

ICGFM

**International Consortium on
Governmental Financial Management**

**“Reducing Poverty and Corruption:
An Integrated Approach to Good Governance”**

New Developments in Governmental Financial Management

2003 International Conference

**Seventeenth International Conference
& Certificated Training**

**March 31 – April 4, 2003
Radisson Mart Hotel
Miami, Florida, U.S.A.**

**The International Consortium on Governmental
Financial Management**

The USDA Graduate School

The Conference

The International Consortium on Governmental Financial Management will continue its third decade by conducting a conference in Miami, Florida, on March 31 through April 4, 2003. The conference will be the seventeenth in a series of events on current developments in government financial management. Each year ICGFM conferences attract large numbers of key government financial managers and professionals who provide essential financial management services to governments around the world. This conference will continue that tradition by providing actionable ideas to progressive government financial managers.

The 2003 ICGFM Conference will include three days of sessions and social events, followed by two days of certificated training. During the first three days, attendees will hear presentations and participate in discussions on case studies detailing how government financial offices have adopted and implemented integrated good governance "best practices." In addition, attendees will enjoy networking with peers in an entertaining social environment at several evening events. For the final two days, attendees can attend technical training workshops, meet with peers, key donors, and consultant representatives, or enjoy free time shopping or conducting other business in the Miami area.

Conference Program: March 31-April 2

The conference program for the first three days will provide attendees with far-reaching, in-depth sessions exploring how national, regional, and local governments have adopted and implemented programs to improve governance. Attendees will examine case studies and learn practical information based on current best practices.

The emphasis will be on programs that either horizontally integrate efforts across entities and functions at the same governmental level, or vertically integrate efforts among governmental levels. Aspects of budgeting, accounting, reporting, revenue and expenditure management, audit, and oversight in executive and legislative branches will be presented.

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| Accountability | Transparency |
| Sustainability | Fiscal Integrity |
| Decentralization | Budget Formulation |
| Procurement | Budget Execution |
| Financial Auditing | Performance Auditing |
| Audit Quality Control | Audit Quality Assurance |

Certificated Training Program: April 3-4

ICGFM and the USDA Government Auditing Training Institute will present the two-day seminar "Building a Strong Financial Management Framework: Putting the Pieces Together." The seminar will introduce you to the component pieces of financial management and explore relationships and interdependencies; provide you with tools and resources to assist you in your country; and offer you an opportunity to share experiences and develop, discuss, and evaluate current best practices.

At the conclusion of the seminar, you will be able to identify key players in the financial management systems in your own country; asses some of the strenths and weaknesses in your country's systems; and identify roles and actions you can assume in your country.

Participants will receive 16 hours of Continuing Professional Education credit and a Program Certificate upon completion of the two-day session.

What Participants Will Gain

Government financial management is now more than ever seen as a key ingredient in reducing poverty, providing public services, and fighting corruption. It is one of the most dynamic areas in the general field of governmental management-and one that the international donor community has targeted as an immediate priority. This conference will provide you with various applications of innovative techniques from progressive government financial managers. Specialists will discuss new developments such as program effectiveness, medium-term budgeting, internal controls to improve performance, e-business to improve efficiency, integrated financial management information systems, risk evaluation, analytical accounting, performance reporting, and performance auditing.

You will see how essential policies, strategies, tactics, processes, methods and techniques have been successfully applied by your peers. You will be able to discuss how you might adopt and use them in your organization. This conference will allow you to take practical, effective government financial management back home to your organization and country, which will provide you with recognition as an innovative leader in improving governmental financial management.

You will also receive copies of papers presented at the conference, and in many cases you will receive sample forms, techniques and documentation provided by speakers during conference sessions. An electronic record of the conference will be available.

Don't miss this conference and its potential contributions to your government's progress and well-being.

The Languages

The conference will be interpreted in English and Spanish, as appropriate, by professional interpreters. French and Portuguese translation will be provided if there are sufficient attendees requiring it.

The Venue

As in past years, the conference will be held at the Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel, a property of the Radisson Hotel International chain. We continue to use the Radisson because of its excellent food, service and attention to the safety and welfare of our attendees. The hotel is located adjacent to the Miami International Airport, and it provides prompt airport pick-up and return service for our guests. The cost of both single and double occupancy rooms will be \$95.00 US per night (plus 12.5% tax).

How to Register

Conference and hotel registration forms will be made available soon. The cost to register is as follows:

	<i>Before March 14, 2003</i>	<i>After March 14, 2003</i>
Member Registration:		
Conference & Training	US \$800	US \$850
Conference Only	US \$600	US \$650
Training Only	US \$400	US \$450
Non-Member Registration:		
Conference & Training	US \$850	US \$900
Conference Only	US \$650	US \$700
Training Only	US \$450	US \$500

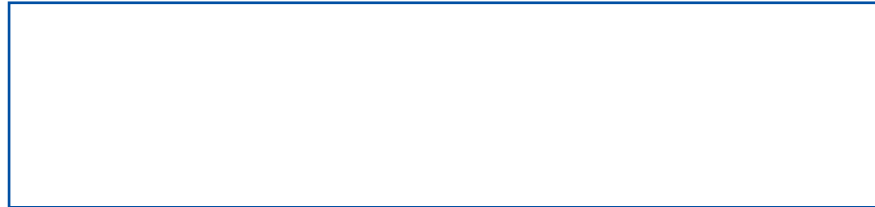
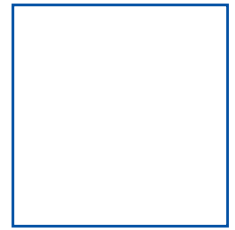
One free admission is allowed for every five paid registrations from each sponsoring entity or government. Check the ICGFM Web site for updates as additional conference information becomes available.



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