

DOMESTIC NEWS

The Kenya shilling barely changed against the U.S. dollar during the mid-week trading session.

Activity from both importers and exporters remained balanced throughout the trading session, restraining price action in the USDKES pair. The pair remained unchanged as at closing bell.

Looking ahead, there is expectation of range bound trading with the USDKES currency pair holding within the recently established ranges.

Amounts "100,000"	Spot Rates		Forward Rates		
	Opening		USD/KES		
	Buy TT	Sell TT		Buy	Sell
USD/KES	125.00	133.50	1 month	125.70	134.20
EUR/KES	136.54	155.66	3 Months	127.10	135.60
GBP/KES	164.76	183.20	6 Months	129.20	137.70
JPY/KES	83.44	95.84	12 Months	133.40	141.90

Money Market Rates	Previous	Current	Change Bps
Interbank rate	9.80%	9.76%	-4.00
91-Day T-bill	8.3699%	8.3231%	-4.68
182-Day T-bill	8.5831%	8.5750%	-0.81
364-Day T-bill	10.0022%	10.0026%	-0.04
Inflation Rate	3.62%	4.11%	+49.00

Source: Bloomberg



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The greenback maintained its bullish bias for the second day in a row on Wednesday amid steady optimism on the trade front, while a cautious tone from the FOMC Minutes also corroborated with the daily advance. Pessimism over the U.S. economy has declined after President Donald Trump delayed on the weekend a plan to impose 50% tariffs on European Union imports and following a deal with China earlier this month to reduce tariffs imposed on each other. Fed officials acknowledged they could face "difficult tradeoffs" in coming months in the form of rising inflation alongside rising unemployment.

EURUSD dropped by 0.35% weighed down by the general US dollar recovery. The European Central Bank (ECB) Consumer's Expectation Survey in April revealed that consumers are expecting higher prices, as inflation expectations rose due to high uncertainty over US tariffs. Meanwhile, the ECB Chief Economist Philip Lane said the central bank is unlikely to lower rates below 1.50%.

GBPUSD slipped back unable to sustain gains for the third straight session on broad based dollar strength as easing global trade tensions have shifted focus back to fiscal risks, which had longer-term yields on gilts, Treasury, and JGB rise. The UK side of the data docket remains light for the remainder of the week.

In early Asian trading, USD/JPY pair rose by 0.7% buoyed by increased risk appetite. The news that a US federal court blocked President Donald Trump's "Liberation Day" tariffs from going into effect continues to undermine safe-haven assets. Moreover, worries about the debt load in Japan turned out to be another factor weighing on the Japanese yen.

Indicative Deposit Rates				
Amounts > KES 20 million	Amounts > 100,000			
	Tenor	KES	USD	EURO
Call	6.10%	0.05%	0.10%	
1 month	5.20%	0.10%	0.15%	
3 months	5.20%	0.15%	0.25%	
6 months	5.65%	0.20%	0.30%	

Indicative Cross Rates		
CCY	Buy	Sell
EUR\USD	1.0800	1.1820
GBP\USD	1.2800	1.3800
USD\JPY	139.00	150.00
USD\CHF	0.7700	0.8800