



CENTRALE BANK VAN ARUBA

The Central Bank of Aruba holds the official launch of the new 2019 series florin banknotes

After more than 7 years of intense preparation, today the Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) held the official launch of the new 2019 series florin banknotes. During this event, the President of the CBA, Mrs. Jane Semeleer, gave a brief presentation on the journey of the CBA towards realizing the new 2019 series florin banknotes. Afterwards, Mrs. Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Director, and Mrs. Penelope Tromp-Gomez, Division Manager, elaborated on the themes chosen for the new 2019 series florin banknotes, as well as the security features contained therein. During this journey, the CBA worked in close cooperation with several local artists, various local and international experts from central banks and private sector consultants, as well as the internationally renowned banknote producer Crane Currency. The CBA expressed gratitude and presented a small token of appreciation to those present.

Hereafter Mrs. Semeleer invited Mrs. Evelyn Wever-Croes, Prime Minister of Aruba, and Mrs. Xiomara Ruiz-Maduro, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, and Culture, to jointly unveil the designs of the new 2019 series florin banknotes. The main theme of these banknotes is “Life in Aruba”, containing elements of the Aruban flora, fauna, cultural heritage, monuments, and landmarks. Apart from the very colorful designs, these banknotes also contain the most advanced security features available on the market.

With the introduction of the 2019 banknote series, the CBA aims to maintain confidence in the florin and contribute in promoting the uniqueness and beauty of Aruba’s flora, fauna, cultural heritage, monuments, and landmarks. For future generations to be able to appreciate this as well, it is of utmost importance to continue to promote public awareness for the adequate preservation and conservation hereof.

The timeline for the emission of the new 2019 series florin banknotes is as follows:

- **June 3, 2019**
Official emission of the new 2019 series florin banknotes
- **June 4 - August 11, 2019**
Co-circulation of the 2003 series and the new 2019 series florin banknotes (10 weeks)
- **August 12, 2019**
The 2003 series florin banknotes is taken out of circulation and is no longer legal tender
- **June 4 – December 4, 2019**
Exchange of the 2003 series for the new 2019 series florin banknotes only at the commercial banks (6 months)
- **December 5, 2019 – August 12, 2049**
Exchange of the 2003 series for the new 2019 series florin banknotes only at the CBA (30 years)

In the coming months, the CBA will conduct extensive information campaigns through various media channels, such as newspapers, radios, TV, and CBA's Facebook, Instagram and website in order to provide the public at large with important information about the new 2019 series florin banknotes. Furthermore, the CBA will hold information sessions for targeted groups and will provide information materials at the MFA's, the national library, schools, post offices, and commercial banks. With regard to information sessions, the CBA will publish the dates, times and venues in the local newspapers, as well as on CBA's Facebook, Instagram and website.