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**ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS**

1. Document GC 27/L.1, dispatched to delegates on 19 January 2004, contained the Provisional Agenda and Programme of Events of this Session of the Governing Council. The document advised that the Council will hold six round-table discussions simultaneously, on topics that have been identified in consultation with the regions, from 10.30 to 13.00 hours on the morning of Thursday, 19 February 2004.
2. Delegates may obtain relevant documentation for these round tables upon arrival at the Documents Desk at the venue of the Governing Council.
3. At registration, delegates will be requested kindly to indicate which round table they would like to participate in.
4. The Governing Council is invited to note the additional details given 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:
  - Asia and the Pacific: *Rural Enterprises and Poverty Reduction*
    - Chairperson: **His Excellency Sangay Ngedup**, Minister for Agriculture of the Kingdom of Bhutan
    - Discussants: **Mr Vijay Mahajan**, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), BASIS, India  
**Dr Franklin P. Bunoan**, Executive Director, Cottage Industry Technology Center (CITC), Department of Trade and Industry, The Philippines  
**Mr Dongwen Liu**, Director, Monitoring and Researching Department, China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation (CFPA), China  
**Ms Cristina M. Liamzon**, Representative of the Asian Non-Governmental Organization Coalition for Agrarian Reform and Rural Development, The Philippines

- Asia and the Pacific: *Rural Enterprises and Poverty Reduction* (continued)
  - Discussants **Mr Erik Martens**, Officer-in-Charge, Asia and the Pacific Division, IFAD, Italy  
**Mr Ganesh Thapa**, Regional Economist, Asia and the Pacific Division, IFAD, Italy  
**Ms Aira Maria Htenas**, Consultant, Asia and the Pacific Division, IFAD, Italy
  
- Central Eastern Europe and Newly Independent States: *Promoting Farmers' Access to Markets in Transitional Economies*
  - Chairperson: **Her Excellency Adriana Berberi**, Deputy Minister for Finance of the Republic of Albania
  - Discussants: **Dr Amit H. Roy**, President and CEO, International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC), United States  
**Dr Ian Gregory**, Director, Market Development Division, IFDC, United States  
**Mr Henning Pedersen**, Country Programme Manager, IFAD, Italy  
**Ms Mylene Kherallah**, Regional Economist, IFAD, Italy
  
- Eastern and Southern Africa: *Sector-Wide Approaches and Budget Support Mechanisms: Challenges and Opportunities for Rural Development*
  - Chairperson: **The Honourable Dr Wilburforce Kisamba-Mugerwa**, Minister for Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries of the Republic of Uganda
  - Discussants **The Honourable Rakoro Phororo**, Minister for Agriculture and Food Security of the Kingdom of Lesotho  
**The Honourable João Zamith Carrilho**, Vice-Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development of the Republic of Mozambique  
**His Excellency Patrick Habamenshi**, Minister for Agriculture, Animal Resources and Forestry of the Rwandese Republic  
**The Honourable Charles N. Keenja**, Minister for Agriculture and Food Security of the United Republic of Tanzania  
**Mr Gary Howe**, Director, Eastern and Southern Africa Division, IFAD, Italy
  
- Latin America and the Caribbean: *Remittances and Rural Development*
  - Chairperson: **His Excellency Salvador Urrutia Loucel**, Minister for Agriculture and Livestock of the Republic of El Salvador
  - Discussants: **Dr Manuel Orozco**, Director, Central America Project, Inter-American Dialogue, United States  
**Prof Rodolfo García Zamora**, Director, Migration Programme, Autonomous University of Zacatecas, Mexico  
**Mrs Cándida Hernández**, Migrant from Mexico  
**Mrs Merlín Peña**, Migrant from El Salvador  
**Dr Anne Hastings**, Director, FONKOZE, Haiti  
**Dr Raquel Peña-Montenegro**, Director, Latin America and the Caribbean Division, IFAD, Italy  
**Dr Rosemary Vargas-Lundius**, Country Programme Manager, IFAD, Italy

- Near East and North Africa: *Managing Water Scarcity in the Near East and North Africa*
  - Chairperson: **His Excellency Rachid Benaissa**, Delegated Minister in Charge of Rural Development of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
  - Discussants: **Mr Chedli Fezzani**, Executive Secretary, International Association of the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS), Tunisia  
**Mr Djamel Latrech**, Coordinator of the North Western Sahara Aquifer System Programme, OSS, Tunisia  
**Prof Adel El-Beltagy**, Director-General, International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas, Syria  
**Prof Dr Mariam Mousa**, Minister Plenipotentiary for Agricultural Affairs, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Agencies in Rome, Italy  
**Mr Abdelmajid Slama**, Director, Near East and North Africa Division, IFAD, Italy  
**Mr Tawfiq El-Zabri**, Country Programme Manager, IFAD, Italy  
**Mr Rudolph Cleveringa**, Technical Advisor for Water Management and Rural Infrastructure, IFAD, Italy
  
- Western and Central Africa: *Rural Finance in Western and Central Africa*
  - Chairpersons: **The Honourable Malam Adamu Bello**, Federal Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development of the Federal Republic of Nigeria  
**Her Excellency Jeanne Dambenzet**, Minister for Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Women's Development of the Republic of The Congo
  - Discussants: **Ms Brigit Helms**, Lead Microfinance Specialist, Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP), United States  
**Mr Lothar Caviezel**, Permanent Representative of the Swiss Confederation and IFAD Executive Board Director for Switzerland, Italy  
**Mr Mamadou Cissokho**, Honourable President, Network of Farmers' Organizations and Agricultural Producers in West Africa (ROPPA), Senegal  
**Ms Renée Chao-Beroff**, Rural Finance Specialist, International Centre for Development and Research (CIDR), France  
**Mr Mohamed Béavogui**, Director, Western and Central Africa Division, IFAD, Italy  
**Mr Mohamed Manssouri**, Country Programme Manager, IFAD, Italy

**Follow-up.** A short summary of the highlights of the round tables may be reported back to the Governing Council Plenary.