Notes for introduction to the domain session

- Basic information about organization of WCI – two main organizational vectors
  a. Vertical and local – linking universities and local organizations
  b. Horizontal – research domains cut across institutions; permit specialization by 'slicing' the WCI into policy-research areas.

- Basic information about the role of domain leaders
  a. Vis-à-vis the domain (promote intellectual rigour and quality)
  b. Vis-à-vis the project (gathering 'intelligence' from local engagement activities and work collaboratively with local institutions to transform this intelligence into research; serve as key engine of project growth through encouragement of applications and links to federal and provincial ministries.

- Where we stand in terms of organizing the domains
  a. Have experienced some turnover and replacement … start-up issues
  b. Have 8 domains of which 6 now have 2 co-domain leaders; 2 domains have only 1 leader and are in the process of recruiting a second one.  Expect to stabilize by year-end.

- Situating the present exercise
  a. Description of what domain leaders were asked to do (reach out and start building a network, convene other researchers, take a first cut at defining the scope of the domain, establish priorities and identify where policy contributions can be made).
  b. Present exercise and purpose of presentations is to expand these consultations - in particular, to get more feedback from local actors … input from federal and provincial officials will come later (not sufficiently represented at workshop to undertake this).

- How we will conduct ourselves during the session
  - Sequential 7 minute presentations  followed by discussion with audience

- The job of the audience – and of the presenters - is to listen for the following 5 things:
  a. Does the research speak sufficiently to the concerns of 2$^{nd}$ and 3$^{rd}$ tier cities (as distinct from, say, Toronto, etc.) ??
  b. Are there important topics that have been left out or that require more emphasis ??
  c. Will the research engage the concerns of local stakeholders ??
  d. Will the research address the concerns of federal and provincial ministries ??
  e. Are there opportunities for collaboration and cross-domain research ??