



Call for Speakers/Panels/Papers

THE MACROECONOMIC BENEFITS OF STRONG PFM PRACTICES

**ICGFM 31st Annual International Training Conference, May 14-19, 2017
Miami, Florida USA**

Looking forward to a renewed role for public financial management (PFM), it is necessary to build strong PFM practices to address macroeconomic environment, to maximize PFM investment and investor's confidence. The options available to finance growth are positively correlated to the strength of a country's PFM policies, supporting framework and processes, and underlying capacity.

For the Miami conference, in addition to three days of presentations on Strong PFM Practices, ICGFM intends to have two tracks on the other two days. One track will be focused on Current Trends in PFM and International Development. The other track will be focused on PFM Enabling Technologies.

ICGFM solicits proposals for speakers/panels/papers that address these themes for its upcoming 31st Annual International Training Conference to be held at the Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay in Miami, Florida, USA.

Deadline for submitting proposals for the Miami, Florida conference: February 24, 2017

Selected presenters from the public and non-profit sector may be awarded a stipend and given an opportunity to publish their case studies in the ICGFM Journal.

Key subjects of the conference theme include:

Institutional Reforms and Measurement:

- Selecting PFM investments which align with strategic vision
- Developing PFM mechanism geared toward service delivery
- Demonstrating sectorial returns of PFM investment
- Realizing benefits of Supreme Audit Institution
- Enhancing judicious and equitable revenue collection
- Demonstrating importance of whole of government approach
- Using technology to provide access to information and institutionalize PFM processes
- Using analytics to evaluate success of programs

Policy Reforms:

- Addressing macroeconomic policies and practices to maximize return in government PFM investments
- Establishing Government Accounting Standards Board
- Shifting all public sector enterprises, ministries, departments and authorities to accrual accounting to bring transparency and efficiency

Operational Reforms and Processes:

- Increasing investors' confidence through strong PFM practices
- Enhancing transparency through open government/open data initiatives
- Preventing fraud, waste, and abuse
- Investing in people to meet governmental strategies
- Using financial management information system and analytical tools for decision making to establish strong cash flow and budget management mechanisms
- Developing budgets driven by long term development policies; equal importance for recurrent budget expenditures
- Demonstrating leading practices in information technology deployment and management

Format:

Please follow these instructions to ensure your proposal is expeditiously reviewed. Submissions that do not conform to these instructions will not be reviewed. Proposals may be presented using the format at the end of this announcement and must be translated into English.

If the attached format is not used, proposals should be no more than 1-3 pages in English. The submission should include the following information:

- Title of session
- Name, Title, Affiliation, languages spoken, address, email, and phone number of the Session Organizer
- Name, Title, Affiliation, languages spoken and contact information of potential panellists.
- Overview that includes: Objectives of the session; background of the topic; significance to scholarship in or practice of PFM.

How to submit: icgfm.programs@icgfm.org

Method of selection: All submissions will be reviewed by the Program Steering Committee.

Criteria on which proposals are evaluated include: Overall quality; interest to the financial management community of scholars; relevance to practice, and the potential to advance knowledge and dialogue in the field.

Selection notifications for the Miami, Florida conference will be made by **March 10, 2017**.

Final conference presentations from selected presenters are due on **April 7, 2017**.

Conference description: ICGFM Conferences are a gathering of financial management practitioners to discuss the financial reforms and methods available to better serve their citizens. Representatives from Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Latin America, the Caribbean, and North America share their practical experiences in meeting common challenges and employing innovative approaches to all aspects of the PFM cycle.

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Working globally with governments, organizations and individuals, the International Consortium on Governmental Financial Management is dedicated to improving financial management so that governments may better serve their citizens.

The form below may be used for proposal submission:

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Applicant	Name, title & e-mail for participants in session		
Case Countries	Describe country, countries, region or country segments to be addressed		
Subject(s)		Accountability	Human Resources
		Aid Management	International Standards
		Anti-corruption	Payroll
		Audit- external	Participatory Budgeting
		Audit - internal	Performance Management
		Budget planning	Policy Management
		Budget execution	Procurement
		Capacity building	Project Management
		Change management	Public Private Partnerships
		Civil Service Reform	Regulation
		Debt Management	Revenue
		Decentralization	Technology
		E-government	Transparency
		Financial controls	Treasury Management
	Freedom of Information	Other	
Title	Please provide the proposed title of the session		
Good Practice	Describe good practice and any associated practices		
Method		Case Study	Panel
		Paper	Presentation
		Speech	Workshop
Language	Which language will be used during the session?		
Outcome	What is the desired outcome for the good practice? What was the actual outcome of the good practice?		
Financial Crisis	What was the impact, if any, of the financial crisis on the adoption of the good practice? How did outcomes change, if at all, from the use of the good practice?		
Legal Reform	Was legal reform required or should legal reform be required to adopt this good practice?		
Challenges	What challenges are encountered with implementing this good practice? What challenges are encountered to sustain this good practice?		
Examples	What other examples of this good practice (beyond the subject of this session) are available?		
Lessons	What lessons have been learned from the adoption of this good practice?		