



GUIDELINES FOR SESSION CHAIRS

Approx. two minutes before the start of each session, please ask people to take their seats, encouraging them to sit towards the front and centre rows. You should announce each speaker and supervise discussion from the head table using the microphone provided.

One minute before the first scheduled talk:

- You and your co-chair (if there are two chairs) should introduce yourselves by name and affiliation.
- Announce the title of the session.
- Ask people to make their mobile devices silent and ask them not to take photos during the session.

As session chair, you are responsible for the time management of the presentations within your session hall:

- You will be required to introduce the speaker and presentation title as indicated in the programme book timetable or the Mobile App. Please follow the schedule closely.
- Please do not let presentations run over time. You will need to warn the presenter that he / she has 2 minutes left.
- It is essential to adhere to the scheduled start and end times of each talk. This is so that people can move from one room to another and find the talks as announced in the programme.
- Notify the in-hall AV Technician immediately of AV equipment problems.
- Be prepared for the unexpected!
- If a speaker fails to attend the session, move to the next speaker. However, this will disrupt the timings – accordingly let things go slowly and try to get back towards scheduled times if possible.
- If the session gets ahead of schedule, do one or more of the following:
 - Have questions prepared for the speaker – 2 per presentation.
 - Solicit questions from the audience.
 - If you finish much before the allotted time, you may let the session out early.

At the end of the session, kindly thank the presenters and the audience for their participation and **ask them to evaluate the speakers using the mobile app.**

Please note:



1. **Invited Speaker Presentations:** Unless otherwise noted, invited speakers will have 20 minutes for presentation (depending on the session type). This allotted time should include a few minutes for Q&A. Exact timings are in the Mobile App, the [interactive programme](#) and on the session blow ups.
2. **Oral Presenters (submitted abstracts):** will have 8 minutes for presentation and 2 minutes for discussion.
3. **Short Oral Presenters (submitted abstracts):** will have 5 minutes for presentation and 2 minutes for discussion.

Thank you for your participation
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