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Domestic Market Developments

The Kenya shilling slid marginally against the Dollar on Monday closing a tad lower from its opening level. Market activity remained subdued during the morning hours, but a late-day surge in corporate dollar demand weighed on the local unit, causing it to close a few cents weaker.

International News

The Greenback traded broadly steady during yesterday's session, with the US Dollar Index hovering near a one-month high as investors remained cautious ahead of the Fed's policy decision tomorrow. On the data front, US Durable Goods Orders rebounded to 0.3% month-on-month in June from a 4.0% contraction previously, though the reading fell short of market expectations for a 1.6% increase. Despite the softer-than-expected release, the Dollar remained resilient as investors focused on the Fed's interest rate outlook and awaited further guidance on the future path of monetary policy.

Eurozone & UK markets

The EUR/USD pair reversed its early gains on Monday and moved toward filling the bullish gap at the weekly open as investors turned cautious ahead of key Eurozone growth figures and the Fed's monetary policy decision. The pair initially rose after a temporary pause in attacks between the US and Iran improved risk sentiment, sent Oil prices sharply lower and weighed on the US Dollar.

The Pound eased against the US Dollar as investors adopted a cautious stance ahead of Wednesday's US Fed decision and Thursday's Bank of England meeting, where rates are widely expected to remain at 3.75%, with markets watching for any signs of a more hawkish MPC stance. Meanwhile, Sterling also faced pressure from softer UK yields and easing inflation concerns after oil prices retreated from recent highs. This has led markets to slightly trim expectations for further BoE tightening, weighing on the currency.

Japan market

The Japanese Yen traded flat against the US Dollar during the Asian trading session. The USD/JPY pair struggled for direction as investors have sidelined ahead of the Federal Reserve's monetary policy announcement on Wednesday. Meanwhile, the Bank of Japan is widely expected to leave its policy rate unchanged on Friday while keeping the door open to additional rate hikes to help curb the currency's decline.

Short-end market Rates

Country	Kenya	Uganda	Tanzania	Rwanda
91 Day T-Bill	8.78%	10.50%	3.60%	8.00%
182 Day T-bill	8.95%	10.70%	4.90%	8.10%
364 Day T-bill	9.04%	12.00%	6.90%	8.60%
Inflation Rate	6.40%	3.20%	4.20%	11.50%
Interbank	8.75%	9.40%	5.80%	8.30%

Indicative quotes on the major currencies.

	Buys	Sells
USD	126.50	132.00
EUR	140.13	155.85
GBP	162.59	178.94
CHF	147.97	167.87
JPY	73.12	83.98
ZAR	6.02	10.34
CAD	84.09	98.35
UGX	0.0265	0.0531
TZS	0.0424	0.0636
AED	30.62	41.80
RWF	0.0509	0.1287

Indicative Deposit rates			
Amounts > KES 20 million		Amounts > 100,000	
Tenor	KES	USD	GBP
Call	3.35%	0.70%	0.0%
1 month	5.50%	2.05%	0.05%
3 months	5.55%	2.05%	0.05%
6 months	5.65%	2.20%	0.20%

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