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Enabling poor rural people
to overcome poverty

Round-table discussions

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Round-table discussions

- Governors are invited to take note of the venue and composition of the three round-table discussions scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday, 18 February 2009, as outlined below:

- Food price volatility – how to help smallholder farmers manage risk and uncertainty***

Venue: Room B

Chairperson: **Mr Matthew Wyatt**
Assistant President, External Affairs Department,
IFAD

Panellists: **Mr Mustafa Abubakar**, Director, National Food Agency (BULOG), Indonesia
Mr Gonzalo Fanjul Suárez, Head of Research, Intermón Oxfam, Spain
Mr David Stevenson, Director, Policy, Planning and Strategy Division, World Food Programme (WFP)
Mr Ajay Vashee, President, International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP), France

IFAD coordinator
and resource person: **Mr Roberto Longo**, Policy Coordinator

- The growing demand for land – risks and opportunities for smallholder farmers***

Venue: Room C

Moderator: **Ms Tumi Makgabo**, Broadcaster and Independent Producer

Panellists: **Mr Narciso Boy Nieto**, Undersecretary, Finance Management and Administration Office (FMAO) and Project Implementation Office (PIO), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Philippines
Mr Pär Oscarsson, Land/Agriculture Manager, SEKAB BioEnergy (T) Ltd, United Republic of Tanzania
Mr Stephen A. Ruvuga, Executive Director, National Network of Farmers Groups (MVIWATA), United Republic of Tanzania
Ms Sonja Vermeulen, Programme Director, Business and Sustainable Development, Sustainable Markets Group, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), United Kingdom
Mr Eckart Woertz, Programme Manager Economics, Gulf Research Center (GRC), Dubai, United Arab Emirates

IFAD coordinator
and resource person: **Ms Sappho Haralambous**, Policy Coordinator, and **Mr Harold Liversage**, Technical Adviser, Land Tenure

- ***Research and innovation for smallholder farmers in the context of climate change***

Venue: Room A

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

Panellists: **Mr Michel Griffon**, Head of Department, Ecosystems and Sustainable Development, Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR), France

Mr Hans R. Herren, President, Millennium Institute, United States

Ms Eija Pehu, Senior Adviser, Agriculture and Rural Development Department, World Bank

Ms Ma. Estrella A. Penunia, Secretary General, Asian Farmers' Association for Sustainable Rural Development (AFA), Philippines

IFAD coordinator

and resource person: **Mr Shantanu Mathur**, Technical Adviser, and **Mr Philippe Remy**, Policy Coordinator

