



EMEA Cash Cycle Seminar (ICCOS) 2026

Cape Town, South Africa | 30 November – 2 December 2026

The EMEA Cash Cycle Seminar returns to Cape Town after a record-breaking 2024 edition, and momentum is already building fast. Organisations already confirmed as part of the 2026 programme include the South African Reserve Bank, SBV, Giesecke+Devrient, ATMIA, CITASA, CPS, ECM, Moneycorp, SICPA, Armorsafe, Sargent & Greenleaf, Secure Innovation, and the US Federal Reserve - with more joining the agenda weekly. As the region's central banks, commercial banks, CIT providers, and technology leaders lock in their place on the programme, this is shaping up to be the most connected EMEA Seminar yet.

Cape Town proved such a compelling host city in 2024 that the decision to return was an easy one. Set against Table Mountain and the Atlantic coastline, and home to a world-class convention centre, top-tier hotels, and some of the best hospitality in the region, Cape Town gives delegates a seminar experience as memorable as it is productive.

2026 Theme:

Resilient, Inclusive, and Future-Ready: Shaping the EMEA Cash Ecosystem

2026 Agenda Topics

- **Smarter. Greener. Better: The Next Evolution of Cash Cycle Efficiency** - learn how central banks, CIT companies, and commercial banks are reducing costs, lowering emissions, and modernising infrastructure with cutting-edge tools and sustainable strategies. Featuring a dedicated session led by SBV and SARB.
- **Building Resilient Cash Ecosystems in an Uncertain World** - practical blueprints for crisis-ready cash systems, covering load shedding, cyber threats, climate disruption, and economic instability. Includes a panel on mitigating operational risk through technology, led by ECM.
- **Unlocking the Power of Data: Analytics, AI & Real-Time Visibility** - how market leaders are using analytics and AI to forecast demand, optimise routes, detect fraud, and turn data into a strategic advantage. Includes a panel on building data maturity by learning from other industries, led by CPS.
- **The New Payments Reality: Cash, Digital & Consumer Choice** - how regulators and financial institutions are shaping an ecosystem built on convenience, inclusion, and trust as cash and digital payments coexist. Panellists to be confirmed.
- **Cash Access Reimagined: ATMs, Branches & the Future of Distribution** - innovative distribution models — advanced ATMs, shared service hubs, and retail partnerships — redesigning cash access for changing customer expectations.
- **CIT Transformation: Security, Technology, and the Fight Against Crime** - new regulatory frameworks, advanced armouring, route optimisation, and intelligent surveillance reshaping CIT safety and performance. Includes a spotlight session on crime trends and operational responses in a cash-reliant society, led by CITASA.



- **CashTech on the Rise: Automation, Intelligence & New Solutions** - breakthrough technologies across cash centres, smart safes, sorting systems, authentication, and digital security, showcased across our Technical Innovation Sessions and a dedicated panel led by Giesecke+Devrient, with further innovation sessions featuring CPS, Armorsafe, Sargent & Greenleaf, Secure Innovation, Moneycorp, and SICPA.
- **Regional Insights: Africa, Europe & the Middle East in Focus** - national success stories, innovative reforms, and operational breakthroughs from across the region, including a retailer-focused panel on South Africa's Smart Cash Shift, led by SBV.

Speaker line-ups are being finalised; the themes and session leads above reflect current confirmations and remain subject to change.

Pre-Event Workshops & Tours - Monday 30 November

Arrive a day early to get more from the event. Monday's programme offers focused, closed-door and small-group sessions ahead of the main two-day seminar.

- **Central Bank Summit** - led by the South African Reserve Bank, this closed-door, peer-to-peer forum brings central bankers together to discuss key concepts introduced by SARB. The 2024 edition covered the Future of Cash, Data Visibility Across the Value Chain, Sustainability in Cash Management, and Future Skills; 2026 topics to be announced.
- **ATM Workshop: The ATM of Tomorrow** - hosted and led by ATMIA, this workshop explores how financial institutions are transforming ATM infrastructure into a resilient, customer-centric channel, covering biometric authentication, contactless transactions, AI-driven predictive maintenance, financial inclusion, and emerging regulatory and sustainability standards.
- **Federal Reserve Currency Training Workshops** - two dedicated sessions run by the US Federal Reserve: one focused on issuing authorities and central banks, the other on commercial cash handlers, both covering currency authentication and best practice.
- **Implementing AI in the Cash Cycle Workshop** - a practical, hands-on session on applying AI across cash cycle operations.
- **The Cape Mint Factory Tour** - a behind-the-scenes visit to The Cape Mint, offering a rare, hands-on look at coin production.



Post-Event Tours - Thursday 3 December

Extend your visit with an exclusive look inside two of South Africa's leading cash operations, or explore Cape Town before you fly home.

- **SARB Cash Centre Tour** - an exclusive behind-the-scenes visit to the South African Reserve Bank's cash centre.
- **SBV Cash Centre Tour** - a guided tour of SBV's cash-in-transit operations, one of Southern Africa's largest CIT providers.
- **Cultural Tour of Cape Town** - a half-day optional tour showcasing the best of Cape Town, for delegates extending their stay.

2024: A Record-Breaking Seminar

The 2024 EMEA Cash Cycle Seminar was among the most successful and well-attended events in the Seminar's history - the benchmark 2026 is already set to build on.

- **250 delegates** from 32 countries and 84 organisations, including nearly 30 central and commercial banks, gathered in Cape Town from 26 to 28 November 2024.
- **A packed pre-event programme** featured a Central Bank Summit hosted by SARB, an update from the Banknote Ethics Initiative, currency authentication training from the Federal Reserve Board of Governors and the US Secret Service, and a cash-forecasting session looking ahead to 2030.
- **Two rounds of Technical Innovation Sessions** saw sponsors including Armorsafe, CPS, Fidelity Services Group, Giesecke+Devrient, Jura, KURZ, Locksmith, MoData, Numisma Bank, and Sargent & Greenleaf showcase their latest solutions.

"The event was very informative and definitely worth attending ... we can now apply the best practices in-country to create more efficiencies within the cash cycle vs payments." - First National Bank

"This is a knowledge hub for the cash industry ..." - Central Bank of Eswatini

"Enlightening! It was great to be able to understand where other emerging markets are in their cash life cycle." - Nedbank

Cape Town proved such a marvellous host city in 2024 that we've decided to return for 2026. Join the organisations already confirmed — secure your place today.