

**President's Closing Remarks**  
**ICGFM 33rd International Training Conference**  
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Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the International Consortium on Governmental Financial Management, honored guests. Thank you for your unique role in making this a truly remarkable week.

Our mission here at ICGFM is to work together to improve public financial management so that governments can achieve fiscal sustainability, invest in infrastructure and provide better service delivery to citizens. This week we brought together a motivated group of public financial management professionals from around the world to promote this important goal.

We had the opportunity to network, to learn from each other and to discuss new and innovative ways to affect change and make a difference in each of our countries. This reflects the true spirit of ICGFM and we thank you for your support and for your impressive level of engagement throughout the program this week.

Our work does not end here. Our commitment to improving public financial management is an ongoing process. We are expected to provide the leadership and vision required to ensure good governance, accountability and transparency continue to evolve to support economic growth, opportunity and development in our countries.

ICGFM serves as a platform to support public financial management reform. We encourage you to take advantage of the social networks, good practices and contacts that the ICGFM provides to support your efforts. Remember to visit the ICGFM website at [www.icgfm.org](http://www.icgfm.org) for information about ICGFM and how to be an active Member. You will find all the presentations from this conference, photos and valuable information from previous ICGFM events on the website. Also visit us on LinkedIn, Twitter, and the ICGFM Blog. Information about upcoming conferences and our monthly forums hosted in Washington, DC are also available.

We are confident that you found the program to be informative and relevant. Make no mistake, innovation is alive and well in government. We proved that this week. We're seeing innovative approaches to public financial management in each of your countries and around the world. But, we can all agree that there's more to be done. We must challenge ourselves to gain the confidence of our colleagues and be agents of change.

Our sincere thanks go out to this year's speakers and presenters. The richness and quality of the presentations was exceptional and we learned a great deal from your experiences and work in the PFM domain. We would also like to thank the moderators, the facilitators and of course, you, the participants, for your excellent participation and contributions in the sessions and the workshops. I have found over the years that we often have as much to learn from our conference participants as we do from our conference presenters, and this year was no different in that regard. To that end, I believe it would be in order for each of you to give

yourselves a round of applause for your exceptional engagement throughout this week's training conference (applause).

With your support, the ICGFM continues to grow and play a vital and unique role in the Public Financial Management (PFM) community by working globally with governments, organizations and individuals to improve public financial management so that governments may better serve their citizens. This year's conference also defined in many ways the role that PFM plays in delivering economic benefits and broader economic opportunities to our countries' citizens.

We would like to say a special thank you to our Silver Sponsor, DAI and to our Supporting Organizations, Nathan Associates and Swale House Partners. Thank you so much for your continued support of ICGFM which makes these events possible.

Thank you as always to our Vice President for Programs, Dave Pearl and the Program Steering Committee for the effort that went into preparing this year's program.

Of course, our success could not have been achieved without the invaluable assistance of our Conference Support Team including John Jensen and the interpretation team for their excellent work and patience, the staff from Events & Office Consultants, Presentation Partners LLC, and the team from the Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay who worked diligently to make our stay enjoyable and assisted in creating a successful conference. And, of course, we must recognize our ICGFM Conference Team, TJ Caver on the Guide app, and not the least of which, Pat Cornish and Mari Robinette Deasel, our Conference organizers for their tireless efforts in making this week possible.

It's up to all of us to ensure that ICGFM continues to grow. We ask for your support in strengthening our membership by speaking to your colleagues and peers to encourage them to get involved with ICGFM.

In closing, I wish all of you safe travels back to your homes and I hope to see you at future ICGFM conferences and to continue

to hear about the great work you are all leading as pioneers of best practices in PFM.

Thanks again, muchas gracias et merci bien.