



**ICGFM 2023 International Conference  
September 19-21, 2023  
The University Club of Washington, DC**

**Program Agenda**

**Monday, September 18, 2023**

- 2:00 pm-5:00 pm                    **Board of Directors' Meeting**
- 5:00 pm-6:30 pm                    **Leadership Reception for Board of Directors, Advisory Board,  
Committee Members, Donors and Sponsors [Invitation Only]**

**Tuesday, September 19, 2023**

**Climate Change and Crisis Management**

- 8:30 am-4:30 pm                    Registration opens
- 8:30 am-10:00 am                    Breakfast
- 10:00 am-10:20 am                    **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
Laura Robinson, CPA, CFE, MPA, CBCI, ICGFM President  
Reginald Mitchell, ICGFM President-Elect  
Alex Aleksishvili, ICGFM Vice President of Programs
- 10:20 am-10:50 am                    Presentation of The 2023 David M. Nummy Lifetime Achievement Award  
Presentation and Remarks  
Ed Olowo-Okere, The World Bank

10:50 am-11:25 am	<p><b>Keynote Address</b></p> <p>Timothy Gribben, Commissioner for Fiscal Services, U.S. Department of Treasury, USA</p>
11:25 am-11:55 am	<p><b>Presentation Sponsored by SOPTICS</b></p>
12:00 pm-1:00 pm	<p>Lunch</p>
1:00 pm-1:45 pm	<p><b>Crisis and Supply Chain Management</b></p> <p>USAID has undertaken an initiative to integrate audit findings into its Enterprise Risk Management process. Using as an example, an OIG report finding on the Global Health Supply Chain Program Procurement and Supply Management (GHSC-PSM) project, the presenter will walk through the 4-step initiative and the implications.</p> <p>John Moynihan, CPA, CGFM, Staff Care Champion, USAID Office of the CFO, USA</p>
1:45 pm-2:30 pm	<p><b>Ukraine's PFM Under Global Shocks</b></p> <p>Under global shocks caused by the recession, disruptions in international supply chains during Russia's aggression against Ukraine, a new socio-political, economic and military reality is taking shape in Ukraine. Implementation of strategic approaches to PFM has become crucial. With international assistance, the Ukraine's PFM is in the process of maintaining its own resilience, supporting the Armed Forces, resolving acute social problems, as well as restoring its economy for the post-war period.</p> <p>Moderator: Laura Robinson, ICGFM President</p> <p>Tetiana Iefymenko, President, Academy of Financial Management, Ukraine</p>
2:30 pm-2:45 pm	<p>Break</p>
2:45 pm-3:45 pm	<p><b>Water Governance in Times of Crisis: Investing in Wastewater Infrastructure in Lebanon</b></p> <p>Lebanon is experiencing a financial crisis and government transition. Wastewater Management Director Osama Amad will discuss the USAID Lebanon Community Support Program and the financial management and governance of Lebanon's water and wastewater sector in this critical time.</p>

Working with the government, the Program’s goal is to adopt regulatory frameworks that enable more financially sustainable energy and attract investments (e.g. short-term financing models, private investment incentives, and long-term contingency plans).

Moderator: Estefania McPhaul, Global Practice Lead, Economic Growth and Trade Practice, Chemonics International, USA

Osama Amad, Director of Wastewater Management, USAID Lebanon Community Support Program, USA

3:45 pm-4:45 pm

**Managing Public Finances in Times of Crisis**

During crises such as war or natural disaster, PFM systems still must function and adapt to rapidly changing circumstances. Panel presenters will explore the experiences supporting the Government of Ukraine and managing PFM processes such as executing payments during a time of war.

Moderator: Christina Tripodo, Managing Director, Deloitte, USA

Antonio Crombie, Senior Manager, Deloitte, USA

4:45 pm-6:30 pm

Networking Reception

**Wednesday, September 20, 2023**

**Economics and Public Investment**

8:30 am-4:30 pm

Registration

8:30 am-10:00 am

Breakfast

10:00 am-10:10 am

**Welcome**

Alex Aleksishvili, ICGFM Vice President of Programs

10:10 am-10:45 am

**Keynote Address**

Susan Chodakewitz, Chief Growth Strategy Officer, The Cadmus Group, USA

10:45 am-11:45 am

**Improving Debt Transparency: Reforms to Increase Reporting**

Using the 2021 results of USAID's Debt Transparency Scorecard (DTS), presenters from the International Budget Partnership, National Democratic Institute, and the Open Government Partnership will discuss the current

state of debt transparency, the work being conducted by practitioners in this area, and the next steps for incentivizing comprehensive reporting.

Moderator: Steve Rozner, Senior Advisor, USAID, USA

Joseph Foti, Chief of Research, Open Government Partnership, USA

Corina Rebegea, Advisor, National Democratic Institute, USA

David Robins, Program Officer, The International Budget Partnership, USA

Welman Rosado, Deputy Chief of Party of FAST, DevTech, USA

11:45 am-12:45 pm

Lunch

12:45 pm-1:30 pm

### **PFM Anchoring Ethiopia's Road to Prosperity**

With about 123 million people, Ethiopia is the second most populous nation in Africa after Nigeria, and one of the fastest-growing economies in the region, with an estimated 9.4% growth from 2010-11 to 2019.

Within this huge economic growth, the public sector is undergoing vast reforms with PFM anchoring the way. From establishment of capital markets, privatization of state-owned enterprises, liberalization of the banking system and an enabling home-grown economic reform, the public finance arena is being focused upon like never before.

Kalkidan T. Deribe, FCCA, National Project Coordinator, World Bank Project, Ministry of Labor and Skills, Government of Ethiopia

1:30 pm-2:15 pm

### **Progress and Initiatives to Implement IPSAS in Africa**

Using a case study, hear firsthand about an IPSAS implementation in Rwanda, including outcomes and implications for other African countries.

Vincent Nkuranga, Education Commissioner, ICPA Rwanda

2:15 pm-2:30 pm

Break

2:30 pm-3:30 pm

### **PFM Digitalization Journey - Uganda's Experience**

PFM reforms in Uganda started in the early 1990s centered on the legal framework, the human capital (people) and digitalizing the underlying processes/systems. The legal frameworks were overhauled and aligned to best international practices. Professional certification of the core PFM staff was sponsored by the government. Underlying PFM systems were digitalized and centralized using Oracle driven IFMS as the flagship

computerized system. These are being integrated and deepened to address recurrent challenges such as asset management, etc. The goal now is to transit to full accrual IPSAS.

Moderator: Aleksi Aleksishvili, ICGFM Vice President of Programs

Henry Musasizi, Minister, Ministry of Finance, Uganda

Lawrence Semakula, Accountant General, Ministry of Finance, Uganda

Stephen Ojiambo, Commissioner/Treasury Inspectorate and Policy Dept. Accountant General's Office, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda

3:30 pm-4:30 pm

**Implementing Public Investment Programs Under Increased Uncertainty - How Does PFM Need to Change?**

This discussion focuses on the importance PFM issues for recipient governments in terms of the implementation of development programs, such as grant-financed infrastructure projects. Presenters will highlight real world examples from MCC projects that faced unforeseen cost escalations due to increased macroeconomic vulnerability and/or climate shocks. Among the key questions to be discussed is how PFM can be made Climate-Smart.

Moderator: Sudarshan (Shan) Gooptu, Senior Director, MCC, USA

Dr. Mark Sundberg, Chief Economist, MCC, USA

Tim Williamson, Global Lead for Public Financial Management, Public Investment Management, and Subnational Governance, The World Bank

Moritz Piatti, Senior Economist, The World Bank

4:30 pm-4:40 pm

Wrap-up

Reginald Mitchell, ICGFM President-Elect

**Thursday, September 21, 2023**

**Public Investment, Tax Systems and PFM**

8:30 am-4:30 pm

Registration

8:30 am-10:00 am

Breakfast

10:00 am-10:10 am

**Welcome**

Alex Aleksishvili, ICGFM Vice President of Programs

10:10 am-11:10 am	<p><b>How Do You Solve Real-World PFM Problems? Data Can Help</b></p> <p>Taka Ariga, Chief Data Scientist and Director of GAO’s Innovation Lab, U.S. Government Accountability Office, USA</p> <p>Nick Hart, President and CEO, Data Foundation, USA</p>
11:10 am-12:10 pm	<p><b>Integrity in Revenue Administrations: A Case Study for Why It Matters</b></p> <p>Integrity in a revenue administration is vital to ensuring compliance with tax obligations. The USAID Uganda Domestic Revenue Mobilization for Development Activity (DRM4D), implemented by Nathan, has worked with the Uganda Revenue Authority and the administrations of 10 newly created cities to strengthen their integrity and increase their revenue collections. The DRM4D Chief of Party will present on how the project has supported these efforts and on lessons learned from the experience.</p> <p>Moderator: Adam Kadir, Associate, Nathan, a Cadmus Company, USA</p> <p>Kieran Holmes, Chief of Party, USAID Domestic Revenue Mobilization for Development, Nathan, a Cadmus Company, USA</p>
12:10 pm-1:10 pm	Lunch
1:10 pm-2:10 pm	<p><b>The Digital Transformation of Public Finance</b></p> <p>Driven by service delivery improvements during the pandemic, governments aspire to accelerate digital technology adoption. This session will explore the public finance implications, including budget cycle interoperability and external data for outcomes-based fiscal management; data &amp; evidence-based decision making enabled by digital; reconsideration of systems of record in supporting systems of engagement, intelligence, &amp; innovation; emerging public finance digital good practices, and lessons from other domains.</p> <p>Doug Hadden, Executive Vice President, FreeBalance, Canada</p>
2:10 pm-2:25 pm	Break
2:25 pm-3:25 pm	<p><b>The Importance of Using Country Systems</b></p> <p>Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and the Global Fund are being much more intentional about increasing the share of their grants that are channeled through existing government systems. Presenters will discuss what both organizations are doing and how they are working with countries to ensure use of country systems is in-built into the investments they provide. Some</p>

challenges will be presented and participants will be asked to share their views about how these challenges might be overcome.

Moderator: Parag Shiswawala, ICGFM Vice President, Membership and Sponsorship

Awinja Wameyo, Director, Portfolio Financial Management, Gavi, Switzerland

Eric Boa, Head, Country Financial Management Strengthening and Innovation, The Global Fund, Switzerland

3:25 pm-4:30 pm

**Closing Keynote Address and Wrap-Up**

Juan Pablo Guerrero, Network Director, Global Initiative for Fiscal Transparency, USA

Laura Robinson, CPA, CFE, MPA, CBCI, ICGFM President