

# Concluding Panel Session

## **Objective**

Engage the audience in a dialogue on issues relating to policy reform priorities and areas that need further research or analysis

## **Structure**

Moderator asks main questions and invites brief opinions from panel experts, then from audience. Try to promote debate by identifying different perspectives on each issue.

## **Questions**

1. Is electricity an essential service, a commercial undertaking or a balance between the two? What are the implications on governance arrangements?
2. With respect to regulatory agencies:
  - What aspects of governance should be the focus of policy reform?
  - Which stakeholders would be disadvantaged by proposed policy reform ideas?
  - Are there solutions or compromises that would achieve multi-stakeholder support?
3. With respect to crown owned utilities:
  - What aspects of governance should be the focus of policy reform?
  - Which stakeholders would be disadvantaged by proposed policy reform ideas?
  - Are there solutions or compromises that would achieve multi-stakeholder support?
4. What priority should be given to governance reform in the electricity sector?
  - What is the logic in making governance changes if we have not yet settled on end-objectives for the structure and mandate of the electricity industry?
5. What issues need further research and analysis?