

Today's Indicative Exchange Rate for SWIFT transfers:

	Against USD		Against KES		
	Bid	Ask	Bid	Ask	
USD	-	-	108.15	110.65	
GBP	1.3823	1.3923	149.50	154.06	
EUR	1.1888	1.1988	128.57	132.65	
JPY	108.19	109.69	0.9860	1.0227	
AED	3.49	3.69	29.31	31.70	
AUD	0.7703	0.7803	83.31	86.34	
ZAR	13.85	15.35	7.05	7.99	
UGX	3515	3765	31.77	34.81	

Kenya Shilling: The Kenyan shilling kicked off the new week on a flat note, trading and closing unchanged on Monday as supply and demand forces balanced off in the currency market.

Money-Market: The overnight rate fell to 5.1810% on a volume of Kes.27.310B compared to Kes.11.110B posted in the previous session.

Global Trends:

EUR: The EUR/USD held onto daily losses for the second day in a row. It remains above 1.1900 with the negative momentum limited. The pair bottomed at 1.1915 and it continues to move sideways near 1.1930.

GBP: GBP/USD struggled for a firm direction and remained confined in a range on Monday. Failures near 1.4000 favour bearish traders; the emergence of dip-buying warrants caution.

JPY: USD/JPY has traded flat for most of Monday's session, amid subdued US dollar trading conditions. The pair did manage to squeeze out fresh multi-month highs above last Tuesday's 109.23 high during Asia Pacific trade.

GOLD: Gold prices consolidated on Monday. The move in gold came as the dollar moved slightly higher and US yields declined despite a better than expected empire manufacturing report reported for the New York region on Monday.

OIL: Oil prices slipped on Monday after Brent hit \$70 a barrel as data showed an accelerating economic recovery in China, which was offset by fears of inflation.

Market Summary:

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	15.03	12.03	11.03	10.03	09.03
Interbank Rate (%)	5.1810	4.9256	5.0258	5.0822	4.8609
NSE 20 Share index	1,926.37	1,923.04	1,913.35	1,915.14	1,921.94
Oil (\$)	68.34	69.70	69.38	68.48	66.83
Gold (\$)	1,736.80	1,723.30	1,712.70	1,734.80	1,713.25

Inflation & CBR

	Feb	Jan	Dec	Nov	Oct
Inflation rate	5.80%	5.70%	5.60%	5.50%	4.80%
CBR rate	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%

Libor Rates (%)

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Tenure	USD	GBP	EUR	
O/N	0.07813	0.03963	-0.57971	
1M	0.10613	0.05050	-0.57786	
3M	0.18950	0.07950	-0.54886	
6M	0.19400	0.10163	-0.52314	

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	7.024%	7.024%
182-day	7.832%	7.765%
364-day	9.144%	9.071%

Highlight of the Day:

USD: The dollar gained for a second consecutive session on Monday as rising U.S. Treasury yields forced traders to cut their bearish dollar bets to four-month lows.

The dollar index, which tracks the U.S. currency against six major peers, held at around 91.84 in early London trading on Monday. It hit a late November 2020 high of 92.51 last week.

Rising bond yields will continue to dominate investors' minds this week before a Federal Reserve meeting at which some analysts expect policymakers to strike an optimistic tone on the U.S. economy.

Sources: Bloomberg, FXStreet, Reuters, Global-rates, Yahoo!Finance, CBK, Forextv, FxEmpire.

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