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INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE ON THE THEME:
ACHIEVING THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS
BY ENABLING THE RURAL POOR TO OVERCOME THEIR POVERTY

1. Document GC 26/L.1, dispatched to delegates in December 2002, provides the Provisional Agenda and Programme of Events of this Session of the Governing Council, wherein it is advised that on the afternoon of Wednesday, 19 February 2003, from 14.30 to 17.00 hours, the Council will hold an interactive dialogue on the theme: *Achieving the Millennium Development Goals by Enabling the Rural Poor to Overcome their Poverty*.
2. The background document for the interactive dialogue was subsequently dispatched to delegates in January 2003.
3. The Governing Council is invited to note additional details below.
4. **Panel:**

Moderator: Ms Eveline L. Herfkens, the United Nations Secretary-General's Executive Coordinator for the Millennium Development Goals Campaign and former Minister for Development Cooperation of the Kingdom of The Netherlands

Panelists, in alphabetical order:

- Dr Y. Seyyid Abdulai, Director-General of the OPEC Fund for International Development
- His Excellency Jan O. Karlsson, Minister for Development Cooperation, Migration and Asylum Policy of the Kingdom of Sweden
- His Excellency Alpha Oumar Konaré, Former President of the Republic of Mali
- Dr Nafis Sadik, Special Advisor/Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General for HIV/AIDS in Asia, and former Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

5. The Chairman of the Governing Council, His Excellency Prof Bungaran Saragih, and the President of IFAD, Mr Lennart Båge, will also participate in the panel discussions.



6. **Format:** The Council will be provided with a short introduction and the expected output of the discussion. The panelists will then deliver comments on the subject matter from their perspectives and highlight the concrete steps required of development partners and their respective constituents to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

7. An interactive session of questions and comments will follow the presentations of the panelists. It is hoped that time will permit all delegates wishing to participate to do so. However, if this is not possible, the Fund's Secretariat would welcome any subsequent comments in writing.