

President's Closing Remarks
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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 remarkable week.

Our mission here at ICGFM is to work together to improve public financial management so that governments can 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 is the true spirit of the ICGFM and we thank you for your support and for your engagement in 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 and 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 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, Facebook 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 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.

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 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 PWC, our Gold Sponsor, Oracle and Grant Thornton as our Silver Sponsors, and the Graduate School USA and Evans Incorporated as Supporting Organizations. 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 in to 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, Southern Audio Visual, 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, Brit Nanna on Turning Point, 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, gracias and merci.