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**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS ON IFAD'S
DRAFT REGIONAL STRATEGIES**

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 from 09.00 to 11.00 hours on the morning of Wednesday, 20 February 2002, the Council will hold six roundtables, simultaneously, on the Fund's draft regional strategies.
2. Subsequent to the issuance of that document, delegates also received the Strategic Framework for IFAD 2002-2006 and the six draft regional strategies. The individual regional assessments will be distributed at the respective roundtables. These documents, together with IFAD's *Rural Poverty Report 2001*, will be the basic background material for the roundtable discussions.
3. The Governing Council is invited to note additional details below pertaining to the roundtables.
4. **Purpose:** The six roundtables are being held with a view to receiving comments and inputs on the draft strategies.
5. **Format:** The venues of the roundtables are as follows:

- Asia and the Pacific:	Sala A
- Central and Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States:	Sala Q
- Eastern and Southern Africa:	Zona Mostre (S2)
- Latin America and the Caribbean:	Plenary
- Near East and North Africa:	Sala GH
- Western and Central Africa:	Sala Giunta

Participants should enter by the normal entrance to the Auditorium della Tecnica, from where they will be directed to the relevant rooms.



6. It is expected that the regional roundtables will be chaired by the following members from the respective regions:

- Ms Teresita Quinton-Deles, Secretary of the Anti-Poverty Commission, in the Office of the President of the Republic of The Philippines (Asia and the Pacific)
- H.E. Dr Ivan Angelov, Ambassador of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Agencies in Rome (Central and Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States)
- H.E. Wilburforce Kisamba-Mugerwa, Minister for Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries of the Republic of Uganda (Eastern and Southern Africa)
- H.E. Salvador Urrutia Loucel, Minister for Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of El Salvador (Latin America and the Caribbean)
- H.E. Nour Alden Mouna, Minister for Agriculture and Agrarian Reform of the Syrian Arab Republic (Near East and North Africa)
- H.E. Papa Diouf, Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Development of the Republic of Senegal (co-chairperson of the Western and Central Africa Roundtable)
- Mr Sékou Oumar Tall, President of the Permanent Assembly of the Chambers of Agriculture, the Republic of Mali (co-chairperson of the Western and Central Africa Roundtable)

7. A powerpoint presentation will be made at each roundtable by the division directors (or, in the case of Near East and North Africa by a regional economist from the division). Thereafter, in some cases, there will be further presentations. Subsequently, open discussion will ensue. Participants are kindly requested to keep their interventions short and to the point, in order to allow the greatest number of delegates to participate.

8. **Follow-up:** It is anticipated that a short summary of the highlights of the six roundtables may be rapidly prepared and reported back to the Governing Council Plenary. Subsequently, the draft regional strategies will be revised and final versions will be transmitted to Governors and Executive Board Directors for their information.