



Central Bank of Kenya

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RECENT MONETARY AND FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Monetary Policy Decisions

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting held on October 7, 2025, decided to lower the Central Bank Rate (CBR) by 25 basis points to 9.25 percent from 9.50 percent. The Committee noted that overall inflation was expected to remain below the midpoint of the 5 ± 2.5 percent target range in the near term, and growth in commercial banks' lending to the private sector continued to improve in line with declining lending rates albeit at slow pace than desirable. Central banks in the major economies have remained cautious in lowering interest rates, depending on their inflation and growth outlooks. The revised banking sector Risk-Based Credit Pricing (RBCP) model, which will be fully operational by March 2026, will improve the transmission of monetary policy decisions to commercial banks' lending interest rates.

Exchange Rates

The Kenya Shilling remained stable against major international and regional currencies during the week ending October 9, 2025. It exchanged at KSh 129.24 per U.S. dollar on October 9, unchanged from KSh 129.24 on October 2 (**Table 1**).

Foreign Exchange Reserves

The foreign exchange reserves remained adequate at USD 11,228 million (4.9 months of import cover) as of October 8. This meets the CBK's statutory requirement to endeavour to maintain at least 4 months of import cover (**Table 2**).

Money Market

The money market remained liquid during the week ending October 8. Open market operations remained active. Commercial banks' excess reserves stood at KSh 13.8 billion in relation to the 3.25 percent cash reserves requirement (CRR). The Kenya Shilling Overnight Interbank Average (KESONIA) declined to 9.29 percent on October 8 compared to 9.51 percent on October 2. During the week, the average number of interbank deals decreased to 26 compared to 30 in the previous week,

while the average value traded increased to KSh 15.9 billion from KSh 15.1 billion in the previous week (**Table 3**).

Government Securities Market

The Treasury bill auction of October 9 received bids totalling KSh 25.6 billion against an advertised amount of KSh 24.0 billion, representing a performance of 106.9 percent. Interest rate on the 91-day, 182-day and 364-day Treasury bills declined (**Table 4**).

Equity Market

At the Nairobi Securities Exchange, the NASI, NSE 25 and NSE 20 share price indices decreased by 3.57 percent, 1.86 percent and 2.07 percent respectively, during the week ending October 9, 2025. Market capitalization decreased by 3.57 percent while total shares traded and Equity turnover increased by 4.25 percent and 209.94 percent respectively (**Table 6**).

Bond Market

Bond turnover in the domestic secondary market decreased by 37.8 percent during the week ending October 9, 2025 (**Table 6**). In the international market, yields on Kenya's Eurobonds increased by 13.10 basis points on average. The yields for Angola and Côte d'Ivoire also increased (**Chart 2**).

Global Trends

Inflation concerns remained, during the week ending October 9. The U.S. government shut down entered its second week, raising job market concerns as consumer spending and business investment weakened. The U.S. Dollar Index strengthened by 1.0 percent during the week, supported by weakness in other major currencies.

International oil prices remained steady as investors weighed a smaller than expected OPEC+ production increases for November 2025, tempering some concerns about supply glut. Murban oil prices settled at USD 66.8 per barrel on October 8 from USD 65.59 per barrel on October 2.



Table 1: Kenya Shilling Exchange Rates (Indicative Mean Rates)

	USD	Sterling Pound	Euro	100 Japanese Yen	Uganda Shilling*	Tanzania Shilling*	Rwandese Franc*	Burundi Franc*
26-Sep-25	129.26	172.88	151.04	86.49	27.04	18.99	11.23	22.78
29-Sep-25	129.25	173.13	151.12	86.41	27.03	18.99	11.23	22.78
30-Sep-25	129.24	173.46	151.65	86.98	27.00	19.00	11.20	22.79
01-Oct-25	129.24	173.54	151.57	87.35	27.00	19.00	11.23	22.79
02-Oct-25	129.24	174.76	151.93	88.11	26.77	19.03	11.23	22.79
Sep 26-Oct 2	129.25	173.55	151.46	87.07	26.97	19.00	11.22	22.78
03-Oct-25	129.24	173.62	151.44	87.51	26.81	19.00	11.23	22.79
06-Oct-25	129.24	174.02	151.73	87.77	26.71	19.00	11.22	22.79
07-Oct-25	129.24	174.13	151.22	86.15	26.66	19.00	11.23	22.80
08-Oct-25	129.24	173.51	150.72	85.58	26.54	19.00	11.23	22.80
09-Oct-25	129.24	173.52	150.35	84.70	26.58	18.96	11.23	22.80
Oct 3-9	129.24	173.76	151.09	86.34	26.66	18.99	11.23	22.79

*Units of currency per Kenya Shilling

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 2: Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)

	11-Sep-25	18-Sep-25	25-Sep-25	02-Oct-25	08-Oct-25
1. CBK Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)*	11,170	10,861	10,735	10,717	11,228
2. CBK Foreign Exchange Reserves (Months of Import Cover)**	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.7	4.9

**Based on 36 months average of imports of goods and non –factor services

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 3: Interbank Deals, Volumes and Interest Rates

Date	Number of Deals	Value (KSh M)	KESONIA (%)*
26-Sep-25	38	16,260.00	9.49
29-Sep-25	31	22,780.00	9.52
30-Sep-25	25	10,850.00	9.51
1-Oct-25	24	6,770.00	9.51
2-Oct-25	32	18,740.00	9.51
Sep 30-Oct 2	30	15,080.00	9.51
3-Oct-25	39	24,650.00	9.54
6-Oct-25	18	9,200.00	9.51
7-Oct-25	20	7,970.00	9.53
8-Oct-25	28	21,800.00	9.29
Oct 3-Oct 8	26	15,905.00	9.47

* The overnight interbank rate has been officially named Kenya Shilling Overnight Interbank Average (KESONIA) from September 1, 2025

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 4: Performance of Treasury Bill Auctions

91-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	27-Dec-24	27-Mar-25	26-Jun-25	31-Jul-25	02-Oct-25	09-Oct-25
Amount Offered (KSh M)	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Bids Received (KSh M)	2,242.28	2,790.24	1,449.26	1,973.68	1,614.14	3,600.27
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	2,208.47	2,704.14	1,442.77	1,969.82	1,608.77	3,588.60
Maturities (KSh M)	3,443.00	2,191.25	2,682.00	2,171.90	2,621.20	4,170.10
Average Interest Rate (%)	9.895	8.791	8.139	8.111	7.924	7.891
182-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	27-Dec-24	27-Mar-25	26-Jun-25	31-Jul-25	02-Oct-25	09-Oct-25
Amount Offered (KSh M)	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Bids Received (KSh M)	435.30	1,706.31	1,200.39	2,141.04	6,134.86	2,849.31
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	435.30	1,701.35	1,198.53	2,102.68	6,130.71	2,846.93
Maturities (KSh M)	1,534.00	3,580.40	321.35	2,609.60	4,617.90	11,510.80
Average Interest Rate (%)	10.022	9.058	8.461	8.410	7.985	7.930
364-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	27-Dec-24	27-Mar-25	26-Jun-25	31-Jul-25	02-Oct-25	09-Oct-25
Amount Offered (KSh M)	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Bids Received (KSh M)	2,189.12	10,249.39	11,839.57	11,978.10	7,384.98	19,195.30
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	2,189.12	10,104.04	11,798.48	11,951.23	7,376.42	19,148.56
Maturities (KSh M)	1,918.60	8,813.10	2,094.10	1,049.65	10,144.75	16,830.65
Average Interest Rate (%)	11.410	10.412	9.722	9.718	9.541	9.390

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 5: Performance of Treasury Bond Auctions

Date of Auction	09-Jul-25		13-Aug-25		20-Aug-25		03-Sep-25	17-Sep-25	
	RE-OPEN		RE-OPEN		TAP SALE		RE-OPEN	RE-OPEN	
Tenor	FXD1/ 2018/020	SDB1/ 2011/030	IFB1/ 2018/015	IFB1/ 2022/019	IFB1/ 2018/015	IFB1/ 2022/019	SDB1/ 2011/030	FXD1/ 2018/020	FXD1/ 2022/025
Amount offered (KSh M)	50,000.00		90,000.00		50,000.00		20,000.00	40,000.00	
Bids received (KSh M)	33,075.11	43,832.49	215,941.68	107,489.73	130,339.80	77,114.65	8,069.30	33,376.76	63,908.93
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	30,572.40	36,078.54	50,658.38	44,355.22	127,982.99	51,791.91	2,398.97	23,505.27	37,934.37
Maturities (KSh M)									
Average interest Rate (%)	13.90	14.35	12.99	14.00	12.99	14.00	13.96	13.58	14.14

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Chart 1: Government Securities Yield Curve

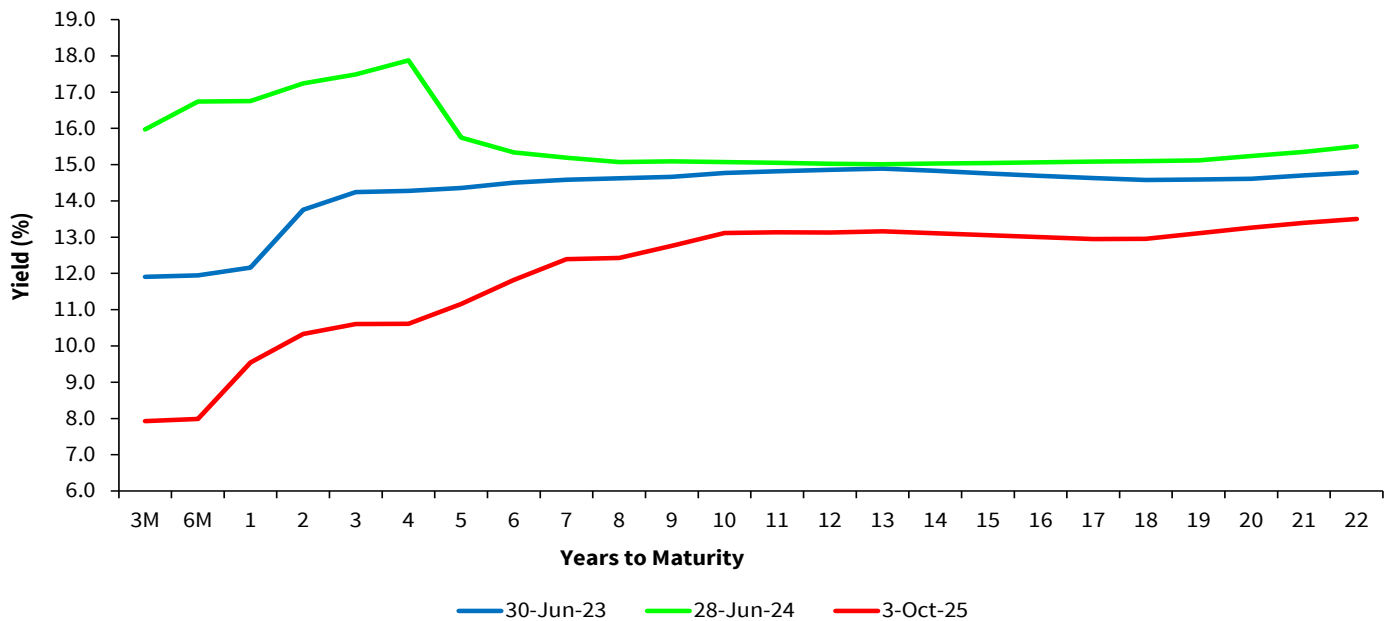


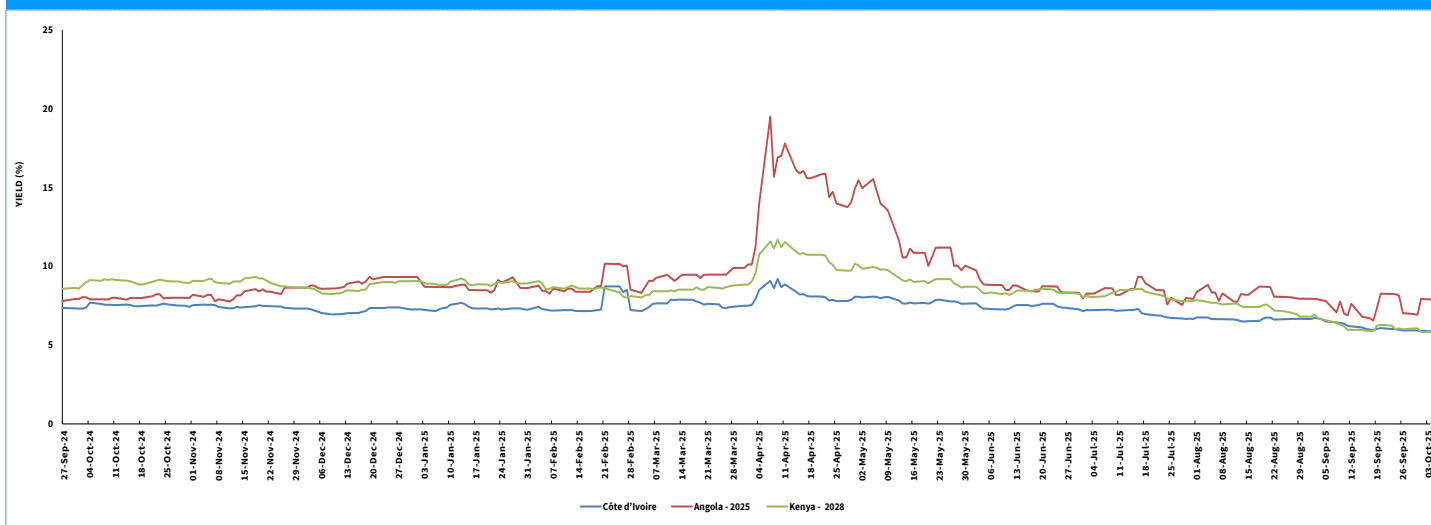
Table 6: Performance of Key Market Indicators

INDICATOR	NASI 100=2008	NSE 25 Share Index	NSE 20 Share Index 100=1996	Total Deals (Equity)	Total Shares Traded (Million)	Equity Turnover (KSh Million)	Market Capitaliza- tion (KSh Billion)	Bonds Turnover (KSh Million)	EuroBond Yields (%)				
									10-Year 2028	6-Year 2031	12-Year 2032	13-Year 2034	30-Year 2048
26-Sep-25	177.89	4634.69	2978.63	4,031	20.80	454.62	2,802.61	14587.4	6.003	7.8488	8.0526	8.3794	9.2328
29-Sep-25	176.68	4612.52	2964.45	4,512	12.17	151.47	2,783.58	13967.35	6.0572	7.914	8.1373	8.4519	9.276
30-Sep-25	176.74	4624.72	2972.64	4,619	24.85	535.80	2,784.47	11875.75	6.0558	7.8798	8.1091	8.4285	9.2472
1-Oct-25	178.16	4651.32	2985.91	3,541	20.25	482.97	2,806.88	8157.7	5.8289	7.9099	8.1377	8.4302	9.2761
2-Oct-25	178.50	4,668.95	3030.95	4,243	22.81	443.61	2,819.55	5470.05	5.8273	7.9089	8.1378	8.4307	9.2761
Sept 26 – Oct 2	178.96	4,672.29	3,004.28	20,946.00	100.89	2,068.48	2,819.55	54,058.25	5.827	7.909	8.138	8.431	9.276
3-Oct-25	178.96	4668.95	3030.95	4,751	20.50	483.55	2812.17	2864.70	5.827	7.909	8.110	8.407	9.262
6-Oct-25	177.67	4659.81	3022.14	5,024	15.05	213.97	2799.18	5602.85	5.881	8.008	8.252	8.552	9.393
7-Oct-25	176.28	4646.37	2995.01	5,935	27.98	588.02	2777.20	7486.60	5.880	8.040	8.280	8.601	9.437
8-Oct-25	173.75	4609.76	2968.93	4,729	18.73	419.53	2737.39	8954.35	5.878	8.073	8.281	8.626	9.437
9-Oct-25	172.58	4585.44	2942.00	4,165	22.91	4706.00	2718.96	8714.35	5.872	8.069	8.253	8.605	9.437
Oct 03 – Oct 09	172.58	4,585.44	2,942.00	24,603.79	105.17	6,411.07	2,718.96	33,622.85	5.872	8.069	8.253	8.605	9.437
Weekly Changes (%)	-3.57	-1.86	-2.07	17.46	4.25	209.94	-3.57	-37.80	0.045*	0.160*	0.143*	0.198*	0.161*

* Percentage points

Source: Nairobi Securities Exchange (NSE) and Thomson Reuters

Chart 2: Yields on 10-Year Eurobonds for Select Countries



Source: London Stock Exchange

Table 7: Government Domestic Debt (KSh Billion)

	28-Jun-24	31-Dec-24	28-Mar-25	30-Jun-25	25-Jul-25	29-Aug-25	26-Sep-25	3-Oct-25
1. Treasury Bills (Excluding Repos)	615.89	846.10	915.44	1,036.87	1,047.19	1,055.07	1,075.73	1,081.71
(As % of total securities)	11.75	14.77	15.41	16.87	16.82	16.43	16.57	16.65
2. Treasury Bonds	4,627.12	4,884.05	5,025.43	5,110.01	5,180.21	5,367.27	5,415.65	5,415.65
(As % of total securities)	88.25	85.23	84.59	83.13	83.18	83.57	83.43	83.35
3. Total Securities (1+2)	5,243.01	5,730.15	5,940.87	6,146.88	6,227.40	6,422.34	6,491.37	6,497.35
4. Overdraft at Central Bank	61.02	37.48	86.51	67.63	46.70	34.86	55.02	55.07
5. Other Domestic debt*	106.25	101.15	99.32	111.50	112.00	108.46	108.23	108.23
of which IMF funds on-lent to Government	83.54	80.29	78.71	80.56	81.46	78.47	78.93	78.93
6. Gross Domestic Debt (3+4+5)	5,410.28	5,868.77	6,126.70	6,326.01	6,386.10	6,565.67	6,654.63	6,660.66

* Other domestic debt includes clearing items in transit, advances from commercial banks and Pre-1997 Government Overdraft.

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 8: Composition of Government Domestic Debt by Instrument (Percent)

	28-Jun-24	31-Dec-24	28-Mar-25	30-Jun-25	25-Jul-25	29-Aug-25	26-Sep-25	03-Oct-25
Treasury bills (Excluding Repos)	11.38	14.42	14.94	16.39	16.40	16.07	16.17	16.24
Treasury bonds	85.52	83.22	82.03	80.78	81.12	81.75	81.38	81.31
Overdraft at Central Bank	1.13	0.64	1.41	1.07	0.73	0.53	0.83	0.83
Other domestic debt	1.96	1.72	1.62	1.76	1.75	1.65	1.63	1.62
of which IMF fund on lent to government	1.54	1.37	1.28	1.27	1.28	1.20	1.19	1.19
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 9: Composition of Government Securities by Sector (Percent)

	Jun-25	31-Jul-25	31-Aug-25	05-Sep-25	12-Sep-25	19-Sep-25	26-Sep-25	03-Oct-25
Financial Corporations	78.4	78.8	78.5	78.4	78.5	78.5	78.5	78.4
<i>O/W Commercial Banks</i>	35.5	35.6	35.1	35.3	35.5	35.6	35.3	35.3
<i>Pension Funds</i>	14.6	14.5	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.5	14.4
<i>Insurance Companies</i>	13.0	13.1	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0
General Government	7.6	7.5	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3
Households	6.5	6.4	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.6
Non-Residents	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7
Nonfinancial corporations	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Non-Profit Institutions	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Total	100	100	100	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

*Data has been re-classified to adopt a sectorization that is aligned with global best practices, including Government Finance Statistics Manual (GFSM) 2014, Public Sector Debt Statistics 2014 Manual, System of National Accounts (SNA) 2008, and Monetary and Financial Statistics (MFS) 2016. The new classification leverages on the Dhow Central Securities Depository (DhowCSD) system which has the capability to identify the ultimate holders of government securities. The new classification also captures information on any transfer of government securities that take place in the secondary market.

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 10: Public Debt

	Jun-23	Dec-23	Jun-24	Dec-24	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	June-25*
Domestic debt (Ksh Bn)	4,832.11	5,050.11	5,410.28	5,868.77	6,126.70	6,164.10	6,203.54	6,326.01
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (USD \$ Bn)	38.76	38.92	39.77	39.11	40.51	41.19	41.07	42.44
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (Ksh Bn)	5,446.56	6,089.58	5,150.84	5,057.01	5,238.30	5,327.88	5,308.18	5,484.83
Public Debt (Ksh Bn)	10,278.67	11,139.69	10,561.12	10,925.78	11,364.99	11,491.98	11,511.72	11,810.84

* Provisional

Source: The National Treasury and Central Bank of Kenya