

**THE AGA KHAN RURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME, GILGIT**  
**NOTE FOR THE RECORD**

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**Subject: The World Bank Twelfth Agricultural Symposium January 8-10, 1992 ... Washington DC.**

The programme of the Symposium is attached. AKRSP was given a prominent plenary session, just before the conclusion. The Symposium was inaugurated by the new President of the Bank, Mr. Lewis Preston. The AKRSP session was well attended with a near full hall.

SSK made the presentation using the first 18 minutes of the video First Harvest and the transparencies. The presentation was very well received and a number of positive observations were made from the floor. A number of the audience, after the session, came upto SSK to congratulate him on the presentation and some of them expressed a desire for collaboration with AKRSP. One of the staff members of the World Bank Economic Development Institute, of Chinese origin, took a copy of the video and expressed interest in AKRSP collaboration with Sinkiang Province. Graham Donaldson of OED with other staff was also present and greatly commended the presentation.

Michel Petit, the head of Bank's Agricultural Division, referred three times to the AKRSP/AKF experience, in his concluding speech, as possible examples for programme emulation.

Mr. Bernard Dussert of the Maghreb Department of the Bank's Agriculture Operations Division, met SSK twice and discussed replicability of AKRSP methodology in the mountain region of Morocco. At SSK's behest, he also had a telephonic talk with

Chris Gibbs. His latest communication on the subject is attached and also a letter from Senior Agriculturist of the Bank as a feed-back to the presentation.

Graham Donaldson was extremely kind, as usual. He invited SSK to dinner and arranged a discussion on the credit and banking operation of AKRSP. At SSK's request, he also agreed to make the services of Julian Blackwood available to review the working of SRSC. The review is planned in the month of April next.

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