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## TREASURY MARKET UPDATE 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023

### DOMESTIC NEWS

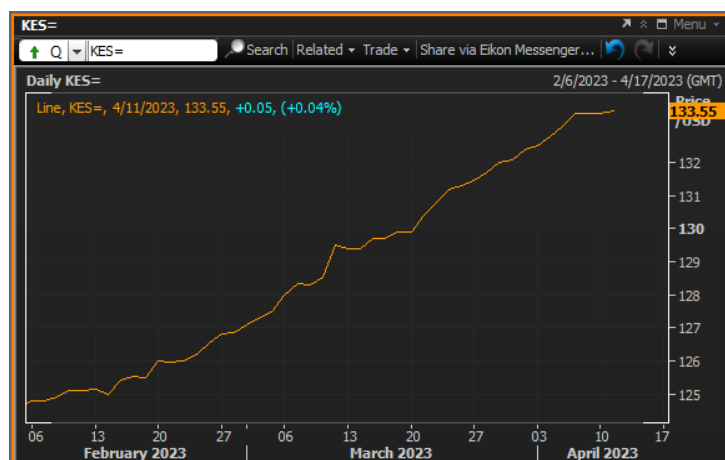
The Kenyan shilling was broadly stable against the dollar in a quiet market on Wednesday. The shilling has lost 7.8% of its value against the dollar this year. Commercial Banks quoted the shilling at 133.60/80, largely unchanged from Tuesday's close.

Kenya is the only economy in East Africa whose projected economic growth for 2023 has been revised upwards by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its latest review, giving Nairobi a major confidence boost as it fights an economic crisis. In the just-released World Economic Outlook, IMF now projects that Kenya will grow at a rate of 5.3 percent in 2023 from 5.1 percent forecasted in October 2022. The IMF has revised projections for Rwanda, Uganda, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) downwards. (Business daily)

### Indicative Forex Rates

	Buy Cash	Sell Cash	Buy TT	Sell TT
USD/KES	129.90	141.40	129.90	141.15
GBP/KES	163.28	175.13	162.48	175.68
EUR/KES	142.28	155.68	142.58	157.08
AED/KES	32.46	45.46	34.46	45.96

Amounts > 10 million		Amounts >100,000	
KES		USD	
2 Weeks	7.50%	1.50%	
1 Month	7.50%	2.50%	
3 Months	8.00%	3.25%	
6 Months	8.50%	3.50%	
1 year	9.00%	4.25%	



USD movement from February 2023 – Date (Source: Reuters)

### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

The U.S. dollar edged lower in early European trade Wednesday, as traders cautiously await the release of the latest U.S. inflation data which could influence future Federal Reserve monetary policy. The Dollar Index, which tracks the greenback against a basket of six other currencies, traded 0.2% lower to 101.700. The main focus Wednesday will be the March U.S. CPI, as traders try to work out the U.S. central bank's next move.

Elsewhere EUR/USD rose 0.2% to 1.0930 and GBP/USD traded 0.1% higher at 1.2431 in tight trading ranges. AUD/USD rose 0.1% to 0.6655, while USD/JPY edged lower to 133.60, just below a one-month high, with traders contrasting the likely tightening by the Fed with new Bank of Japan Governor Kazuo Ueda vowing to stick with ultra-easy stimulus settings at his inauguration.

In the commodities markets, oil prices retreated on Thursday after rising for two sessions, with investors still showing lingering concern over a possible U.S. recession and weaker oil demand. Brent crude fell 20 cents, or 0.2%, to \$87.13 a barrel by 0352 GMT, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate slid 15 cents, or 0.2%, to \$83.11. The oil market was jolted higher two weeks ago after the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and allies such as Russia agreed to curtail output.

On the other end Gold prices rose in Asian trade on Thursday as softer-than-expected U.S. inflation data spurred bets on an early rate-hike pause by the Federal Reserve, while growing fears of a recession also supported safe haven buying. Spot gold rose 0.1% to \$2,017.86 an ounce, while gold futures rose 0.4% to \$2,032.05 an ounce. The collapse of several U.S. banks in March triggered a month-long rally in gold, as traders rushed into traditional safe havens. Copper futures steadied around \$4.070 a pound. (Reuters)

### Indicative Cross Rates

	Bid	Offer
EUR/USD	1.0787	1.1190
GBP/USD	1.2285	1.2687
USD/ZAR	16.3849	20.4031
USD/AED	3.6520	3.6930
USD/JPY	131.27	135.28

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