



DOMESTIC NEWS

The Kenya shilling was steady on Tuesday and traders said it was forecast to weaken due to increased demand for dollars from general merchandise importers. Commercial banks quoted the shillings at 120.15/120.35 per dollar compared with Mondays close of 120.10/30.

In other news Global economists have marginally upgraded Kenya's growth outlook for this year following the peaceful conclusion of a closely contested presidential vote despite soaring cost of living and mounting public debt stress.

A consensus growth outlook from 14 world-leading banks, consultancies and think tanks shows economic activities could expand 5.5 percent this year, a 0.1 percentage-point rise over the month before the General Elections. (Business daily)

Indicative Forex Rates

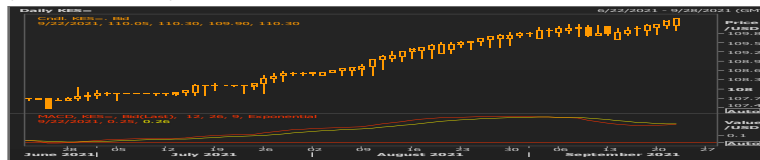
	Buy Cash	Sell Cash	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	116.90	127.40	116.40	126.90
GBP/KES	134.21	153.71	133.41	148.21
EUR/KES	114.26	140.16	114.56	133.16
AED/KES	28.78	38.78	30.78	38.28

Money Rates	Market	Current	Previous	Change
Interbank Rate		4.300%	4.640%	0.340
91-Day T-bill		8.860%	8.767%	0.093
182-Day T-Bill		9.576%	9.532%	0.044
364-Day T-Bill		9.876%	9.910%	0.034
Inflation		8.530%	8.320%	0.210
CBR RATE		7.500%	7.500%	0.000

Source; Central Bank of Kenya)

LIBOR Rates	USD	JPY	GBP
6 Months	3.68986	0.04330	3.40880
12 months	4.14871	-	-

(Source: Reuters)



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The dollar marched higher on Tuesday after a report on the U.S. services industry in August reinforced the view that the United States was not in recession, while the euro and rate-sensitive Japanese yen tumbled further against the greenback.

The dollar index rose 0.547% after the Institute for Supply Management said its non-manufacturing PMI edged up to a reading of 56.9 from 56.7 in July, the second straight monthly increase after three months of declines.

The Japanese yen tumbled to the symbolic level of 142 per dollar on Tuesday, a fresh 24-year low, as the gap between Japanese monetary policy and that elsewhere becomes ever more stark, weighing on the currency.

Oil prices fell more than \$1 on Wednesday to their lowest since before Russia invaded Ukraine as COVID-19 curbs in top crude importer China and expectations of more interest rate hikes spurred worries of a global economic recession and lower fuel demand.

Brent crude futures fell \$1.35, or 1.5%, to \$91.48 a barrel by 0420 GMT after slipping 3% in the previous session. The contract hit a session low of \$91.35, the lowest since Feb. 18.

U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures shed \$1.55, or 1.8%, to \$85.33. The benchmark fell to a session low of \$85.17, the lowest since Jan. 26.

Spot gold prices briefly broke below \$1,700 on Wednesday after signs of strength in the U.S. economy led to increased expectations that the Federal Reserve will keep raising interest rates at a fast pace.

Spot gold fell as much as 0.5% to \$1,699.97, while gold futures fell 0.1% to \$1,711.0 by 19:18 ET (11:29 GMT). Both instruments had fallen 0.5% and 0.7% respectively on Tuesday and were hovering around lows last seen in late-July.

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	0.9689	1.0125
GBP/USD	1.1273	1.1679
USD/AED	3.6532	3.6945
USD/JPY	143.25	147.25