within similar ranges. Price action for the USD/KES pair was largely flow driven. Today's trading is expected to be range bound as players look out for new fundamentals to guide the direction of the home unit. By close of the day, the local unit stood at 107.70/90, the same as the previous day's close.

In the meantime, the Central Bank of Kenya was in the market on $14^{\rm th}$ June 2021 in a bid to mop up KES 15 billion in the 7-, 14-, 21- and 28-day Term Auction deposit (TAD). For the 7-day TAD it received and accepted bids worth KES 2.350 billion at a rate of 5.227%. For the 14-day TAD it received and accepted bids worth KES 3.200 billion at a rate of 6.057%.%. For the 21-day TAD it received and accepted bids worth KES 0.050 billion at a rate of 6.000%. For the 21-day TAD it received and accepted bids worth KES 0.050 billion at a rate of 6.300%.

Indicative Forex Rates

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	Buy Cash	Sell Cash	Buy TT	Sell TT	
USD/KES	104.30	111.30	104.80	110.80	
GBP/KES	148.15	156.15	148.65	155.65	
EUR/KES	127.21	134.21	127.71	133.71	
AED/KES	27.35	31.35	27.35	31.35	

Money Market Rates	Current	Previous	Change	
Interbank Rate	4.193%	4.146%	0.047	
91-Day T-bill	7.104%	7.137%	-0.033	
182-Day T-Bill	7.731%	7.818%	- 0.087	
364-Day T-Bill	8.648%	8.973%	-0.325	
Inflation	5.870%	5.760%	0.110	
CBR RATE	7.000%	7.000%	0.000	
Source; Central Bank of Kenya)				

LIBOR Rates	USD	EUR	GBP
6 Months	0.15250	-0.53214	0.10688
12 months	0.23938	-0.49400	0.16563



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The U.S. dollar index was down on Monday to 90.442 as traders awaited a much-anticipated U.S. Federal Reserve meeting that might signal a change in the outlook for U.S. monetary policy. Fed officials, led by Chairman Jerome Powell, have so far insisted that any inflationary pressure is temporary, and that the current dovish monetary policy will remain in place for some time to come.

The GBP/USD pair remained sidelined around \$1.4105 levels on Monday. Despite gaining no major support from US President Joe Biden's meddling into the Northern Ireland (NI) protocol issue, the European Union (EU) keeps warning the UK to rethink before scrapping the previously agreed terms over the key border issue. On the other hand, fears of the Delta variants of the covid and the available vaccines' inability to tame the virus strain with one dose recently pushed UK PM Johnson to announce a fourweek delay to the much-awaited unlock.

The euro was unfazed at \$1.2095 on Monday as ECB President highlighted that it is too early to debate the end of the Pandemic Emergency Purchase.

The Japanese Yen struggled near 110.05, as markets in Tokyo open for Tuesday's trading. It is worth noting that the fears of coronavirus in Japan and a snap election joins broad cautious sentiment.

Elsewhere, global oil prices rose on Tuesday to \$71.03 per barrel, with Brent gaining for a fourth consecutive session, as the prospect of extra supply coming to the market soon from Iran faded with talks dragging on over the United States rejoining a nuclear agreement with Tehran.

Indicative Profit Rates on Deposits				
Amounts	> 10 million	Amounts >100,000		
KES		USD		
2 Weeks	6.00%	0.25%		
1 Month	6.25%	0.50%		
3 Months	6.50%	0.75%		
6 Months	6.75%	1.00%		
1 year	7.00%	1.25%		
Indicative Cross Rates				
Bid		Offer		
EUR/USD	1.1960	1.2230		
GBP/USD	1.4020	1.4270		
USD/AED	3.6610	3.6860		
USD/JPY	108.60	111.95		

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