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ROUND-TABLE DISCUSSIONS

1. Information papers GC 29/INF.3, GC 29/INF.4 and GC 29/INF.5, dispatched to delegates on 25 January 2006, contain background information on the three round-table discussions scheduled to take place during the morning of Thursday, 16 February 2006.
2. The Governing Council is invited to note the additional details given below regarding the composition of each round-table discussion.

- ***Adaptive Research in Support of Pro-poor Innovations in Rural Development***

This round table will have the following composition:

Chairperson: **Mr Rodney D. Cooke**, Director, Technical Advisory Division, IFAD

Panellists: **Mr Abdel El-Beltagy**, Director-General, International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA)

Mr David Kaimowitz, Director-General, Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)

Dr Shellemiah Keya, Assistant Director General – Research and Development, Africa Rice Center (WARDA)

- ***Securing Access to Land for the Rural Poor***

This round table will have the following composition:

Chairperson: **Ms Gunilla Olsson**, Director, Policy Division, IFAD

Panellists: **Mr Parviz Koohafkan**, Director of Rural Development, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); Executive Secretary, International Conference on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development

Mr Joseph Mbinji, Programme Officer, Zambia Land Alliance (ZLA)

Farmer Representative from the Farmers' Forum

- ***Strengthening Rural Institutions for the Poor: Opportunities and Constraints***

This round table will have the following composition:

Chairperson: **Mr Phrang Roy**, Assistant President, Indigenous Issues, IFAD

Panellists: **Mr Dario Pulgar**, Senior Technical Assistant, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) in Ecuador

Prof. John Harriss, Director, Development Studies Institute (DESTIN)

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3. Rooms will be assigned based on registration and delegates will be informed accordingly.