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The local unit remained steady against the greenback in another quiet trading session that saw muted activity across the foreign exchange counters, with the inflows evenly matching demand, leaving the pair unmoved on the day.

In the new day, we expect the USDKES currency pair to trade within its recent ranges with flows guiding the direction of the pair.

International News

The dollar edged lower against major currencies, while US Treasury yields declined as oil prices tumbled on growing optimism that diplomatic efforts could bring an end to the US-Iran conflict. Investors also assessed a fresh batch of US economic data. The US Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) dipped more than expected to 7.36 million from 7.54 million in June, the trade deficit narrowed as imports declined more than exports, and factory orders unexpectedly fell 0.3%, marking a second consecutive monthly decline. The developments pushed the implied probability of a September Fed rate hike down to 57%. Markets now turn their attention to the ADP employment report and Friday's non-farm payrolls for further hints about the health of the labour market and US interest rate path.

Eurozone & UK markets

The euro rose modestly against the greenback as easing geopolitical tensions improved risk sentiment. Eurozone inflation ticked up in July, bolstering the case for a rate hike from the European Central Bank.

The Pound Sterling recovered some ground against the Dollar on Tuesday, up 0.14%, as US jobs data was softer than expected but confirmed the strength of the labor market, with layoffs being little changed. In the UK, an absent economic docket keeps investors focused on the fiscal policy enacted by the new Prime Minister Andy Burnham.

Japan market

The Japanese yen traded around 157.5 per dollar on Wednesday, pausing its recent rally even as US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent reaffirmed Washington's ongoing support for Japan following a historic joint currency intervention. The yen had surged as much as 5% over three sessions after Tokyo and Washington carried out coordinated yen-buying on a scale not seen in decades. Meanwhile, the latest data showed Japan's real wages rose for a sixth consecutive month in June, reinforcing the case for additional BOJ interest rate hikes.

Short-end market Rates

Country	Kenya	Uganda	Tanzania	Rwanda
91 Day T-Bill	8.79%	10.00%	3.35%	8.33%
182 Day T-bill	8.95%	10.40%	4.78%	8.30%
364 Day T-bill	9.02%	11.50%	7.03%	8.54%
Inflation Rate	6.50%	3.20%	4.20%	11.50%
Interbank	8.75%	9.75%	6.25%	8.25%

Indicative quotes on the major currencies.

	Buys	Sells
USD	126.50	132.00
EUR	140.87	157.71
GBP	163.96	180.48
CHF	150.18	170.01
JPY	77.04	87.25
ZAR	6.16	10.51
CAD	84.77	99.12
UGX	0.02680	0.0538
TZS	0.04240	0.0636
AED	30.63	41.80
RWF	0.0509	0.1286

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%	1.95%	0.05%
3 months	5.55%	2.10%	0.05%
6 months	5.65%	2.10%	0.20%

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