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PANEL DISCUSSION

**ACHIEVING THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS:
RURAL INVESTMENT AND ENABLING POLICY**

1. Document GC 28/L.1, dispatched to delegates on 15 December 2004, contains the provisional agenda and programme of events for this session of the Governing Council, wherein it is advised that on the morning of Thursday, 17 February 2005, the Council will hold an interactive dialogue on the theme: *Achieving the Millennium Development Goals: Rural Investment and Enabling Policy*. The timing for this dialogue has now been set as 11.00-13.00 hours.
2. The background document for the interactive dialogue has been dispatched to delegates.
3. The Governing Council is invited to note the composition of the panel:

Moderator: Madame Odile Renaud-Basso, Chief of European and International Affairs of the Treasury Department, Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry of the French Republic and Governor of IFAD for France

Panellists (in alphabetical order):

- **Mr Guilherme Cassel**, Vice-Minister of Agrarian Development of the Federative Republic of Brazil (discussant at the round-table discussion entitled: National Strategies for Rural Poverty Reduction: A Comparison of Experiences)
- **His Excellency Salif Diallo**, Minister for Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries of Burkina Faso (co-chair of the round-table discussion entitled: Achieving the Millennium Development Goal of Halving Poverty by 2015: Sharing Experiences between Asia and the Pacific and Western and Central Africa)
- **Mr Ndiogou Fall**, President of the Network of Peasant Organizations and Producers in West Africa (ROPPA), Republic of Senegal (participant in the workshop and the seminar on Farmers' Organizations, Policies and Markets)
- **The Honourable Rene C. Villa**, Secretary at the Department of Land Reform of the Republic of the Philippines (co-chair of the round-table discussion entitled: Achieving the Millennium Development Goal of Halving Poverty by 2015: Sharing Experiences between Asia and the Pacific and Western and Central Africa)

4. The Chairman of the Governing Council and the President of IFAD will also participate in the panel discussion.
5. **Format.** The Council will be provided with a short introduction on the main issues covered by the panel discussion paper. The panellists will then give their own perspectives on the panel paper in the light of the discussions held in the respective round table/seminar they participated in.
6. An interactive session of questions and comments will follow the presentations of the panellists. It is hoped that time will permit all delegates wishing to participate to do so. However, if this is not possible, the Secretariat would welcome any subsequent comments in writing.

