



DOMESTIC NEWS

The Kenya shilling was a little changed on Wednesday but is expected to weaken due to increased dollar demand from the oil sector.

Commercial banks quoted the shillings at 120.70/90 per dollar same as Tuesday's close.

In other news, Kenya's private firms put brakes on hiring in September despite increasing production levels for the first time in seven months, findings of a monthly survey suggested Wednesday.

Stanbic Bank Kenya's Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) showed output in private sector posted the first growth since February, signaling recovery in economic activity following conclusion of a bruising electioneering period. The overall PMI reading — a gauge for month-on-month private sector activity such as output, new orders and employment — climbed to 51.7 from 44.2 in August. (Business daily)

Indicative Forex Rates

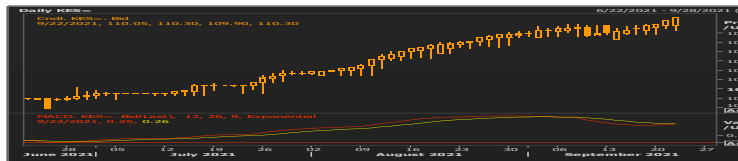
| | Buy Cash | Sell Cash | Buy TT | Sell TT |
|---------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|
| USD/KES | 117.30 | 127.80 | 118.80 | 126.90 |
| GBP/KES | 133.26 | 152.26 | 131.96 | 151.16 |
| EUR/KES | 114.48 | 130.88 | 115.28 | 132.78 |
| AED/KES | 28.90 | 38.90 | 30.90 | 38.40 |

| Money Market Rates | Current | Previous | Change |
|--------------------|---------|----------|--------|
| Interbank Rate | 5.200% | 5.390% | 0.190 |
| 91-Day T-bill | 8.952% | 8.951% | 0.001 |
| 182-Day T-Bill | 9.631% | 9.625% | 0.006 |
| 364-Day T-Bill | 9.905% | 9.909% | 0.004 |
| Inflation | 9.200% | 8.530% | 0.670 |
| CBR RATE | 7.500% | 8.250% | 0.750 |

Source; Central Bank of Kenya)

| LIBOR Rates | USD | JPY | GBP |
|-------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 6 Months | 4.24214 | 0.03680 | 4.19950 |
| 12 months | 4.72414 | - | - |

(Source: Reuters)



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The dollar steadied and pushed higher in early dealings in Europe on Wednesday, after senior Federal Reserve officials played down suggestions of an imminent 'pivot' in its monetary policy amid signs that the U.S. labor market is cooling down.

By 03:40 ET (07:40 GMT), the dollar index, which measures the greenback against a basket of six advanced economy currencies, was up 0.4% at 110.48, taking the edge off a fall of nearly 2% in the last week.

The dollar had slumped on Tuesday after the Labor Department reported one of the biggest ever monthly drops in the number of job vacancies, a relatively clear and strong signal that the Fed's series of rate hikes this year is forcing companies to pare back their hiring plans.

In the commodities market, Oil prices rose on Wednesday to three-week highs, as OPEC+ agreed to its deepest cuts to production since the 2020 COVID pandemic, despite a tight market and opposition to cuts from the United States and others.

Prices also rose on U.S. government data that showed crude and fuel inventories fell last week. Brent crude rose \$1.57, or 1.7%, to settle at \$93.37 a barrel. Brent reached a session high of \$93.96 per barrel, its highest since Sept. 15.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude rose \$1.24, or 1.4%, to settle at \$87.76 a barrel. It reached \$88.42 per barrel during the session, the highest since Sept. 15. Both Brent and WTI rose sharply in the last two days.

Gold and copper prices were muted on Thursday, pausing a recent rally after hawkish comments from Federal Reserve officials and signs of strength in the U.S. economy dented expectations for a dovish pivot by the central bank. Spot gold rose 0.1% to \$1,718.40 an ounce, while gold futures rose 0.4% to \$1,726.70 an ounce by 19:31 ET (23:31 GMT). Both indicators fell slightly on Wednesday.

Indicative Profit Rates on Deposits

| | Amounts > 10 million | Amounts >100,000 |
|----------|----------------------|------------------|
| | KES | USD |
| 2 Weeks | 6.00% | 0.35% |
| 1 Month | 6.55% | 0.55% |
| 3 Months | 7.00% | 0.80% |
| 6 Months | 7.50% | 1.25% |
| 1 year | 8.00% | 1.75% |

Indicative Cross Rates

| | Bid | Offer |
|---------|--------|--------|
| EUR/USD | 0.9753 | 1.0205 |
| GBP/USD | 1.1135 | 1.1585 |
| USD/AED | 3.6630 | 3.6832 |
| USD/JPY | 142.10 | 146.55 |