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**ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS**

1. Document GC 26/L.1, dispatched to delegates in December 2002, contained the Provisional Agenda and Programme of Events of this Session of the Governing Council. The document advised that the Council will hold four round-table discussions simultaneously, on topics pertinent to the work of the Fund, from 10.30 to 13.00 hours on the morning of Thursday, 20 February 2003.
2. Delegates will have received the four discussion papers as background material.
3. At registration, delegates will be kindly requested to indicate in which round table they would like to participate.
4. The Governing Council is invited to note additional details below pertaining to the round tables.
5. **Format and venue.** Participants should enter by the normal entrance to the Palazzo dei Congressi, from where they will be directed to the relevant rooms.
6. The round tables will be composed as follows:
  - *Promoting Market Access for the Rural Poor in Order to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals*
    - Chairperson: **Mr Sartaj Aziz**, Senator, formerly Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Finance, and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, and former Assistant President of IFAD
    - Discussants: **Ms Lucía González**, Responsible for Agribusiness Development, Agricultural Development Project for Peasant Communities and Smallholders of the Fourth Region (PRODECOP), Chile  
**Mr Charles Gore**, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development  
**The Honorable Charles N. Keenja**, Minister for Agriculture and Food Security of the United Republic of Tanzania  
**Mr Martin Khor**, President of the Third World Network, Malaysia  
**Mr Jake Walter**, Director, TechnoServe, Mozambique



- *Transforming Rural Institutions in Order to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals*
  - Chairperson: **Mr Moise Mensah**, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the International Service for National Agricultural Research (ISNAR), formerly Minister for Rural Development and Minister for Finance of the Republic of Benin, and former Assistant President of IFAD
  - Discussants: **Mr David Beckmann**, President of the Bread for the World Institute  
**Ms Ela Bhatt**, Founder and General Secretary of the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA), India  
**Mr Alain de Janvry**, Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California at Berkley, United States  
**Mr Jonathan Kydd**, Professor of Agricultural Development, Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, United Kingdom
  
- *Indigenous Peoples and Sustainable Development*
  - Chairperson: **Ms Victoria Tauli Corpuz**, Executive Director of the TEBTEBBA Foundation (Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education), The Philippines
  - Discussants: **Mr Marcos Matias Alonso**, Director and Member of the Permanent Forum of the United Nations for Indigenous Peoples Issues  
**Mr Haroldo Eric Quej Chen**, First Secretary of the Congress of the Republic of Guatemala  
**Mr Sergio Soto**, General Coordinator of Microregions, Ministry of Social Development (SEDESOL) of the United Mexican States  
**Mr B.N. Yugandhar**, Former Secretary to the Prime Minister of the Republic of India
  
- *Women as Agents of Change*
  - Chairperson: **Dr Nafis Sadik**, Special Advisor/Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General for HIV/AIDS in Asia, former Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
  - Discussants: **Mr John Byakagaba**, Project Coordinator of the Hoima District Development Support Programme, Uganda  
**Ms Jocelyn Dow**, President of the Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO), Guyana  
**Dr Michael Hofmann**, Director-General, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development of the Federal Republic of Germany  
**Dr Amani Kandil**, Executive Director of the Arab Network for Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Egypt

**Follow-up.** It is anticipated that a short summary of the highlights of the round tables may be reported back to the Governing Council Plenary.