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## **DOMESTIC NEWS**

The tide turned in favor of the Kenya shilling on Tuesday, posting gains against the US currency.

Inflows from the agricultural sector as well as tightening liquidity in the money market helped the shilling gain ground against the dollar. The regulator mopped up excess liquidity of approx. KES 19 Bn through Term Auction Deposits across various tenors.

With easing dollar demand and increasing flows the bias is in favor of a stronger shilling in today's session.

Amounts	Today's		Forward Rate(USD)(1 month)		
"100,000"	Opening		BUY	101.65	
	Buy TT	Sell TT	SELL	109.85	
USD/KES	99.40	109.45			
GBP/KES	125.22	137.50	3 Months		
EUR/KES	110.90	124.40	Вυу	102.60	
JPY/KES	90.96	107.90	SELL	110.90	

Money Market Rates	Previous	Current	Change bps
Interbank Rate	2.33%	2.45%	+12.00
91-Day T-bill	7.333%	7.259%	-7.40
182-Day T-bill	8.248%	8.060%	-18.80
364-Day T-bill	9.198%	9.030%	+16.80
Inflation	5.62%	5.47%	-15.00



Source: Bloomberg

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

The U.S dollar rebounded following better than expected data on retail sales for the month of May. Retail sales jumped to 17.7% compared to market consensus of 8%, April data was revised to a 14.7% drop compared to 16.2% previously reported. Investor sentiment was also boosted by news that the US government is preparing for up to a trilliondollar spending on infrastructure as part of its effort to spur growth in the US economy.

The Euro touched session lows against the dollar on Tuesday but remained well above major support levels. Germany's CPI stood at 0.6% in May as expected, Economic sentiment however beat market expectation indicating increased investor optimism. The pair's direction will largely be informed by broader market sentiment and the Eurozone Consumer Price Index and Construction Output scheduled for release today.

The British pound fell below key support levels stalling it's 10-day rally against the greenback. Apart from broad dollar strength, the slow progress of Brexit talks have been weighing down on the currency pair. CPI is scheduled for release today ahead of BOE policy meeting tomorrow.

The Yen remained range bound with the BOJ maintaining its rate of -0.1% during yesterday's policy meeting. The upside is limited for the currency pair as worries for a second wave of coronavirus infection intensifies.

Indicative Deposit Rates							
Amounts > KES 20 million		Amounts > 100,000					
KES		USD	EURO				
Call	3.00%	0.25%	0.00%				
1 month	4.70%	0.25%	0.00%				
3 months	5.25%	0.35%	0.00%				
6 months	5.50%	0.50%	0.00%				

 Indicative Cross Rates

 Buy
 Sell

 EUR
 1.0520
 1.1520

 GBP
 1.1800
 1.3070

 JPY
 101.65
 114.50

 CHF
 0.9020
 1.0650

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