



Central Bank of Kenya

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RECENT MONETARY AND FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Monetary Policy Decisions

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting held on December 9, 2025, decided to lower the Central Bank Rate (CBR) by 25 basis points to 9.00 percent from 9.25 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 interest rates. Central banks in major economies had remained cautious in lowering interest rates, depending on their inflation and growth outlooks. The Committee also noted that 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 and enhance transparency in the pricing of loans.

Exchange Rates

The Kenya Shilling remained stable against major international and regional currencies during the week ending December 11, 2025. It exchanged at KSh 129.16 per U.S. dollar on December 11, compared to KSh 129.41 per U.S. dollar on December 4 (**Table 1**).

Foreign Exchange Reserves

The foreign exchange reserves remained adequate at USD 12,065 million (5.24 months of import cover) as of December 10. 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 December 10, with open market operations remaining active. Commercial banks' excess reserves averaged KSh 13 billion above the 3.25 percent Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) requirement. The Kenya Shilling Overnight Interbank Average Rate (KESONIA) declined to 9.05 percent on December 10 from 9.24 percent on December 4. During the week, the average number of interbank transactions increased to 25 from 17 in the previous week, while the average value traded also increased to KSh 12.9 billion from KSh 11.8 billion (**Table 3**).

Government Securities Market

The Treasury bill auction of December 11 received bids totalling KSh 32.6 billion against an advertised amount of KSh 24.0 billion, representing a performance of 135.7 percent. Interest rates on the 91-day and 182-day Treasury bills remained stable while the interest rate on the 364-day Treasury bill declined (**Table 4**).

Equity Market

At the Nairobi Securities Exchange, the NASI, NSE 25 and NSE 20 share price indices decreased by 2.92 percent, 1.80 percent and 2.27 percent, respectively, during the week ending December 10, 2025. Market capitalization, also decreased 2.92 percent while equity turnover and total shares traded also increased by 78.50 percent and 45.06 percent respectively (**Table 6**).

Bond Market

Bond turnover in the domestic secondary market increased by 16.03 percent during the week ending December 10, 2025 (**Table 6**). In the international market, yields on Kenya's Eurobonds increased by 10.12 basis points on average. Yields for Angola and Côte d'Ivoire also increased (**Chart 3**).

Global Trends

The U.S. Federal Reserve bank lowered the federal funds rate by 25 basis points to a target range of 3.50-3.75 percent, mainly reflecting labour market weakness. The Bank of Canada retained its policy rate at 2.25 percent. The U.S. Dollar index strengthened by 0.3 percent during the week ending December 11, 2025.

International oil prices declined on account of oil inventory build-up and ongoing Ukraine-Russia peace negotiations, with Murban oil trading at USD 62.97 per barrel on December 11, compared to USD 64.33 per barrel on December 4.



Table 1: Kenya Shilling Exchange Rates

	USD	Sterling Pound	Euro	100 Japanese Yen	Uganda Shilling*	Tanzania Shilling*	Rwandese Franc*	Burundi Franc*
28-Nov-25	129.82	171.83	150.47	83.04	27.92	18.97	11.21	22.75
01-Dec-25	129.66	171.54	150.39	83.35	28.02	18.93	11.20	22.74
02-Dec-25	129.29	170.81	150.07	83.04	27.85	19.07	11.25	22.85
03-Dec-25	129.28	170.79	150.18	82.89	27.54	19.03	11.26	22.85
04-Dec-25	129.41	172.07	150.85	83.23	27.39	18.85	11.24	22.83
Nov 28 – Dec 4	129.49	171.41	150.39	83.11	27.74	18.97	11.23	22.80
05-Dec-25	129.31	172.91	150.90	83.58	27.41	18.91	11.25	22.85
08-Dec-25	129.30	172.63	150.66	83.32	27.36	18.83	11.25	22.85
09-Dec-25	129.24	172.33	150.55	82.87	27.33	18.96	11.26	22.86
10-Dec-25	129.23	172.07	150.34	82.59	27.41	18.96	11.26	22.87
11-Dec-25	129.16	172.64	150.98	82.84	27.66	18.97	11.27	22.88
Dec 5 – 11	129.25	172.52	150.68	83.04	27.43	18.92	11.26	22.86

*Units of currency per Kenya Shilling

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 2: Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)

	13-Nov-25	20-Nov-25	27-Nov-25	04-Dec-25	11-Dec-25
1. CBK Foreign Exchange Reserves (USD Million)	12,292	12,009	11,951	12,030	12,065
2. CBK Foreign Exchange Reserves (Months of Import Cover)*	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2

*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 (%)*
28-Nov-25	28	23,272.00	9.25
1-Dec-25	11	3,750.00	9.25
2-Dec-25	20	13,350.00	9.25
3-Dec-25	8	2,650.00	9.24
4-Dec-25	16	16,250.00	9.24
Nov 28 – Dec 4	17	11,854.40	9.25
5-Dec-25	35	17,700.00	9.25
8-Dec-25	22	10,350.00	9.25
9-Dec-25	19	10,790.00	9.25
10-Dec-25	22	12,800.00	9.05
Dec 4 – 10	25	12,910.00	9.20

* 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	06-Nov-25	13-Nov-25	20-Nov-25	27-Nov-25	04-Dec-25	11-Dec-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)	15,325.02	6,540.16	13,463.73	17,943.16	8,487.84	7,507.79
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	15,321.60	6,484.76	13,446.17	17,938.26	8,480.17	7,501.12
Maturities (KSh M)	3,699.95	4,975.40	7,733.55	20,191.65	5,563.05	14,976.05
Average Interest Rate (%)	7.792	7.787	7.780	7.779	7.780	7.779
182-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	06-Nov-25	13-Nov-25	20-Nov-25	27-Nov-25	04-Dec-25	11-Dec-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)	2,600.16	3,690.55	4,228.92	515.21	14,003.10	2,241.91
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	2,600.16	3,688.80	4,228.92	515.21	13,994.85	2,241.91
Maturities (KSh M)	21,611.80	5,515.00	7,809.75	9,095.80	10,761.85	2,669.55
Average Interest Rate (%)	7.793	7.793	7.800	7.800	7.804	7.800
364-Day Treasury Bills						
Date of Auction	13-Nov-25	27-Nov-25	20-Nov-25	27-Nov-25	04-Dec-25	11-Dec-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)	20,310.15	26,354.15	25,727.83	26,354.15	30,365.19	22,827.94
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	20,264.47	26,350.23	25,718.73	26,350.23	17,880.70	21,918.76
Maturities (KSh M)	28,178.95	16,207.70	23,506.70	16,207.70	18,451.05	8,479.60
Average Interest Rate (%)	9.357	9.376	9.379	9.376	9.368	9.235

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 5: Performance of Treasury Bond Auctions

Date of Auction	15-Oct-25		05-Nov-25		19-Nov-25		03-Dec-25	
	RE-OPEN							
Tenor	FXD1/ 2018/015	FXD1/ 2021/020	FXD1/ 2012/020	FXD1/ 2022/015	FXD3/ 2019/015	FXD1/ 2022/025	SDB1/ 2011/030	FXD1/ 2021/025
Amount offered (KSh M)	50,000.00		40,000.00		40,000.00		40,000.00	
Bids received (KSh M)	44,992.22	73,895.55	35,322.41	57,583.71	33,714.18	82,144.11	4,589.49	48,542.38
Amount Accepted (KSh M)	31,570.20	53,704.48	19,476.65	33,349.73	20,188.58	34,572.16	3,901.19	43,208.92
Maturities (KSh M)							25,199.80	
Average interest Rate (%)	12.65	13.53	12.47	13.34	12.57	15.07	13.32	13.62

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Chart 1: Government Securities Yield Curve

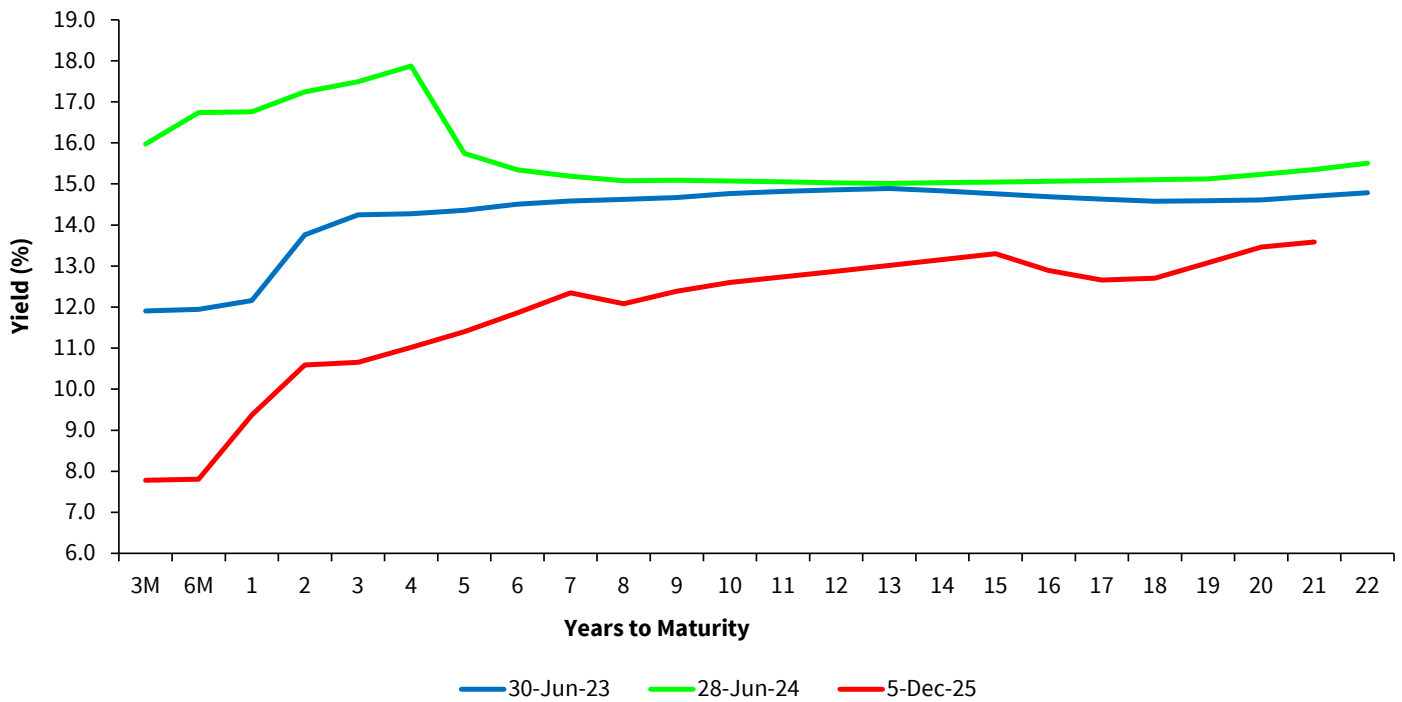


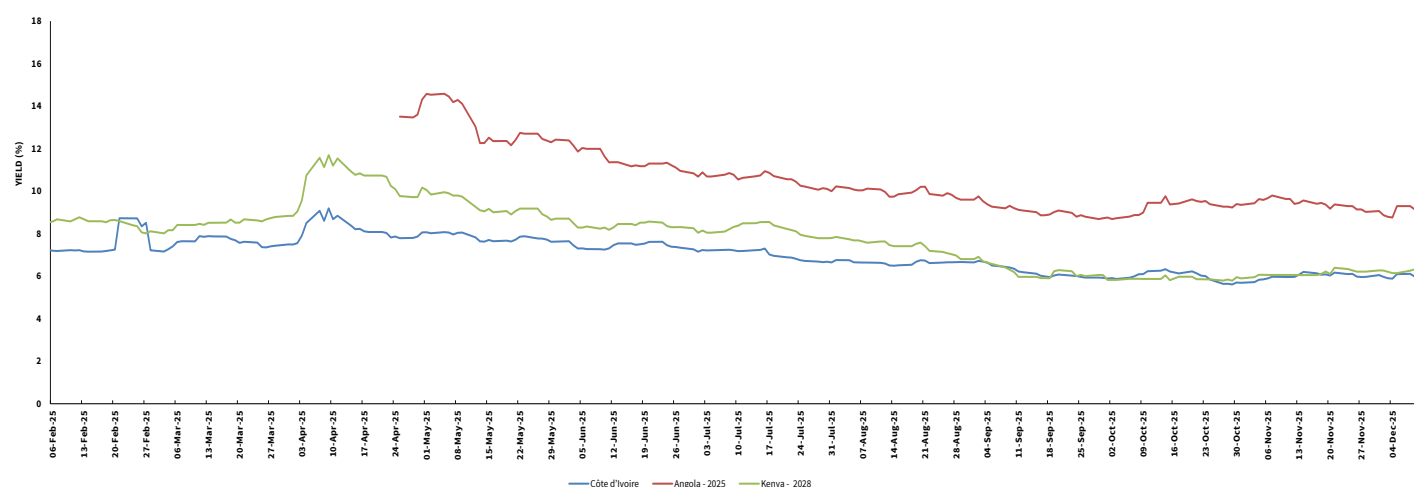
Table 6: Performance of Key Market Indicators

INDICATOR	NASI 100=2008	NSE 25 Share Index	NSE 20 Share Index 100=1996	Total Deals (Equity)	Total Shares Traded (Mil- lion)	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
28-Nov-25	181.06	4,820.79	3,052.73	4,355.00	26.48	611.04	2857.36	5247.48	6.212	7.922	8.115	8.636	9.148
1-Dec-25	181.45	4,824.58	3,037.86	5,254.00	24.63	528.86	2863.57	9740.84	6.271	7.990	8.202	8.711	9.206
2-Dec-25	180.11	4,804.11	3,023.70	4,611.00	11.07	281.58	2842.30	6077.70	6.270	7.955	8.028	8.588	9.120
3-Dec-25	178.83	4,775.43	2,994.07	4,900.00	9.35	168.43	2822.13	14291.80	6.208	7.885	7.913	8.466	9.022
4-Dec-25	182.08	4,821.46	3,000.51	4,873.00	25.08	797.56	2873.43	14162.50	6.145	7.779	7.741	8.322	8.939
Nov 28 – Dec 4	182.08	4,821.46	3,000.51	23,993.00	96.61	2,387.47	2,873.43	49,520.31	6.145	7.779	7.741	8.322	8.939
5-Dec-25	179.58	4,773.18	2,981.21	5,385.00	37.42	836.18	2834.04	16257.55	6.144	7.710	7.712	8.250	8.911
8-Dec-25	179.12	4,765.68	2,952.77	5,448.00	17.56	598.13	2826.72	10947.65	6.263	7.777	7.826	8.347	8.994
9-Dec-25	176.80	4,726.25	2,929.54	5,304.00	49.47	1602.70	2790.12	15359.85	6.322	7.810	7.883	8.421	9.092
10-Dec-25	176.77	4,734.73	2,932.48	4,816.00	35.70	1224.70	2789.65	14891.95	6.321	7.809	7.826	8.397	9.078
Dec 5 – Dec 10	176.77	4,734.73	2,932.48	20,953.00	140.15	4,261.71	2,789.65	57,457.00	6.321	7.809	7.826	8.397	9.078
Weekly Changes (%)	-2.92	-1.80	-2.27	-12.67	45.06	78.50	-2.92	16.03	0.177*	0.030*	0.085*	0.075*	0.139*

* 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)

	30-Sep-25	17-Oct-25	24-Oct-25	31-Oct-25	7-Nov-25	14-Nov-25	28-Nov-25	5-Dec-25
1. Treasury Bills (Excluding Repos)	1,081.71	1,075.23	1,076.28	1,057.05	1,062.79	1,056.20	1,050.19	1,052.19
<i>(As % of total securities)</i>	16.65	16.57	16.36	16.12	16.19	15.98	15.82	15.92
2. Treasury Bonds	5,415.65	5,415.65	5,501.05	5,501.06	5,501.06	5,553.04	5,587.54	5,557.61
<i>(As % of total securities)</i>	83.35	83.43	83.64	83.88	83.81	84.02	84.18	84.08
3. Total Securities (1+2)	6,497.35	6,490.87	6,577.33	6,558.11	6,563.86	6,609.24	6,637.73	6,609.80
4. Overdraft at Central Bank	55.02	83.39	52.82	73.05	64.55	73.40	40.01	74.89
5. Other Domestic debt*	108.04	108.04	108.04	108.04	107.49	106.41	106.41	106.41
of which IMF funds on-lent to Government	78.93	78.93	78.93	78.93	78.38	78.38	78.38	78.38
6. Gross Domestic Debt (3+4+5)	6,660.42	6,682.31	6,738.20	6,739.21	6,735.90	6,789.05	6,784.15	6,791.11

* 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)

	30-Sep-25	17-Oct-25	24-Oct-25	31-Oct-25	07-Nov-25	14-Nov-25	28-Nov-25	05-Dec-25
Treasury bills (Excluding Repos)	16.24	16.09	15.97	15.69	15.78	15.56	15.48	15.49
Treasury bonds	81.31	81.04	81.64	81.63	81.67	81.79	82.36	81.84
Overdraft at Central Bank	0.83	1.25	0.78	1.08	0.96	1.08	0.59	1.10
Other domestic debt	1.62	1.62	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.57	1.57	1.57
of which IMF fund on lent to government	1.19	1.18	1.17	1.17	1.16	1.15	1.16	1.15
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Source: Central Bank of Kenya

Table 9: Government Securities by Sector (Percent)

	10-Oct-25	17-Oct-25	24-Oct-25	31-Oct-25	07-Nov-25	14-Nov-25	28-Nov-25	05-Dec-25
Financial Corporations	78.4	78.4	78.5	78.5	78.6	78.5	78.5	78.7
<i>O/W Commercial Banks</i>	35.3	35.2	35.0	35.0	35.1	34.8	34.6	34.8
<i>Pension Funds</i>	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.6	14.6	14.6
<i>Insurance Companies</i>	13.0	13.1	13.0	13.1	13.1	13.2	13.3	13.3
General Government	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.4	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.4
Households	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
Non-Residents	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.6	4.7
Nonfinancial corporations	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	1.9
Non-Profit Institutions	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	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

	Dec-24	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25*
Domestic debt (Ksh Bn)	5,868.77	6,126.70	6,164.10	6,203.54	6,326.01	6,386.24	6,564.52	6,660.42
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (USD \$ Bn)	39.11	40.51	41.19	41.07	42.44	41.67	41.81	41.73
Public & Publicly Guaranteed External debt (Ksh Bn)	5,057.01	5,238.30	5,327.88	5,308.18	5,484.83	5,385.30	5,403.28	5,393.53
Public Debt (Ksh Bn)	10,925.78	11,364.99	11,491.98	11,511.72	11,810.84	11,771.54	11,967.80	12,053.95

* Provisional

Source: The National Treasury and Central Bank of Kenya