

DOMESTIC NEWS

The Kenya Shilling edged higher against the U.S dollar in Thursday's session backed by foreign currency inflows from interbank players.

Subdued market activity continued to characterize the session for the better part of the day. A mid-morning sell-off of the greenback by interbank players saw the USDKES currency pair close the session 40cents lower.

Ahead of the weekend, we see the local unit trade within the current range in the interim as muted market activity continues to depict the local currency scene.

Amounts "100,000"	Today's Opening		Forward Rate(USD)(1 month)	
	Buy TT	Sell TT	BUY	SELL
USD/KES	104.90	112.65	105.65	115.65
GBP/KES	144.55	154.65		
EUR/KES	125.25	136.75		
JPY/KES	102.45	111.75		
			3 Months	
			Buy	106.05
			SELL	117.00

Money Market Rates	Previous	Current	Change bps
Interbank Rate	4.43%	4.97%	+54.00
91-Day T-bill	6.884%	6.983%	+9.90
182-Day T-bill	7.522%	7.508%	-1.40
364-Day T-bill	8.445%	8.508%	+6.30
Inflation	5.30%	5.60%	+0.30



Source: Bloomberg

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The U.S. dollar continued its woes against its peers during Thursday's session as risk appetite grew stronger amid increased hopes for hefty U.S. stimulus measures as President Joe Biden moved into the White House, given his administration has already proposed a \$1.9 trillion Covid-19 relief bill.

The EURUSD trended higher as it benefitted from an improvement of overall market sentiment and a slightly more hawkish than an expected European Central Bank policy meeting, this despite expectations of Eurozone's coronavirus restrictions lasting a while longer,

The pound traded sideways against the dollar, weighed by a plunge in U.K. Business Optimism in the first quarter from 0 to -22, highlighting the increasing negative impact of the Covid-19 crisis on U.K. businesses, and fueled fears that the region could face another quarterly growth contraction.

Earlier today, the yen stayed steady against the dollar as markets shrugged off the Bank of Japan's post-meeting statement where the watchdog upped its growth forecast for the coming fiscal year.

Indicative Deposit Rates

	Amounts > KES 20 million		Amounts > 100,000	
	KES	USD	USD	EURO
Call	2.75%	0.25%	0.00%	0.00%
1 month	4.70%	0.25%	0.00%	0.00%
3 months	5.00%	0.35%	0.00%	0.00%
6 months	5.25%	0.50%	0.00%	0.00%

Indicative Cross Rates

	Buy	Sell
EUR	1.1210	1.2800
GBP	1.2690	1.4480
JPY	99.50	114.35
CHF	0.8350	0.9340

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