



Ladies and Gentlemen. After three days of learning, sharing and networking, it's time to bring our event to a close. The good news is that while we leave this conference behind, the knowledge we have gathered can live on. When we return to our respective countries, we will bring the best practices shared from experts all over the world with us.

In the same way that we promote transparency, accountability and good governance in our daily work, we hold ourselves to these same principles. Everyone in this room embodies these principles. We use them as currency to empower public financial management reforms to better serve our citizens.

These principles form the foundation of public financial management. They help us to inspire trust in the people whose money we manage and whose dreams we help make possible. Without this trust, the



entire system falls apart. Which is why transparency, accountability and good governance are so important.

The impact potential of the people and knowledge in this room is enormous. We have more than 100 representatives from countries around the globe. We are all committed to helping drive our countries forward.

It has been a remarkable conference. The passion, vision and expertise of our speakers and panelists has been inspirational. Thank you again to our Program 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.

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ICGFM and share with them what you learned here in Washington this week. We will make all of the presentations and photos from this conference available to you on the ICGFM website.

I'd like to thank our sponsors once again. Our hosts at the Fiscal Affairs Department of the IMF. Our platinum sponsors: Grant Thornton and Ernst and Young. Our gold sponsor: IBI. Our silver sponsors: KPMG and PWC. And our supporting organizations, Graduate School USA, Evans Incorporated, FreeBalance and SharpEntity, LLC.

In closing, I wish to thank all of you for being part of an incredible Winter Conference. On behalf of the ICGFM I would like to wish everyone a safe journey home. We appreciate your support and very much look forward to seeing you in the future conference.

Thanks again, gracias and merci.