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**INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE ON THE THEME OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION
OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL:
FINANCING DEVELOPMENT –THE RURAL DIMENSION**

1. Document GC 25/L.1, dispatched to delegates in December 2001, provides the Programme of Work and the Provisional Agenda of this Session of the Governing Council, wherein it is advised that at the start of its second meeting, from 14.30 to 16.30 hours on the afternoon of Tuesday, 19 February 2002, the Council will hold an interactive dialogue on the theme of the Governing Council.
2. Subsequent to the issuance of that document, delegates also received document GC 25/L.11 entitled Theme Paper for the Twenty-Fifth Session of the Governing Council: Financing Development – The Rural Dimension as the background document for the interactive dialogue.
3. The Governing Council is invited to note additional details below pertaining to the panel discussion on the Governing Council's theme.
4. **Purpose:** The panel discussion is being held to consider issues pertinent to the Governing Council's theme. Taking into account the comments made during the panel discussion, the theme paper will subsequently be submitted to the United Nations International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD), to be held in Monterrey, Mexico, March 2002.
5. **Format:** The President of IFAD will provide the Council with a short introduction to the theme document (GC 25/L.11). The guest panelists will then deliver their statements in the following anticipated order:
 - Ambassador Ruth Jacoby, co-chairperson of the Preparatory Commission for the United Nations International Conference on Financing for Development
 - Mr Sartaj Aziz, Former Minister for Finance and for External Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
 - Ms Maggie Kogozi, Chairperson of the Uganda Women's Effort to Save Children/Orphans (UWESCO)
 - Mr Roberto Bissio, Global Coordinator of Social Watch in Uruguay



6. Following the presentations of the four panelists, questions, comments and statements will be invited from the floor. It is hoped that the time will permit all delegates wishing to participate to do so. However, if time constraints do not permit, the Fund's Secretariat would welcome any subsequent comments in writing.