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ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS

1. Information papers GC 28/INF.4, GC 28/INF.5 and GC 28/INF.6, dispatched to delegates on 31 January 2005, contain background information on the three round-table discussions scheduled to take place during the afternoon of Wednesday, 16 February 2005.
 2. The Governing Council is invited to note the additional details given below regarding the composition and venue of each round-table discussion.
- ***Achieving the Millennium Development Goal of Halving Poverty by 2015: Sharing Experiences between Asia and the Pacific and Western and Central Africa***

This round table, to be held in Room C, will have the following composition:

Co-chairpersons: **His Excellency Salif Diallo**, Minister for Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries of Burkina Faso

The Honourable Rene C. Villa, Secretary at the Department of Land Reform of the Republic of the Philippines

Discussants: **The Honourable Dr Hari Upadhyaya**, Member of the National Planning Commission of the Kingdom of Nepal

Dr Alioune Sall, Executive Director of the African Futures Institute of South Africa

- ***National Strategies for Rural Poverty Reduction: A Comparison of Experiences***

This round table, to be held in Room A, will have the following composition:

Moderator: **Dr Andrew Shepherd**, Co-ordinator of the Rural Policy and Governance Group at the Overseas Development Institute of the United Kingdom

Discussants: **Dr Daphrose Gahakwa**, Minister of State in charge of Agriculture and Animal Resource of the Republic of Rwanda

Mr Guilherme Cassel, Vice-Minister of Agrarian Development of the Federative Republic of Brazil

His Excellency Mohamed Habib Haddad, Minister for Agriculture and Hydraulic Resources of the Republic of Tunisia

- ***Rural Poverty Reduction is Key to Achieving the Millennium Development Goals***

This round table, to be held in the Aula Magna, will have the following composition:

Chairperson: **Mrs Janet Museveni**, First Lady of the Republic of Uganda, Founder of the Uganda Women's Effort to Save Orphans (UWESO)

Presenter: **Mr Hans Rosling**, Professor of International Health at the Karolinska Institute of Sweden

Commentator: **Mr Klemens van de Sand**, Coordinator for the Millennium Development Goals, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of the Federal Republic of Germany

3. The meeting rooms are on the first floor: Room A is to the right as you enter the building, and Room C is to the left. The Aula Magna is situated on the ground floor, directly behind the plenary hall. The entrance is at the opposite end of the building from the main entrance.

