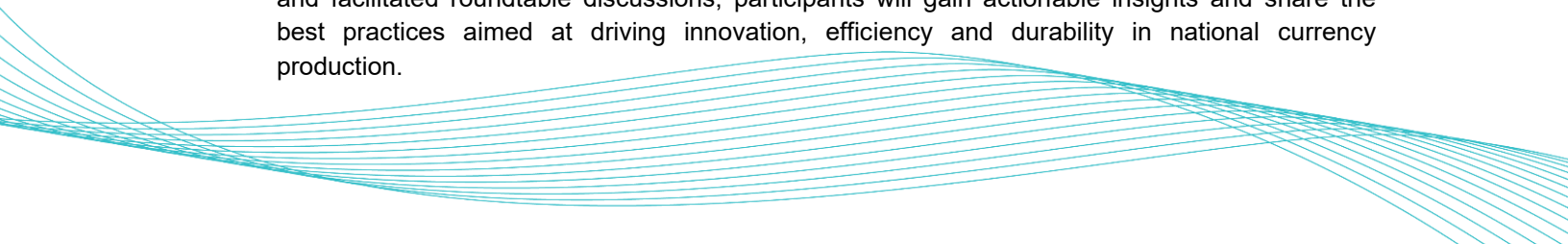


The Banknote Conference 2026: Innovating the Future of Banknotes In a rapidly evolving world, physical currency continues to play a crucial role in economies and societies. The Banknote Conference 2026 will bring together global issuers, innovators, and experts to explore cutting-edge advancements in banknote production, security features, and the cash cycle. With a focus on sustainability, trust, and technological integration, this year's event will dive into topics such as eco-friendly production processes, advanced anti-counterfeiting measures, smart technologies, and cost optimization. Keep reading to get a deeper understanding of each topic's focus, explore details on pre-event activities and the exclusive tour, and meet the advisory committee whose expertise helps shape the agenda and overall program.

Innovating the Future of Banknotes: Balancing Sustainability, Security, and Trust in the Cash Cycle

- **Sustainability of Banknote Production & the Cash Cycle:** Exploring eco-friendly materials, efficient printing processes and security feature integration, and optimization of the lifecycle of banknotes.
- **Advanced Security Features:** Emerging technologies like micro-optics, dynamic effects, and innovative inks that safeguard against counterfeiting.
- **Innovations in Newly Issued Banknotes:** From revolutionary security features to sustainable materials and enhanced design aesthetics, this session explores the best of the best in newly issued currency.
- **Integrating Smart Technologies in Banknotes:** Leveraging features like RFID, NFC, and machine-readable elements for enhanced usability.
- **The Art and Science of Banknote Design:** Balancing aesthetics, functionality, and security in currency design.
- **Revolutionizing Banknote Inspection:** Cutting-edge quality control in banknote production and counterfeit detection.
- **Maintaining Public Trust in Physical Currency:** Strategies for educating the public about security features and counterfeiting risks.
- **The Role of Physical Currency in a Digital Age:** How to sustain the relevance of cash in a world moving towards digital payments.

Pre-Event Workshops

- **IACA Members Discussion Meeting:** IACA brings a topic for members to discuss and debate with each other in a conducive gathering for learning, sharing and discussing.
 - **State Printwork Summit:** This focused program will explore key topics across the banknote production value chain, including advances in intaglio and offset printing, security feature integration, substrate selection and handling, quality assurance, automation and workflow optimization, and workforce development. Through a combination of presentations, case studies, and facilitated roundtable discussions, participants will gain actionable insights and share the best practices aimed at driving innovation, efficiency and durability in national currency production.
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- **Central Bank Summit:** The Central Bank Summit is a dedicated pre-event forum bringing together technical leaders and decision-makers from central banks around the world to address the evolving challenges and innovations in banknote production. This closed-door session offers a unique opportunity for in-depth discussion and peer exchange on the strategic and operational aspects of secure currency production.

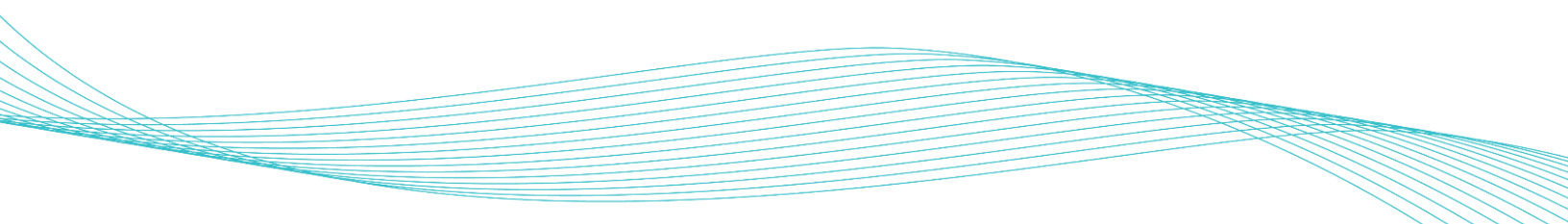
Key topics will include substrate selection and sustainability, advanced security feature integration, quality control advancements, supply chain resilience, and production cost management. Participants will also explore the impact of emerging technologies and digital tools on the production lifecycle—from design and specification to issuance and circulation.

- **Counterfeit Workshop:** This is a dedicated pre-conference session designed to bring together commercial organizations and currency-issuing authorities to share insights, strategies, and tools for detecting and monitoring counterfeiting threats across the cash cycle.

This interactive workshop provides a platform for technology providers, equipment manufacturers, data analysts, and security specialists to brief central banks and issuing institutions on the latest developments in counterfeit detection, authentication solutions, forensic analysis, and intelligence gathering. Attendees will gain a clearer understanding of how commercial capabilities can support national and regional anti-counterfeiting efforts.

- **Circulating Coins – Intrinsic, Essential, Social hosted by Coin Conference:** This interactive workshop provides a platform for technology providers, equipment manufacturers, data analysts, and security specialists to brief central banks and issuing institutions on the latest developments in counterfeit detection, authentication solutions, forensic analysis, and intelligence gathering. Attendees will gain a clearer understanding of how commercial capabilities can support national and regional anti-counterfeiting efforts.
- **Dynamic Security; The Science and Application of OVDs in Currency:** This workshop provides an in-depth technical review of recent developments in optically variable devices used in banknote security. Hosted by IOTA the session will cover advancements in material science, micro- and nano-structuring techniques, and novel optical effects engineered for high resistance to counterfeiting.

The session will cover the integration of OVDs into substrate and print processes, address challenges in durability and lifecycle performance, and explore alignment with machine-readability and digital verification systems. Attendees will gain a comprehensive understanding of current research trajectories, production tolerances, and the role of OVDs within multi-level security frameworks. Those involved in banknote design, specification, authentication, and manufacture should attend.



Conference Tour

Bureau of Engraving & Printing Tour: Thursday, May 14, 2025 / 14:30 – 17:30

Located just steps from the National Mall, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing's Washington, D.C. facility has been an essential part of U.S. currency production for over a century. Established in 1914, this historic site continues to play a vital role in the production of Federal Reserve notes and other security documents.

During this exclusive tour, attendees will gain a look inside the production floor where U.S. paper currency is printed using state-of-the-art equipment operated by highly skilled BEP personnel. The tour will highlight various stages of the banknote manufacturing process – from offset and plate printing to overprinting, inspection, and packaging.

Participants will see key pieces of legacy machinery, including traditional letterpress equipment, as well as modern systems such as the Large Examining Printing Equipment (LEPE) and advanced inspection technologies that help ensure the quality and integrity of U.S. currency.

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