

# TREASURY MARKET UPDATE 23RD JUNE 2021

### **DOMESTIC NEWS**

The Kenya shilling was unchanged against the dollar on Tuesday as activity in the market remained subdued. Limited activity on both supply and demand sides continued for the seventh day is a row as uncertainties in the global market due to the Covid-19 pandemic ease as economies ramp up the vaccination exercise. Additionally, positive sentiments around the just concluded Eurobond sale, the earlier disbursed facility from the International Monetary Fund and improving diaspora remittances are key factors cushioning the shilling against any volatility. By close of the day, the local unit stood at 107.70/90, same as the day's opening.

Elsewhere, the Central Bank of Kenya has announced an extended sale (tap sale) of two re-opened 20-year Treasury bonds to July 1 to raise KES.50 billion, which had raised KES.19.7 billion earlier in the month. The reserve bank will be seeking to take advantage of high liquidity in the financial markets to firm up domestic borrowing early in the financial year as investors continue to favor the safe-haven investments in government securities. Uncertainty remains in alternative investment classes such as private sector lending. In the new fiscal year 2021/2022, the government is expected to borrow in excess of KES.660B excluding redemption on local debt.

#### **Indicative Forex Rates**

	Buy Cash		Sell Cash	Buy TT	Sell TT		
USD/KES	104.30		111.30	104.80	110.80		
GBP/KES	146.17		154.17	146.67	153.67		
EUR/KES	124.98		131.98	125.48	131.48		
AED/KES	27.35		31.35	27.35	31.35		
Money Market		Current		Previous	Change		
Rates							
Interbank Rate		4.6875%		4.4219%	0.267		
91-Day T-bill		7.000%		7.104%	0.104		
182-Day T-Bill		7.536%		7.731%	0.195		
364-Day T-Bill		8.105%		8.648%	0.543		
Inflation		5.870%		5.7600%	0.110		
CBR RATE		7.000%		7.000%	0.000		
Source; Central Bank of Kenya)							
LIBOR Rates		USD		EUR	GBP		
6 Months		0.16375		-0.52629	0.11438		
12 months		0.25088		-0.48929	0.18300		

(Source: Reuters)

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### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The U.S. dollar remained on the back foot against major peers after a two-day drop as U.S. Federal Reserve officials including Chair Jerome Powell reaffirmed that tighter monetary policy was still some way off. Powell warned that the economic recovery requires more time before a tapering of stimulus and higher borrowing costs are appropriate.

New York Fed President John Williams said Fed officials will keep a close eye on economic data to determine when it will be appropriate to start adjusting monetary policy.

Benchmark 10-year Treasury yields edged lower in Asia to 1.4616%, from as high as 1.5940% a week ago.

The U.S. Dollar Index that tracks the greenback against a basket of other currencies edged up 0.13% to 91.873. Euro was little changed at \$1.1920.

Pound remained unfazed at \$1.3930 by reports that COVID-19 restrictions could end on July 19 as the British Health Minister Matt Hancock remained confident on the corona cases related data

Meanwhile, the UK and EU officials remained optimistic about resolving the post-Brexit trade war. The EU has been reviewing the UK's formal written request on the extension of the grace period beyond 30th June on the ban of the sale of chilled meat and sausages into Northern Ireland as per the protocol.

Elsewhere, oil was up 0.59% with Brent at \$75.25 per barrel as a strong economic rebound of key consumers boosted fuel demand continuing their economic recovery from COVID-19. and drained bloated inventories. Investors now await the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and allies (OPEC+) meeting for clues on production policy with Russia considering a potential supply increase.

# **Source: Reuters**

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Indicative Profit Rates on Deposits							
Amounts	> 10 Million	Amounts >100,000					
	KES	USD					
2 Weeks	6.40%	0.05%					
1 Month	6.65%	0.75%					
3 Months	6.90%	1.00%					
6 Months	7.15%	1.25%					
1 year	7.90%	1.50%					
Indicative Cross Rates							
	Bid	Offer					
EUR/USD	1.1790	1.2090					
GBP/USD	1.3800	1.4100					
USD/AED	3.6610	3.6865					
USD/JPY	109.50	112.50					
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