

Daily Market News



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DOMESTIC NEWS

The Kenya shilling's movement against the U.S. dollar remained constrained within the 100.25-102.00 band on Tuesday.

The session saw minimal activity across the counters that just about evened out on the day, with USDKES pair closing the day unchanged from previous day's close.

The domestic unit is likely to continue trading within recent ranges as market continues to witness a lull in activity.

Amounts	Today's	
100,000	Opening	
	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	94.00	101.70
GBP/KES	124.50	133.50
EUR/KES	105.70	116.70
JPY/KES	85.00	99.00

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	5.97%	5.53%	-44.00
91-Day T-bill	7.250%	7.196%	-5.40
182-Day T-bill	7.958%	7.897%	-6.10
364-Day T-bill	9.320%	9.316%	-0.40
Inflation	4.35%	6.58%	+223.00



Source: Bloomberg

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The U.S. dollar was still higher against a basket of major currencies on Tuesday as market trade war fears eased amid a change of tone by U.S. President Donald Trump.

President Trump said in a tweet that he would meet with his Chinese counterpart at the G20 meeting on June 28, and that he believed trade talks would be "very successful". The U.S. dollar index inched up to 97.30 as a result.

The euro was under pressure against the dollar amid disappointing economic data. German economic confidence declined sharply to -2.1 for May, far lower than the positive 5.1 forecasted.

The Sterling similarly traded lower against the dollar, with cable dipping to a low of 1.2917, after March U.K. wage inflation slowed to 3.2%, down from 3.5% a month earlier.

The Yen was slightly lower against the dollar this morning, the USDJPY increasing to 109.65, after U.S. President Trump insisted that trade talks with China had not collapsed.

Indicative Deposit Rates

Amts > KES 20 million	Amounts > 100,000	
KES	USD	EURO
Call	3.00%	0.00%
1 month	4.00%	0.00%
3 months	5.25%	0.00%
6 months	5.50%	0.00%

Indicative Cross Rates

	Buy	Sell
EUR	1.0700	1.1700
GBP	1.2400	1.3400
JPY	104.50	114.50
CHF	1.0000	1.2000