Ladies and Gentlemen, Senores y senoras, Messieurdames.

After three days of learning, sharing experiences and insights, it’s time to bring our event to a close. We have branched into several new areas this week, seeing how better public financial management can improve healthcare and how public/private partnerships can deliver electricity and support development. We’ve learned that donors can use fiduciary risk assessments to provide incentives for better public financial management. We saw the database on tax collection that USAID and its partners are creating. We can all use to learn how to improve domestic resource mobilization. We have seen that, contrary to popular wisdom, governments can innovate, as well as drive private sector innovation. We have heard from public policy students about the uses of big data, artificial intelligence and blockchain. The last two presentations this
morning pointed the way to critical areas for future focus such as extractive industries and new insights on IT systems for PFM.

We have more than 100 representatives here from over 40 countries. As we head back to home and work, we will have a new awareness of the importance of managing finances well and transparently so that the taxes people support the services they need. You are leaders in your respective professions and countries. Let these lessons count. Stay in touch with the colleagues you have met this week. We provide you with their emails. Let them know what is succeeding for you and seek help from one another when you confront difficult problems. We are growing into a community of practice capable of fostering continuous learning. Your communications are what keep it lively and interesting.

We thank our expert speakers, who have inspired us and showed the way to improve the results of our work. Thank you also to our Program Steering Committee and our Vice President of Programs, Dave Pearl, for assembling such a strong program.
I would also like to thank all the moderators, the facilitators, the interpreters and, of course, you, the participants for your valuable contributions in the sessions and the workshops.

Remember to stay updated on the latest ICGFM news at www.icgfm.org. We encourage you to talk to your colleagues about ICGFM and share with them what you learned here in Washington this week. The presentations and photos from this conference will all be available to you on the ICGFM website. You will also be able to find information about upcoming events, including the Spring Conference that will take place from June 7-12 at the Marriot Biscayne Bay Hotel in Miami.

I’d like to thank our sponsors once again. Our hosts at the Fiscal Affairs Department of the IMF. Our silver sponsors: Chemonics, DAI and Oracle—will their representatives in the room please stand. And our supporting organizations: EY, IBI, JS Morlu and PMCG—please stand.
In closing, I wish to thank all of you for being part of an incredible Winter Conference and such a vital part of the ICGFM community. On behalf of ICGFM I wish you all a safe journey home. We appreciate your support and very much look forward to seeing you at future conferences and events.

Thanks again, gracias and merci!