Today's Indicative Exchange Rate for SWIFT transfers:

| | Against USD | | Against KES | | |
|-----|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|--|
| | Bid Ask Bid | | Bid | Ask | |
| USD | - | - | 110.30 | 113.00 | |
| GBP | 1.3510 | 1.3610 | 149.02 | 153.79 | |
| EUR | 1.2178 | 1.2278 | 134.32 | 138.74 | |
| JPY | 102.30 | 103.80 | 1.0626 | 1.1046 | |
| AED | 3.49 | 3.69 | 29.89 | 32.38 | |
| AUD | 0.7547 | 0.7647 | 83.24 | 86.41 | |
| ZAR | 13.79 | 15.29 | 7.21 | 8.19 | |
| UGX | 3497 | 3747 | 30.95 | 33.97 | |

Kenya Shilling: The Kenyan shilling was stable against the dollar on Wednesday amid slow activity as companies were closing for the festive season.

Money-Market: The overnight rate rose to 5.6066% on a volume of Kes. 14.110B compared to Kes. 10.175B posted in the previous session.

Global Trends:

EUR: The euro rallied against the greenback to hit its highest level since April 2018, with EUR/USD at 1.2200 from 1.21509 at the close on Wednesday.

GBP: Markets grew optimistic that a Brexit deal could be salvaged before the end of the year after British MPs were put on standby to ensure they are ready to scrutinise any agreement that comes to fruition next week. The news has sent sterling higher.

JPY: USD/JPY fell to fresh monthly lows in the 103.20s in earlier trade, but has since paired losses amid a mild recovery in USD from lows. Markets seemed tentative ahead of Wednesday's FOMC monetary policy announcement at 19:00GMT.

GOLD: Gold rose on Wednesday on prospects for more stimulus measures after the U.S. Federal Reserve pledged to keep its benchmark interest rate near zero until an economic recovery is complete.

OIL: Major Gulf markets ended higher on Wednesday on higher oil prices as a weakening dollar and progress on the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines helped crude climb above \$51 a barrel.

Market Summary:

| | 16.12 | 15.12 | 14.12 | 11.12 | 10.12 |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Interbank Rate (%) | 5.6066 | 5.3294 | 5.1317 | 4.5205 | 4.2463 |
| NSE 20 Share index | 1,795.05 | 1,785.73 | 1,796.64 | 1,794.06 | 1,782.06 |
| Oil (\$) | 51.70 | 50.71 | 50.04 | 50.30 | 50.41 |
| Gold (\$) | 1,869.75 | 1,854.80 | 1,838.50 | 1,834.30 | 1,838.05 |

Inflation & CBR

| | Nov | Oct | Sep | Aug | Jul |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Inflation rate | 5.50% | 4.80% | 4.20% | 4.40% | 4.36% |
| CBR rate | 7.00% | 7.00% | 7.00% | 7.00% | 7.00% |

Libor Rates (%)

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|---|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| | Tenure | USD | GBP | EUR |
| Γ | O/N | 0.08200 | 0.04513 | -0.58514 |
| | 1M | 0.15250 | 0.02588 | -0.58629 |
| Ī | 3M | 0.22875 | 0.04263 | -0.56800 |
| | 6M | 0.25175 | 0.03838 | -0.53314 |

Deposit Rates (> 20M)

| Tenure | Rate |
|--------|-------|
| Call | 3.00% |
| 1M | 5.00% |
| 3M | 6.00% |
| 6M | 7.00% |

Treasury Bills

| | Current rate | Previous rate | |
|---------|--------------|---------------|--|
| 91-day | 6.901% | 6.861% | |
| 182-day | 7.363% | 7.333% | |
| 364-day | 8.246% | 8.204% | |

Highlight of the Day:

USD: The U.S. Dollar Index rose sharply after the Fed's rate-setting committee on Wednesday said its monthly government bond purchase program will continue until the economy substantially improves. But the dollar soon gave back the increase, again hovering near a two-year low.

Still, prolonged discussions about a new fiscal stimulus package do appear to be progressing after leaders met on Tuesday to discuss their differences over how to prop up the economy and government funding during the pandemic. Both Republican and Democrat leaders have voiced their ambition to strike an agreement this week.

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