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Domestic Market Developments

The home unit came under slight pressure against the buck on Tuesday, shedding 5 cents against the greenback.

Activity from both importers and exporters remained largely balanced throughout the session, helping to contain volatility in the USDKES pair despite the marginal weakening of the shilling. With no major market-moving events on the horizon, we expect the shilling to continue trading within its current range.

International News

The U.S. dollar strengthened to a one-year high on Tuesday as markets priced in a more hawkish Federal Reserve outlook following last week's policy meeting. Expectations of further interest rate hikes, coupled with weakness in megacap stocks, supported demand for the greenback. The dollar index rose 0.38% to 101.39 after reaching its highest level since May 2025.

Eurozone & UK markets

EUR/USD fell 0.41% to its lowest level since June 2025 as the U.S. dollar strengthened. Meanwhile, ECB Chief Economist Philip Lane warned that eurozone inflation could remain above the European Central Bank's 2% target for an extended period, even if tensions in the Middle East ease, though he noted that the situation warrants only a measured policy response.

GBP/USD weakened 0.45% as the UK government begins its transition following the resignation of Prime Minister Keir Starmer. Market experts also believe that the medium-term reaction in the British Pound and especially in UK gilt yields will be influenced by remarks on the fiscal policy. Meanwhile, investors await the UK flash S&P Global PMI data for June.

Japan market

The Japanese Yen slid despite Tokyo intervention warnings. The latest round of verbal warnings from Japanese officials had done little to relieve sustained pressure on the currency, amid wide U.S.-Japan rate differentials and doubts about Tokyo's commitment to intervention. Some Bank of Japan board members called for further interest rate hikes to push the central bank's policy rate closer to levels deemed neutral to the economy, a summary of opinions at their June policy meeting showed on Wednesday.

Short-end market Rates

Country	Kenya	Uganda	Tanzania	Rwanda
91 Day T-Bill	8.82%	10.50%	3.57%	8.00%
182 Day T-bill	8.78%	11.12%	5.04%	8.07%
364 Day T-bill	8.97%	12.00%	6.38%	8.59%
Inflation Rate	6.68%	3.00%	4.20%	7.70%
Interbank	8.75%	9.95%	5.75%	7.30%

Indicative quotes on the major currencies.

	Buys	Sells
USD	126.50	132.00
EUR	139.70	158.20
GBP	161.90	178.50
CHF	152.80	168.20
JPY	74.80	84.00
ZAR	6.70	10.05
CAD	85.70	96.50
UGX	0.0274	0.0513
TZS	0.0426	0.0635
AED	30.65	41.80
RWF	0.0682	0.1284

Indicative Deposit rates			
Amounts > KES 20 million		Amounts > 100,000	
Tenor	KES	USD	GBP
Call	3.35%	0.70%	0.0%
1 month	5.45%	1.90%	0.00%
3 months	5.45%	1.90%	0.00%
6 months	5.35%	2.00%	0.10%

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