

TAXING NATURAL RESOURCES—NEW CHALLENGES, NEW PERSPECTIVES

September 25-27, 2008

NOTES FOR PRESENTERS, DISCUSSANTS AND CHAIRS

Presenters: Please aim to speak for 20 minutes. PowerPoint presentations should be sent to FADRTCONF@imf.org by September 19th, giving us time to make copies available in participants' packs. (Papers themselves—due by September 15th—will not be distributed at the conference, but made available in advance by email and on a conference website).

Discussants: Please keep your remarks to a strict limit of 10 minutes. Please do not summarize the content of the presentation on which you are commenting, but focus on your own comments. You should not feel obliged to make a PowerPoint presentation, but if you do please send it to FADRTCONF@imf.org as soon as possible, and preferably by end of Monday September 22, so that we can print it for participants and arrange for it to be loaded in the conference hall machine.

Chairs: Please enforce the time limits, brutally if need be! For sessions with two papers, please take each in turn, with 45 minutes for each: presenter (20 minutes), discussant (10 minutes), open floor (15 minutes). Biographical material will be made available to help you introduce speakers and discussants. You are of course welcome to make some brief remarks of your own on the topic in hand (and may want to raise some issues for discussion or ask questions yourself), and indeed we hope to benefit in this way from your expertise. But extensive prepared remarks are not expected. In dealing with questions from the floor, please: (1) Ask all speakers to introduce themselves; (2) Suggest and enforce a maximum of 2 minutes for any intervention; (3) Make sure a microphone is used. Speakers should be given an opportunity to respond to discussants and questions/remarks from the floor, preferably not one-by-one but in brief final remarks (though in this as other matters you of course have discretion!).

All: Since many participants will not have English as their first language (there will be simultaneous translation into French), please don't speak too fast! Please also be aware that the conference will be webcast within the Fund, and all proceedings will be recorded.