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Low for long or turning point?

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Guidelines for the session chairs

Your prime responsibility as Chair will be to ensure that the discussion proceeds in a focused and timely fashion. To help you achieve this, we draw your attention to the following:

1. You can provide a brief introduction to illustrate the important issues to be discussed (1–2 minutes).
2. In your introduction of the speakers and discussants, you do not need to provide detailed biographical information. That will be available to the audience in the meeting folder.
3. The schedule allows for:
 - Paper presenters – 20 minutes
 - Discussants – 10 minutes
 - A response from the paper presenter to discussant remarks – 5 minutes
 - General discussion – the remaining time available for the session (normally around 30–35 minutes; more for the panel discussion)
4. For the general discussion, conference participants should use the microphones available to them. If they do not do so automatically, please ask them to, so that the others can hear them.
5. During the Q&A, we recommend that you collect 2–3 questions from the audience and ask the panellists to respond; then collect 2–3 more and so on until the time in the session is over. Please use your judgement as to whether comments and questions from the floor can be grouped before the panellists respond, and whether a comment or question demands an immediate response.
6. Please guide the discussion toward the relevant policy issues and provide comments as you deem appropriate.