

Daily Market News



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DOMESTIC NEWS

A choppy Tuesday session saw the home unit sink further against the greenback.

The local currency fluttered between gains and losses in early trading as forces of demand and supply for foreign currency battled for dominance on the FX counters. The Kenyan currency closed the session on the defense as demand from importers offset the waning supply.

In the new day, markets remain focused on flows to determine direction for the USD/KES pair, with players inclined to a weaker shilling amid limited foreign currency inflows.

Amounts "100,000"	Today's Opening	
	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	94.50	102.20
GBP/KES	125.00	134.00
EUR/KES	105.50	117.00
JPY/KES	0.83	0.98

Forward Rate(USD)(1 month)	
BUY	98.25
SELL	103.50
3 Months	
Buy	100.15
SELL	105.00

Money Market Rates	Previous	Current	Change bps
Interbank Rate	4.68%	4.75%	+7.00
91-Day T-bill	7.397%	7.305%	-9.20
182-Day T-bill	8.090%	8.042%	-4.80
364-Day T-bill	9.371%	9.354%	-1.70
Inflation	4.14%	4.35%	+21.00



Source: Bloomberg

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The U.S dollar rose in the previous trading session, triggered by robust data, US New Home Sales surprised to the upside, rising by 4.5% in March. Concerns of a slowing U.S economy have eased following recent positive data, with traders favoring the greenback ahead of the release of US GDP data on Friday.

The EUR/USD pair fell to 1.1190 levels yesterday, the lowest level since April 2nd, weighed by dollar strength. Adding to the shared currency's woes were comments from Eurogroup's President Centeno, who said that Italy's weak economic growth is worrisome for the area's finance ministers. Focus shifts to German IFO survey for April, with the Business Climate expected to improve to 99.9 from 99.6 in March.

The GBP/USD pair fell to 1.2920 line, its lowest in over two months, amid broad dollar strength combined with no progress in the Brexit front. Hopes for a breakthrough in Brexit talks between UK's Prime Minister and the opposition faded as the Prime Minister faces growing pressure to quit.

Earlier today in Tokyo, the USD/JPY pair was steady at 111.85 levels after suffering slight losses overnight, weighed by a slight decline in long term US treasury yields.

Indicative Deposit Rates			
Amounts > KES 20 million	Amounts > 100,000		
KES	USD	EURO	
Call	3.00%	0.50%	0.00%
1 month	4.00%	0.75%	0.00%
3 months	5.25%	1.00%	0.00%
6 months	5.50%	1.25%	0.00%

Indicative Cross Rates		
	Buy	Sell
EUR	1.0850	1.2150
GBP	1.2100	1.3800
JPY	107.20	117.20
CHF	0.9750	0.9999