

## TREASURY MARKET UPDATE 17TH MARCH 2022

## **DOMESTIC NEWS**

The Kenyan shilling weakened on Wednesday as oil importers sorts to secure dollars in anticipation of further increases in international prices.

Commercial banks quoted the shilling at 114.20/40 compared to Tuesdays close of 114.15/35 on Tuesday.

In the commodities markets locally Kenya's highest quality coffee gained marginally in this week's trading as nearly all other grades recorded lower prices to stagnate the overall earnings during this week's sale.

Latest market report from the Nairobi Coffee Exchange (NCE) shows that grade AA –the country's top grade fetched \$303 (Sh34,684) down from \$279 (Sh31,937) in the previous auction for a 90 kilo bag.

Meanwhile, grade AB was sold at \$258 (Sh29,533), down from \$261 (Sh29,876).

The average price for the commodity remained unchanged at \$245 (Sh28,045).

## **Indicative Forex Rates**

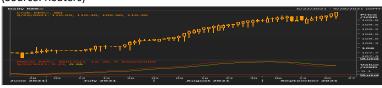
	Buy Cash	Sell Cash	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	110.85	117.85	112.30	117.30
GBP/KES	146.46	154.46	146.16	154.86
EUR/KES	121.77	129.67	122.57	130.07
AED/KES	29.63	32.63	29.13	33.13

Money Market	Current	Previous	Change
Rates			
Interbank Rate	4.280%	4.350%	-0.070
91-Day T-bill	7.206%	7.265%	-0.059
182-Day T-Bill	8.032%	8.063%	-0.031
364-Day T-Bill	9.771%	9.774%	-0.003
Inflation	5.080%	5.390%	-0.310
CBR RATE	7.000%	7.000%	0.000

Source: Central Bank of Kenva)

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LIBOR Rates	USD	JPY	GBP	
6 Months	1.23786	0.04206	1.52410	
12 months	1.68514	-	-	

(Source: Reuters)



## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

The dollar was down on Thursday morning in Asia. The yen was at a six-year low on the dollar as investors continue to digest a hawkish outlook from the U.S. Federal Reserve that contrasts sharply with that of the Bank of Japan (BOJ).

The U.S. Dollar Index that tracks the greenback against a basket of other currencies was down 0.27% to 98.355 by 11:31 PM ET (3:31 AM GMT).

The USD/JPY pair inched down 0.05% to 118.67.

The AUD/USD pair was up 0.25% to 0.7308 and the NZD/USD pair edged up 0.12% to 0.6844.

The USD/CNY pair edged down 0.11% to 6.3451 while the GBP/USD pair inched up 0.08% to 1.3155.

In the commodities market, Oil prices rose over \$1 on Wednesday, bouncing back after earlier declines, as Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues to stoke volatile trading with ceasefire talks the latest market trigger.

Brent futures were up 97 cents, or 1%, at \$100.88 a barrel at 0503 GMT.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude rose 45 cents, or 0.5%, at \$96.89 a barrel. Both contracts had earlier declined more than \$1 a barrel, with Brent falling to \$98.86 a barrel and WTI easing to \$94.90 a barrel earlier in the session.

Gold was down on Wednesday morning in Asia, holding near a twoweek low. Investors stayed away from big bets as they await the U.S. Federal Reserve's latest policy decision.

Gold futures fell 0.59% to \$1,918.30 by 1:04 PM ET (5:04 AM GMT). The yellow metal remained little changed after hitting its lowest since Mar. 1, or \$1,906, during the previous session.

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	1.0521	1.1327		
GBP/USD	1.2998	1.3999		
USD/AED	3.6426	3.6335		
USD/JPY	114.25	119.25		

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